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OUT-GOING STATE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

By Richard Rowlette

My wife, Maria, and I have resigned as Co-State Directors for New Mexico MUFON. We have not done so because of any problems or conflicts with or within the organization. We will remain MUFON members and will still attend at least some local meetings.

As first State Section Directors for Bernalillo for a number of years, and then State Directors, we have done this job for about five years. We have grown tired, and at the same time we both have other interests we wish to pursue. Thus, we feel it is time to pass the task on to others. Few of you are aware of the great deal of work involved most of which my wife did - in arranging monthly meetings and speakers, pot lucks and Christmas parties, night watches, etc.

Most of you will be somewhat aware that one of my other interests include the general subject of Earth Changes. I will be devoting much more of my time to this subject now. I write three news-

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A WORD FROM YOUR NEW STATE DIRECTOR

by Dan De Mar

The thought never occurred to me two years ago, when on a whim I attended the MUFON Symposium here in Albuquerque, that I would one day be writing this letter. Sure, I had heard of spacemen, their ships, strange lights, little men, barking dogs—but I had never wondered much about these notions because most people espousing them seemed sincere. Some were even my friends, and they hadn't told me made-up stories before, why would they do it now? In any case, I had not seen any such things myself and, besides, there were many other things in life that appeared more pressing (education, work, family and fun).

However, when Stanton Friedman spoke, bringing out data to support his contentions and detailing his own first-hand explorations of the facts as he perceived them, it suddenly dawned on me that there could be some seriousness to this matter after all. I also heard that folks were already grouping together, trying to learn more, so I came to the local meeting, re-met old friends Richard and Maria Rowlette, and lo-and-behold, here I am today!

Now we all know there is nothing perfect in this world (this could explain why Richard nominated me his successor!) and I do not expect to find myself "boldly" leading us "where no one has gone before." Instead, I hope to help our organization capitalize on the attributes that distinguish us and make us unique:

First, NM MUFON is made up of people who have a wide variety of experiences, personalities, temperaments, and interests. Therefore, I will encourage everyone to contribute according to his or her capacity, participate according to desire, and

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Outgoing State Chair's Message...

letters a month, two about this subject of Earth Changes, and one, as co-editor with Carolyn Duce-Ashe, on UFOs. This last newsletter, *The View From Hermit's Peak*, fulfills my need to offer my thoughts about what UFOs are all about. At any rate, writing three newsletters each month, plus my related activities, does not leave lot of time to perform the duties of State Director adequately.

Another factor in my personal decision is that I have now decided, in at least a general way, what UFOs are. A State Director, I believe, should be very open to all aspects of the UFO enigma and should present all views, as we have tried to do over the years. I now find myself unable to maintain this open mind. Huge areas of the UFO puzzle no longer interest me and represent to me only diversions from the root question.

Dan De Mar has agreed to assume the responsibilities of State Director. New Mexico MUFON has had excellent growth locally, and, thanks to the help of others, we are in a much better position than many other state organizations. Thanks to the efforts of Peter Limone as past Chief State Investigator we have the groundwork and equipment in place to accept and make investigations. And, thanks to the work of Carolyn Duce-Ashe and Debby Stark, we have an outstanding monthly publication that has drawn interest over a wide area. Although Peter has resigned as Chief State Investigator, Carolyn and Debby plan to continue the newsletter.

When I took over as State Section Director, the local organization had only \$15 in funds. Thanks largely to the efforts of the past State Director, Teresa Asenap, in holding the 1992 MUFON symposium here, our financial situation is much improved. We have more equipment and supplies than most state organizations. And we have a book and video library that should be very useful to those interested in studying UFOs more closely.

If NM MUFON is to continue to grow and prosper, Dan will need the active support and assistance of all of you who can give it. I hope some of you will come forward to give him that help. Dan is very interested in doing an outstanding job for MUFON, but he won't be able to do this alone. Please do volunteer to assist him.

Incoming State Chair's Message...

learn according to her or his need, with MUFON supplying the resources as we are able. We invite input and direction from all members, voting on the most expedient use of talents and resources. None of us is larger than the group, which means that we will all be required to compromise some for the good of the support that we receive from the group as a whole. This is not to say that we as individuals cannot exercise our own freedoms, because we envision small groups of individuals pursuing their own interests and avenues of research with a certain amount of autonomy, receiving full support from the group in exchange for sharing their results and data with the group.

