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- Wisconsin MUFON adds Benefactor
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## 39th MUFON International Symposium in Review

The Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) recently held its thirty-ninth annual International Symposium from July 24 – 27 in San Jose, California under the direction of Northern California State Director Ruben Uriarte and Assistant State Director Les Velez.

This year's MUFON Symposium followed a slightly different format than previous years.

This year, MUFON International added an additional day to the symposium schedule to accommodate an slate of trainings as well as the official roll-out of the Fifth Edition of the MUFON Field Investigator's Manual.

Edited by MUFON Director of Investigations Chuck Reeve, the newest edition of MUFON's field investigative protocols are firmly rooted in standard forensic science. Additionally, the new manual is more stream-

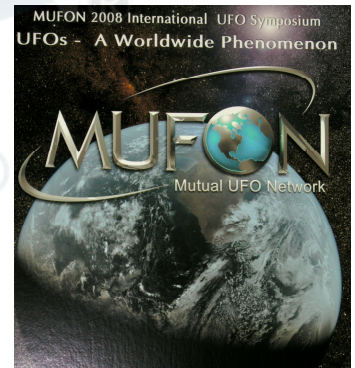
lined than the previous version, spanning four distinct sections.

Speakers during the training session included noted abduction researcher Budd Hopkins, investigative reporter Leslie Kean, and Wisconsin's own Chuck Modlin, of the MUFON STAR Team, speaking on radiation and investigative procedures in cases where potential radiation exposure is a possibility.

The speaker program, which ran from Friday, July 25 through Sunday, July 27, included a speaker panel spanning seven countries on four continents.

Speaking at this year's symposium were:

Nick Pope, Leslie Kean, Maj. Gen. Wilfred DeBrouwer, Dr. Richard Haines, Don Ledger, Farah Yardoza, Jeronimo Flo-



**MUFON's 39th annual Symposium, held in San Jose, California, was judged to be extremely successful.**

res, Victor Camacho, Ted Roe, Dr. Anthony Choy, Larry Lemke, and George Knapp.

Attendance figures were not immediately available, but estimates by MUFON personnel put the figure somewhere between five and six hundred.

## Wisconsin MUFON's Modlin joins STAR team

Charles W. Modlin of Pewaukee, Wisconsin, has been named to the MUFON Strike Team for Area Research, or STAR team. He joins five other members.

an avid adventure traveler and a photographer, his wife Vicki shares his interests.

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Chuck Modlin

# 39th Annual International UFO Symposium

July 24-27, 2008

San Jose, California

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Luncheon Speaker:  
George Knapp



Leslie Kean:  
Kecksburg and NASA



Dr. Richard Haines :  
Unidentified Aerial  
Phenomenon and  
Aviation Safety



Jeronimo Flores and  
Victor Camacho:  
UFOs in Mexico



Dr. Anthony Choy:  
UFOs in Peru



General Wilfried  
De Brouwer:  
UFOs in Belgium



Larry Lemke:  
Hole in the Cloud  
at O'Hare



Nick Pope:  
Britain's X-Files



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Garrido:  
UFOs in Chile



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Wisconsin's Deborah Atherton  
became a Benefactor member  
of MUFON at the annual  
Symposium in San Jose, CA.

### Deborah Atherton joins MUFON benefactors

During its four-day symposium, the Mutual UFO Network added at least three benefactors — and one of those new benefactors hails from Wisconsin.

Assistant State Director Deborah Atherton was one of two benefactors to join for life by way of the annual MUFON Symposium Silent Auction, where memberships have historically gone for less than the asking

price.

Atherton, of Black River Falls, was recognized earlier this year in a MUFON *UFO Journal* feature highlighting the role of Women in Ufology.

Assistant State Director Deb Atherton can be reached via email at: [DLATHERTON@AOL.COM](mailto:DLATHERTON@AOL.COM)

*DEBORAH ATHERTON was profiled earlier this year as part of the MUFON UFO Journal's "Women in Ufology" feature. An electronic copy was not available at press time. This piece will be reprinted once received.*

## British UFO Researcher Timothy Good to lecture in Wisconsin

MUFON Wisconsin will host noted British ufologist and author Timothy Good in Eau Claire on October 25, 2008, according to Wisconsin State Director Tim Whiteagle.

Good has been interested in the UFO subject since childhood, when his passion for aviation and space led him to the writings of Major Donald Keyhoe and Captain Edward Ruppelt,

Upon undertaking his own research, Good has amassed a wealth of materials, including thousands of pages of declassified US and British government

documents.

Later turning his attention to writing and lecturing on the UFO subject, Good is now the author of six best-selling titles on the UFO subject.

His first book, **Above Top Secret**, published in 1987, is widely regarded as the definitive work on the subject.