Second, we live in a unique area that has been unrivaled in the number and quality of "sightings" and, as such, our responsibility to the data as it presents itself should become more mature. This can only happen when we can achieve a level of preparedness that encourages not only a quick response but may actually lead us to be able to anticipate an event or "control" a circumstance. This is the area that makes most sense to me and I find it exciting.

Finally, thanks to those individuals who have devoted their time and resources to this group in the past and who have built a firm foundation from which the rest of us can proceed. We enjoy a stable, well founded, workable group of people dedicated largely to the same purpose. We are lucky to enjoy a healthy organization and I hope you will unite with me in continuing the hard work so that this luck will continue long into the future. Please join me.



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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

by Carolyn Duce-Ashe

Why didn't we have an issue for July? Several reasons:

As we reported in our last issue, we did not have a local meeting and we don't like to publish when that happens. As it turned out, a lot of things happened during that month that we can report on now.

Also, Beckie Minshall and I went to the MUFON Symposium (see related article) and I wanted to report on that.

Remember, no subscriber will have missed an issue because you subscribe by the issue, not the month.

A double thank-you to Richard and Maria Rowlette for their work as State Co-Directors. They were among the six original members of NM MUFON five years ago. Richard served as Bernallilo State Section Director for two years and then in 1992 he and Maria took over as Co-Directors when Teresa Brito-Asenap resigned. Few realize the amount of time and effort it takes to run a state organization. We acknowledge the many hours of work they have both given to establish the chapter and to make it grow.

Welcome to our new NM State Director Dan DeMar. Dan has been serving as Bernallilo State Section Director since last summer. Now he will be heading up the reorganization and has lots of good ideas. Congratulations and good luck! We support you all the way!

A big thank-you also to Peter Limone who recently stepped down as NM MUFON Chief Investigator. During the two years that Peter served he instigated an investigators training program while learning the ropes himself, established a format for writing up sighting reports, and put together an equipment kit for use by MUFON investigators. We're glad to report that he will still be involved in MUFON and hope to see him at meetings and in the field.

Did you catch this?

Richard Rowlette and his Richmar Group was featured in an article by Rosemary Ellen Guiley in the August *Fate* magazine. The article, *The New Millenium*, is on page 14. For information on Richmar Group or for sample copies of his

newsletters *Project: Shift*, *Poor Richard's* or *The View From Hermit's Peak* write: Richmar Group, P.O. Box 14956, Albuquerque, NM 87191. Richard also spoke on UFOs and Earth changes at the New Age Connection in Albuquerque on August 4.

Be on the watch for...

Karl T. Pflock's 191-page monograph, *Roswell In Perspective*, is now available from the Fund for UFO Research (P.O. Box 277, Mount Ranier, MN 20712-0277) for \$25 plus \$3 postage and handling.

Upcoming MUFON events may include a book-signing party with Karl and a viewing of Richard Hoagland's new videotape on Moon anomalies. Watch your newsletter for dates, time and place.

In future issues we will include updates on the Taos Hum, an interview with Peter Lindemann, a review of Karl Pflock's monograph, and more!

Calendar

August NM MUFON meeting: Thursday, August 18 at 7 p.m. at Arts-In-Transition. David Crossley will give a short presentation and an organizational discussion will be held.

Albuquerque Intergalactic Reception: Saturday, August 27, 5-10 p.m. at the top level of the Convention Center parking structure. This event includes entertainment, sci fi book fair, UFO landing strip, "space food", and more. Admission is \$5 per carload, including parking. For info call 842-9918. *We don't know how UFO related this is (despite the "UFO Landing Strip"...), but we should go with open minds, be willing to talk about MUFON to those interested, and just have fun.*



September NM MUFON Meeting: NEW MEETING LOCATION! Beginning in September we will be meeting at the **Discovery Bookstore** at 1540 Juan Tabo NE in Albuquerque. This new location is larger and has many facilities. Date and time have not yet been determined but watch for POSTCARDS in the mail (sent to local members) which will give you all the info.

Cattle Mutilations on Rise in Northern New Mexico

By Richard Benke

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAGLE NEST, N.M. — Reports of mutilated cattle, suggestive of cases around the nation 20 years ago, are on the rise again in northern New Mexico.

In the past 16 months, nine ranchers reported 27 cattle mutilated, the largest number near Eagle Nest, ranchers and livestock inspectors say.

They repeat stories first heard in the early 1970s:

No animal tracks are found near the carcasses, no blood. Genitals have been removed, tongues sometimes cut off at their roots, anuses often cored out, one eye usually gone. Sometimes ears are missing. Incisions seem heat-cauterized.

Some people speculate that aliens may be responsible. Others blame poachers or natural predators.

State livestock inspector Jerry Valerio rules out coyotes, bears, birds, dogs and mountain lions.

"I'm not saying anything about UFOs," Valerio says. "I'm saying I don't know. But, by golly, if I could get a clue that I could go on, I will find out, even if it takes me a long time."

The Associated Press reported in 1985 that deputy sheriffs in Arkansas and Texas staked out carcasses and saw birds carve wounds similar to those blamed on mutilators.

But Valerio says he and ranchers have watched mutilated carcasses and found that predators wouldn't

go near them.

State Livestock Bureau director John Wortman of Albuquerque says he's aware of the resurgence of mutilation reports.

"If there's somebody up there that's butchering livestock, that's who we want to go after," Wortman says.

Eagle Nest rancher Eli Hronich has suffered the lion's share — 11 cattle mutilated so precisely, he and Valerio insist, that it could not have been the work of predators.

"Some people are scared and say it's predators, but it is not predators," Valerio says.

Hronich, who runs 2,500 head here, says he's seen hundreds of cows dead on the range in 25 years of ranching, and "when you see a mutilation, you know what it is." The most recent death was July 24.

Reports include one other mutilation in Eagle Nest, eight in the Jemez Mountains, two in Questa, one in Taos, one in El Prado, one in Arroyo Seco and two in an area one livestock inspector wants left unidentified, pending completion of his investigation.

Rancher Kay Moore says she found a mutilated yearling steer in a pasture overlooking Eagle Nest Lake in August 1993.

"I have seen cattle killed by bear, and I've seen wildlife like deer killed by a mountain lion and coyotes. And they don't just leave them intact after they ate the anus out. They usually devour them," she says. "I think this is definitely human."

Motivation?

Newspaper Calls for Inquiry

ANGEL FIRE, N.M. — The Sangre de Cristo Chronicle has called for a serious response to recent reports of cattle mutilations in northern New Mexico.

"Cattle Mutilations — are UFOs Responsible or is it a Satanic Cult?" the headlines may scream, but this is no laughing matter for the ranchers," the newspaper said in a July 28 editorial.

The weekly paper has been reporting on mutilations since May. The Associated Press has learned that 27 cattle have been reported mutilated in northern New Mexico since April 1993, including 12 in Eagle Nest.

Ranchers are scared, the Chronicle editorial says.

"They don't know who is responsible. And besides the more nebulous harm of fear, they have to deal with the all too real harm of financial loss."

There is plenty of documented photographic and physical evidence, the paper says, adding: "Who knows how many cases go undocumented because of the fear of public ridicule?"

The Chronicle acknowledges that the story is the sort that tends to attract "conspiracy mongers and UFO watchers."

"Regardless," the paper says, "we think it has real merit, and it should be neglected no longer."

"I have no idea. I think it's something nobody will ever know. I'd be amazed if we did find out."

Hronich says: "I think somebody does know, somewhere. That's what bothers me. ... It's somebody that's got some money and equipment. It's a sophisticated deal."

Too high-tech, too clean, he says,

for cultists.

UFOs?

"I wouldn't rule 'em out, wouldn't rule 'em in," he says.

Valerio, whose Taos-based area includes Eagle Nest, says many ranchers have clammed up about finding mutilations because previous reports went unheeded.

The only way to fight it, he says, is for ranchers to report cattle deaths — even those readily explainable by lightning, poison, predatory attack, disease or accident.

"A lot of people think if they don't say anything, it'll go away," Valerio says. "But it doesn't."