His latest effort, **Need To Know: UFOs. The Military, and Intelligence**, was published in September, 2007 in the US.

The venue and time of the event was unavailable at press time, but further details of the

event will be released by

MUFON Wisconsin in the very near future. Please stay tuned and visit the MUFON Wisconsin web site for further information on this event, as we welcome one of Ufology's premier names to Wisconsin in 2008.

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OR

[WWW.TIMOTHYGOOD.CO.UK](http://WWW.TIMOTHYGOOD.CO.UK)



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## Recurring column to focus on in-state investigations

The Wisconsin MUFON Journal will be adding a recurring column to future issues designed to disseminate case reports from around the state.

Individual investigators will be able to submit case reports, case abstracts, photos, documentation or graphics, or any other pertinent case-related information for publication.

Given the fact that any number of cases may contain witness statements, so care should be taken to use neutral language, avoid using details that might identify a witness, sighting location, or investigation site, when the reporting party has not given consent to have their names used publicly.

One option when editing a case report for publication would be to assign a witness a pseudonym for purposes of publication.

This column comes at the suggestion of State Director Tim Whiteagle in hopes of not only disseminating case information, but also profiling the work of our local network of state field investigators.

The *Investigator's Notebook* column is slated to appear beginning with the next issue of the Wisconsin MUFON Journal.

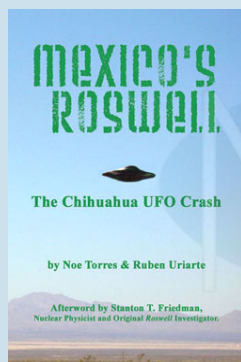


**Investigator's Notebook will be a recurring newsletter column, highlighting ongoing in-state investigations.**

*Once case write-ups have been approved by State Director Tim Whiteagle, please forward written copy to WI MUFON Journal Editor Nick Roesler for publication.*

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**Please submit in MS Word format.**



**Mexico's Roswell  
by Noe Torres &  
Ruben Uriarte**

"Noe Torres and Ruben Uriarte are to be commended for taking on this task... I hope that this book will encourage others to come forward."  
— Stanton Friedman, from his Afterword to Mexico's Roswell

**Book Review — Mexico's Roswell by Noe Torres & Ruben Uriarte**

*On August 25, 1974, along the Rio Grande River, near the Texas border town of Presidio, a thunderous explosion in the sky shattered the stillness of the warm summer night. An unidentified flying disc traveling at 2700 miles per hour collided with a small airplane heading south from El Paso, Texas. The flaming wreckage of both aircraft fell to the desert below, igniting a desperate race by two governments to recover technology from beyond the stars...*

**MEXICO'S ROSWELL**, the first of a planned three-book series by authors Noe Torres and Ruben Uriarte, tells of the 1974 midair collision of a small passenger aircraft with an as-yet unidentified aerial craft in the desert surrounding Coyame, Chihuahua, Mexico.

The book was born out of a 2005 television documentary on which Ruben Uriarte, State Director for MUFON in Northern California, spoke extensively on the case.

Torres and Uriarte's collaborative effort shows as the book progresses. The case involved

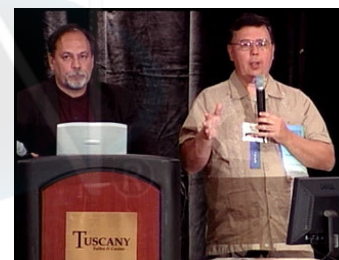
both the United States and Mexican militaries, with the Mexican military's involvement reaching the highest levels, including SEDENA, Mexico's equivalent to the US FBI.

*Mexico's Roswell* is a must-read for the simple reason that the authors had the unenviable task of actively researching and investigating a case that, at the time of publication, was over thirty years old — certainly no easy task. When one takes into account that not only was the military involved, but militaries from two countries, the authors' accomplishments become all the more remarkable.

While the title *Mexico's Roswell* is perhaps a misnomer, it is nonetheless apropos. The scope and breadth of this case is every bit as worthy of study as its American counterpart.

Torres and Uriarte are to be commended to tackling such a vitally important case, whose impact on Ufology as a whole may just now be coming to light thanks to the research they have undertaken.

A definite must-read.



**Ruben Uriarte & Noe Torres at the 2007 Crash Retrieval Conference, Las Vegas**

**MEXICO'S ROSWELL** is the first of a three book series by co-authors Ruben Uriarte and Noe Torres.

**MEXICO'S ROSWELL** was released in April, 2007 to high praise from reviewers, including Jim Marrs, George Noory, Dr. Bruce Maccabee, and Stanton Friedman. It is presently in a second edition from Roswell Books.

The Authors' second work, **THE OTHER ROSWELL**, is currently available.