One who doesn't believe in staying silent is Gail Staehlin of Albuquerque, a volunteer mutilation sleuth, fascinated by unexplained phenomena.

"It's the mystery of it," she says.

Valerio says that Staehlin has helped him by helping organize ranchers and encouraging them to report suspected mutilations.

Staehlin and a friend, Gene Nieri, head out on a moment's notice with video equipment when mutilations are reported.

The UFO phenomena fringe frustrates former FBI agent Ken Rommel of Santa Fe, whose government-commissioned 1980 report blamed previous mutilations on predators. Rommel says that UFO buffs fan false rumors. He calls them "the garbage grapevine."

Valerio says he's still infuriated by Rommel's report 14 years later.

But Clair Hibbs, a veterinary pathologist who retired in 1989 as head of the New Mexico Agriculture Department's Veterinary

Diagnostic Service, also blames most mutilations on predators attacking after cattle die.

"I have looked at these in three different states — Kansas, Nebraska and New Mexico. ... I would say over 90 percent are due to predators of some type," Hibbs says.

Denver pathologist Dr. John Alshuler says that two of the recent spates of cattle deaths were most likely caused by "massive confluent bilateral bronchopneumonia," but he doesn't know who or what may have mutilated them.

Some deaths remain unexplained for lack of information, Hibbs says, adding that thorough post-mortem examinations are necessary — preferably on entire carcasses.

The state doesn't routinely conduct cattle post-mortems. The current Veterinary Diagnostic Service director in Albuquerque, John Thilsten, says the only way the agency would get involved would be if veterinarians referred cases. He says that hasn't happened.

The veterinarian who works in the Taos area with Valerio and ranchers there hasn't reported any cases, Thilsten says. The vet, Tim Johnson, repeatedly refused comment through aides when contacted by The Associated Press.

1994 MUFON SYMPOSIUM The First and the Last

by Carolyn Duce-Ashe

Beckie Minshall and I attended the MUFON Symposium in Austin (July 8-10). As it happened, the *first* speaker, Karla Turner, and the *last* speaker, Jack Kasher, were my personal favorites. More about each later.

As Assistant State Director for New Mexico MUFON, I attended Friday's all-day meeting for state directors. It was interesting to hear a progress report by Dan Wright on his MUFON abduction transcription project and to learn that possible upcoming plans including funding for MUFON, CUFOS and the Fund for UFO Research by the Bigelow Foundation.

The Friday evening reception was gala since it commemorated the 25th anniversary of MUFON, complete with fajitas, live music and a UFO-shaped ice sculpture. But it was most fun to meet old and new friends from Ohio, Texas and elsewhere and to network with researchers and speakers. In fact, the networking and brainstorming opportunities before and after scheduled talks and sometimes late into the night were probably the most fruitful aspect of the symposium for me. Being there at the Hyatt and having time to talk to others was a real treat. (As you know, the speakers' talks are all in the Proceedings, edited by Walt Andrus and Irena Scott, so lectures are all available for later study.)

Saturday's speaker schedule began with Karla Turner, abductee and abduction researcher. I had read her book *Beyond the Fringe* and had seen her at the Whole Life Expo in Albuquerque in June. But I was anxious to find out more about her recent research. "Expanding the Parameters of the Alien-Human Abduction Agenda" was the title of her talk. Her new book, *Taken—Inside the Alien-Human Abduction Agenda*, documents this (I saw more people at the symposium carrying this book around than any other) and I agree with her statement, "Abduction *therapy* is not abduction *research*." She gave a thoughtful and well organized presentation of some ten *facts* she has gleaned from her work. These facts point out that we know "very little about the alien agenda—its nature is designed to keep us from understanding." We don't know what they are but we know they are often liars; they can control us and give us false scenarios; their physical aims and procedures are not necessarily *good*; and this manipulation results in both good and bad human responses. We know

there is some human (government?) involvement. And there seems to be a kind of virtual reality scenario that is occurring. Finally, and perhaps most important, there is clear alien interest in the human soul.