For further information:  
[WWW.ROSWELLBOOKS.COM](http://WWW.ROSWELLBOOKS.COM)

REVIEW:



**Chuck Modlin of the MUFON STAR Team spoke during a training seminar at the International Symposium**

**Modlin conducts training seminar at International Symposium**

The 2008 MUFON International Symposium in San Jose, California took on a distinctive Wisconsin feel on the early afternoon on Thursday, July 24. During a day-long training session, various presenters spoke to a group of approximately 100 attendees on various subjects, as the Mutual UFO Network embraces a forensic science-based approach to field investigation. Wisconsin field

investigator and MUFON STAR Team member Chuck Modlin, a retired engineer with the Lawrence Livermore National Lab, spoke at length on the subject of radiation, different types of radiation, and what levels are potentially harmful to MUFON's investigative personnel.

Specifically, Modlin stressed the importance of proper equipment to keep investigators


shielded from harmful levels of radiation that one might encounter during fieldwork.

**CHUCK MODLIN** is a Wisconsin MUFON field investigator and member of MUFON's STAR team, which can be deployed within hours when active cases warrant.

He is former US military and retired from the Lawrence Livermore National Lab in 2006.

He lives in Pewaukee with his wife, Vicki.

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July 31 - August 10 :  
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August 23:  
FI Training @  
Black River Falls  
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August 31:  
A happy 28th birthday to  
WI MUFON Journal  
Editor Nick Roesler



## NY Times runs Op-Ed piece on UFOs

Just days after giving a keynote address at the Mutual UFO Network's International Symposium in San Jose, California, British journalist Nick Pope delivered his message yet again — this time in an Op-Ed column appearing in the July 29 edition of the New York Times.

Pope, who left government service in 2006, used the November 7, 2006 sighting over Chicago– O'Hare International Airport, as well as other examples familiar to UFO researchers, as the crux of his argument that UFOs — whatever their

origins might be — pose a potential threat to nations such as Britain and the United States.

Pope made this very same argument during a keynote presentation to the Mutual UFO Network on July 25. Pope argued that the very same concerns over military readiness and threats of terrorism can be applied to UFOs, given that some sighting reports may well be misidentified military aircraft.

*Nick Pope left the UK's Ministry of Defence in 2006, after a 21-year career. He is currently working as a lecturer and freelance writer. His website is <http://www.nickpope.net>.*



Nick Pope, the author of "Open Skies, Closed Minds," was in charge of U.F.O. investigations for the British Ministry of Defense from 1991 to 1994.

To read Nick Pope's Op-Ed column online:

[HTTP://WWW.NYTIMES.COM/2008/07/29/OPINION/29POPE.HTML?REF=OPINION](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/07/29/opinion/29POPE.HTML?REF=OPINION)

MUFON Wisconsin presents:

## An Afternoon with Jim Marrs Author of "Alien Agenda"

... IN PICTURES



Author Jim Marrs



Author Jim Marrs greeting Wisconsin MUFON members and autographing books in Black River Falls following his May 24, 2008 presentation



Left: Jim Marrs speaks with guests in Black River Falls. (file photo)  
Right: Wisconsin SD Tim Whiteagle meets with guests.



Left: Wisconsin State Director Tim Whiteagle  
Center: Author/Lecturer Jim Marrs  
Right: Remote Viewer Mel Riley



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FOR DETAILS

## Jim Marrs, author of *Alien Agenda*, speaks to MUFON Wisconsin in Black River Falls

**JIM MARRS**, author of the best-selling books *Crossfire* and *Alien Agenda*, spoke to members of MUFON Wisconsin and Minnesota MUFON at Wisconsin State Director Tim Whiteagle's Valeria Ranch in Black River Falls on the afternoon of May 24, 2008.

The all-day event, which drew several dozen MUFON members and other guests, was Marrs's second presentation in northern Wisconsin in as many years.

The festivities kicked off in mid-morning with lunch at Valeria Ranch, after which Marrs took center stage.

Marrs spoke extensively on the UFO subject, from his early involvement with the 1897 Aurora, Texas airship sighting reports to his research into the modern UFO topic, which later became *Alien Agenda*.

He also spent time discussing the on-going UFO incidents in and around the Erath County, Texas town of Stephenville. The case hit national media in January when dozens of witness reports came in to MUFON regarding the night of January 8, 2008. In total, the Stephenville-Dublin, Texas were responsible for over six hundred individual reports, over three times the national monthly average for MUFON.

Following Marrs's presentation, MUFON Wisconsin welcomed yet another speaker to the stage in Controlled Remote Viewer **MEL RILEY**, who spoke at length about the discipline, his experiences with remote viewing, and the background of remote viewing as a whole, including its applications by the United States Military.