Yes, I bought a copy of *Taken* and have read it since the symposium. I recommend it as a useful companion and contrast to John Mack's recent book, *Abduction - Human Encounters with Aliens*. Turner's book looks at the bad and the good and asks astute questions rather than proposing fuzzy philosophical answers to an as yet incomprehensible phenomenon.

Saturday's schedule also included James Harder speaking on the achievements of APRO, and George Knapp on "What the Russians Know about UFOs" (they gave Knapp a secret MJ-12-type document called *Thread 3* and some "alien" artifacts).

Michael Lindemann spoke on "Human-Alien Contact as 'Meta-Lever' of History" with typical bravado, fireworks and humor, producing a standing ovation. (A *meta-lever* is a disruptive influence capable of world change.)

Linda Cortile's talk was a rehash of the basically flawed Budd Hopkins case that gave us no new information or reason to hope that anything further can be known about this case. Even one of the female "eye-witnesses" has recently died.

Sunday's roster of speakers began with Yvonne Smith, abduction researcher, who spoke about her work with Jesse Long and his brother John.

I enjoyed Rev. Barry Downing's talk on "UFOs and Religion: Of Things Visible and Invisible" very much. He is incisive, humorous and openminded. I look forward to reading some of his books. Rev. Downing stated that "a UFO is a scientific animal with a few religious warts," "life is a balance between the visible and the invisible," "Science doesn't answer our UFO questions but neither does religion," and that "UFOs are capable of having brought about the Biblical religion."

Next we had Bob Dean, who spoke of his knowledge of the infamous "assessment" document during his NATO years. His presentation mainly centered on his own spiritual transformation which he attributes to years of intensive study of history, philosophy, theology, hard sciences, art, music and mythology. He spoke of our need to "grow up" as a race. He also talked about the coming Earth changes and an accompanying paradigm shift which he feels will be "cataclysmic but glorious." This talk elicited standing ovation Number Two.

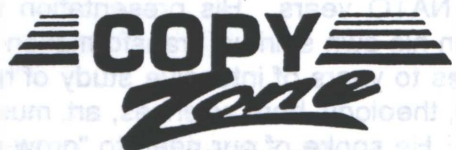
George Wingfield's topic was "Crop Circles—Is There a UFO Connection?" According to him, yes, they are "intimately linked." He gave a detailed history of circles and UFO sightings and other anomalous events since the beginning of the phenomenon. He admitted that to date, "we have no definite litmus test to tell if a crop circle is man-made or not," but he added (out of bitter experience) that "hoaxers have no respect for science!"

As I said in the beginning of this article, the last speaker was Jack Kasher, professor of physics and Central Regional Director for MUFON. His presentation, "A Scientific Analysis of the Videotape Taken by Space Shuttle Discovery on Shuttle Flight STS-48" was fascinating because Kasher, a consultant to Lawrence Livermore Labs and a "Star Wars" scientist, explained in a clear, step-by-step fashion how those "ice particles" had to be a "spacecraft," based on the mathematics of velocity, acceleration, stopping and changing direction, and the location of exhaust valves on the shuttle.

His arguments were persuasive and conclusions electrifying—that "it had to be *spacecraft* and the incident shows a *hostile act of war*." This implies that NASA has lied to us again. But if scientific research such as Jack Kasher's can be extensively disseminated the lid of secrecy may soon be lifted.

The symposium ended with only a one-hour Q&A session which was not nearly enough, in my opinion. Attendees were not allowed to ask their questions from the floor—the question had to be written down and submitted prior to the session. But perhaps this saved time, allowing more questions to be asked within the one-hour time period.

This brief synopsis of the symposium is published in hopes that you will be stimulated to order the 1994 Proceedings (which were dedicated to Stanton Friedman, who was reportedly upset that he was not asked to speak this year) and study the lectures in more detail. To order them, send \$20 plus \$1.50 for postage and handling to Mutual UFO Network, 103 Oldtowne Road, Seguin, Texas 78155-4099.



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MICHAEL LINDEMANN Speaks Again

a brief review by Debby Stark

If I had an acquaintance who saw something odd in the sky and came to me wanting to know more about UFOs, what author would I recommend she read? Jacques Vallee? Not right away, he's too deep. Linda Howe? Too scary, unless the UFO my friend saw was towing a cow. Colin Andrews, Ralph Noyes or George Wingfield? No crop circles in New Mexico. Budd Hopkins, John Mack or Karla Turner? If she'd been abducted, maybe, but unlikely (and Turner's work is dark and cautionary lately). Stanton Friedman or Randle and Schmitt? Too focused on one old case.

No, I'd advise her first to look into the works (writings, interviews, audio and video tapes) of Michael Lindemann. To my mind he has clearly become the *USA Today* of the UFO field. His coverage is wide but, probably due to time constraints, not very deep.

This was just fine with the audience of about 300 Lindemann addressed on July 14, his second presentation this year of a wide array of facts, figures and pictures. He had less newspaper coverage announcing his talk, but more TV and particularly radio appearances before hand. There was even an unidentified radio woman sitting in the front row taping his talk.

If you saw him earlier this year, there's nothing that I noticed that was new in this recent talk. I understand that he introduced some new topics at the MUFON Symposium in Austin (see Carolyn's article about that elsewhere in this issue), but there he was addressing an audience that was more sophisticated in the ways of the UFO than he had in Albuquerque.

Lindemann hobnobs with a lot of people in the field and in his presentations he mentions them and their work so that audience members can refer to them afterward. Indeed, a week or so after his talk, a visiting Californian who saw Lindemann interviewed on TV and attended the talk, called me (from California!) for more information on Roswell books.

I noted that after Lindemann's talk when he opened up to questions, he was asked some good ones—and he wasn't afraid to say that he didn't know the answers. I was rather surprised that he didn't know anything yet about Hoagland's latest work, but then it's still so new the paint's still wet.

So, the next time Michael Lindemann is in town (he has family here), round up your friends and go see him. Everyone will have a good time and your friends will see why UFOs interest you so much.

AN UNUSUAL HAPPENING IN PLACITAS — Can you help?

by Roberta Griffith

My name is Roberta Griffith and I was born in Ohio in 1952. Due to my childhood asthma my family moved to Albuquerque in 1963. I lived in there on and off until 1979, when I moved back to Ohio.

My experience began in 1970 when I was 18 years old. Three friends and I were invited to camp at a commune that was between the Sandias and Placitas. We picked a secluded area about one-fourth mile away from the main house, beside the stream (we were determined we were going to rough it as much as possible).

After being there several weeks we were invited to attend a party and singing around the campfire one night with the people from the main house. Nothing unusual happened except that I had the strong feeling that I was being watched—at that time I even ran and huddled up to my boyfriend, feeling very uneasy (thinking back on it). The party began to wind up around 1:30 am, so my three friends and I began to walk back to our campsite. One of us had carried a Coleman lantern to light our way—luckily because it was noted at that time it was a moonless night and very dark.

As we walked we began to hear a noise like a whirring maybe or a noise like if you whistle and hum both, that kind of sound, coming from above us. We all looked up to see a disc-shaped object coming down over us. A bright blue/white, very intense light came on in the midbottom, shining directly on us. The craft was still dropping lower to us. At one point I panicked because I thought it was going to land on us, it was that low. At approximately 25 to 30 feet it stopped and began to hover over us, and the motor noise stopped also as it hovered.

It was so low I could distinctly see the underneath of the craft and could see that it was rivetless, as well as had a pewterlike color to it. The light was built into the body of the craft, not attached to. I began to realize that it might not be too smart to look directly up into the light because it was so intense, so I looked down and away from it, noting that the cactus and tumbleweeds had intense, amazingly bright shadows.

At some point—maybe five minutes went by (?) I began to panic because I had previously read the book, *The Interrupted Journey* (the Betty and Barney Hill story) and began to think that they (the occupants) could do the same things to us that the Hills experienced. I started running, yelling at my

friends that I wasn't staying to see what was going to happen—or some such comment.

After I ran out and away from the craft I got away from the light and realized also that my friends weren't following me as well as that I was very alone and possibly in worse danger. I planted my feet in the sand and stopped and began to turn around. At this point two of my friends caught up to me and held me by both arms yelling for me to stop and be quiet, saying that I would scare the occupants away. So I stopped and the three of us (one friend is still standing under the craft looking up at it) turned and looked back up at the craft.