Following the Riley presentation, Marrs again took center stage, this time to sell and autograph copies of his books, as well as enjoy personal conversations with guests.

Though the formal festivities concluded in mid-afternoon, the events did not wind down until late in the evening, as some guests enjoyed a bonfire onsite, others got ready for the planned Skywatch after sunset, and still others simply made conversation with friends, both old and new.

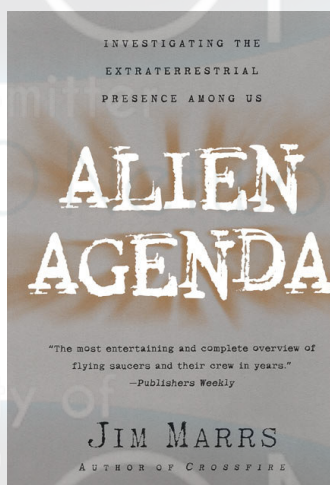
Even simply knowing of Jim Marrs by reputation and by having read his previous work wasn't adequate preparation for seeing him speak in person at what was a relatively intimate gathering, as opposed to a larger, conference-style setting.

There is no way, judging from audience response, that anyone in attendance could have come away from the event disappointed.

Kudos to State Director Tim Whiteagle and crew for putting together a top notch event.



Author Jim Marrs spoke in Black River Falls on May 24, 2008



### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

[WWW.JIMMARRS.COM](http://www.jimmarrs.com)

Marrs's latest book, *THE RISE OF THE FOURTH REICH*, was published in June, 2008 is currently available from major retailers.

# 2008 MUFON International Symposium San Jose, CA

... IN PICTURES

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WI Journal editor Nick Roesler with International Director James Carrion & new Benefactor John Greenewald, Jr.



Dr. Richard Haines, recipient of the annual MUFON Award for Excellence in Ufology.

Dr. Haines is shown here with his wife, Carol.



Left: WI MUFON's Chuck Modlin speaks to the San Jose media  
Right: State Director Tim Whiteagle at the Symposium luncheon



Left: Speakers Victor Camacho & Jeronimo Flores  
Center: Conference chairs Ruben Uriarte & Les Velez with Director James Carrion  
Right: Nick Pope lectures



ASD Deb Atherton with International Director James Carrion



MUFON Board of Directors  
L-R: Clifford Clift, Tom Whitmore, Chuck Reeve, James Carrion, Jan Harzan, and Dr. Bob Wood.

**Not Pictured:**  
John F. Schuessler, Tom Deuley, Robert Swiatek

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#### Membership Drive boosts WI MUFON Membership

Many, many thanks to **DUSTYN PALOSAARI** of Eau Claire for her part in helping grow MUFON Wisconsin during our membership drive earlier this year. Dustyn was responsible for bringing in a staggering 16 new members to the state organization. Thank you for your dedication!



This year's MUFON International Symposium is the talk of this issue, which re-

turns to the web after an extended absence.

I apologize for the absence of the newsletter of late. The issues which led to this unforeseen absence have now been resolved and future newsletter issues should be forthcoming on a relatively regular basis.

I recently attended the 39th MUFON International Symposium in San Jose, California. The symposium was very well received, with many of the event's speakers coming to Northern California from countries around the globe.

Wisconsin members joining me in California for this year's event included **State Director Tim Whiteagle, Deborah Atherton, Vicki LeBlanc, and Chuck Modlin**, among others.

Among the items discussed at the international MUFON Symposium was the upcoming lecture in Wisconsin by noted British ufologist **Timothy Good** this October in Eau Claire. (*Page 3, this issue*)

We have spoken to members from Michigan and Minnesota MUFON with regard to this notable guest speaker, and members from both states expressed an interest in attending the presentation.

As for the MUFON Symposium as a whole, the event drew major media attention including **The History Channel, The Discovery Channel, and ABC News.**

International speakers from as far away as Peru, Belgium, Turkey, and the United Kingdom certainly made this year's event something different than previous MUFON Symposia.

This being said, the 2008 symposium did have a decidedly Wisconsin feel to it as **Chuck Modlin** of the STAR Team gave a presentation on radiation and related field investigation techniques at a training workshop held prior to the official opening of the Symposium (*Page 4, this issue*).

While it was discussed at a state meeting earlier this year, MUFON Wisconsin will not host a booth at this year's Wisconsin State Fair, which runs July 31 through August 10 in West Allis. We will likely revisit this issue at a point in the future and look into a similar outreach opportunity at a smaller event.

We have had success bringing in several new members, thanks in large part to the membership drive and contest held earlier this year. The good news is that in-state membership appears to be trending upwards.

## Questions? Comments?

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## 2009 MUFON Symposium

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Venue and dates are still to be determined.

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