We now noticed that we could see over the lip or rim of the craft to a dome on top. There were also square-shaped windows on the dome, and one was lit from inside. The color was kind of a green-blue inside, and I could see that there was a kind of dashboard thing by the window—the view we had was kind of curved so I could see back beyond the window against the wall. We all moved to see if we could get a better look but we couldn't. We also didn't see any occupants or really much of anything else.

After standing and observing it for maybe 15 minutes we saw it begin to lift up and get maybe 50 feet up when the motor came back on and the light went off. Two red lights came on on the rims opposite each other and it began to go straight up a little faster now. When it was maybe a few miles straight up from us the whole thing turned bright red and it went very fast and turned white. At that within seconds it was very fast, it took on the appearance of a star.

We walked the rest of the way back to our camp—four very stunned witnesses. We could still see it as we laid down to sleep, so we pulled our sleeping bags out one end of the tent and watched it until the sky began to get light, and the object just faded with the day.

The craft was maybe 30 feet across and was a typical disc-shaped with a thick rim around the middle.

The next day I went to the main house and told one of the women about our experience. She told me that sightings were common, and assumed it was because they couldn't be detected by the radar from Kirtland or Manzano, because it was down in the valley, and they moved below the Sandia range. (I'm not sure if that's true, that's just what she told me). She also said that one night they observed five at one time. Either that afternoon or the next my boyfriend and I sighted a disc-shaped object in the middle of the day.

I've put my experience in writing for one reason, and it's not to convince anyone, but hopefully to find the friends that were involved in this sighting so I can compare their experience to what I remember about mine. I've had three regressions to try to uncover what happened that night as well as understand other experiences I've had throughout my life.

I've used my maiden-name in this report because I know it's the only name my old friends will know. My friends' names were Robby P. (he had

four brothers, Ritchey, Paul, Randy, and I don't remember his younger brother's name), and then there was Rick P., and the third friend was named Paul (I didn't learn his last name). At one point another friend named Ivy was there, but she left before the sighting occurred.

I would be interested in hearing from anyone else who had sightings as well, in the Placitas area, 1970.

Please write to me through the NM MUFON Newsletter, at PO Box 2786, Corrales, NM 87048.

News from Here, There and Way Out There!

compiled by Debby Stark

Wired magazine, which aims its content at those interested in computers, the Internet and similar topics, has a column called Reality Check in which it asks "experts" about their perceptions of timetable for technological advances. In their August issue, one of the experts is Col. John Alexander, PhD., retired, who has addressed our group in the past. Some very interesting questions are asked, but what's potentially more interesting is that the article is on page 34 and 35, but *Wired* "forgot" to put page numbers on those pages!

Also in the August '94 issue of *Wired*, on again unmarked page 39, another regular column starts, this one on unusual technology we'd all love to have. One featured technotoy is a Night Sight, a "cool Russian nightscope," just the thing to watch for UFOs at night, or watch for cow-snatching mutilators. Prices and a phone number are given.

Later on in the same issue, this time on (marked) page 99, in an article about Microsoft's other founder, is a mention that the billionaire is one of the private-sector rescuers of SETI's. You'll recall that Congress canceled their funding in October of 1993.

Interested in what's going on at Groom Lake and

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And, finally, sad news retrieved from the MUFONET BBS. It was originally sent to Don Ecker and Vickie Cooper on Ecker's "Ask UFO Magazine" BBS echo: "Dear Don and Vicki, My husband of five months, K. O. Learner II shot and killed himself Monday, May 16, 1994. I am devastated and I will not be back on the board for a while. I think my husband was one of your biggest fans and I can't bring myself to listen to your show or read your magazine right now. Please say a prayer for him and for me and the kids. We were there with him when he shot himself and we are really having a hard time right now. Thank you for all the enjoyment and information you gave my husband through the years. Sincerely, Debbie Jordan Learner, Mrs. Karl Osburn Learner II"

[Note: Debbie Jordan is, of course, "Kathy Davis" of *Intruders*. The "board" she refers to is a computer bulletin board accessible by modem, and the "show" is Ecker's Sunday-night UFO show broadcast over cable satellite radio (not to be confused with "Dreamland").]

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