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### DAVID MACDONALD

## Who We Are—An Introduction

The Mutual UFO Network, a.k.a. MUFON, was born shortly before the US Air Force exited the public UFO investigative universe. The University of Colorado's Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects by Dr. Edward U. Condon in 1969 gave the Air Force the perfect excuse to end its Project Blue Book when Dr. Condon stated in his report "that we do not see any fruitful lines of advance from the study of UFO reports." His research had found "no reason to question" the presumption that UFO reports do "not pose a defense problem." However, the report had glossed over obvious evidence for UFOs being a genuine unknown phenomenon and had come to a predetermined conclusion before any investigation was ever undertaken.

The Midwest UFO Network, the organization created by Walt Andrus and John Schuessler in 1969, went on to become the Mutual UFO Network, covering initially the United States and today the world in its investigations of UFO events in all times, in all places. Its motto—"Doing the Air Force's Job Since 1969!"—sums up the organization's *raison d'être*.

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to investigating and researching reports of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) and extraterrestrial encounters. Our mission is to utilize the scientific method to find an answer to this eons-old problem for the benefit of humanity!

MUFON consists of over 6,000 members and is the largest "functioning" membership organization in the world dedicated to UFO research. We have over 600 field investigators worldwide investigating UFO reports. These dedicated investigators come from a wide range of professional disciplines including biology, geology, photo analysis, and information technology and comprise commercial airline pilots, retired special ops soldiers, retired police detectives, astronomers, statisticians, journalists, and a bevy of other specialties. We are not amateurs by any means as our detractors would like the public to believe. However, MUFON is, to our great credit, an all-volunteer agency. This allows us to remain a free, transparent voice unhindered by the influence of private corporations or the government.

We do, however, provide the United States Congress and Senate with continuing updated reports concerning the UAP issue. Congress and the Senate are the people's voice, and we are dedicated to giving the citizens of the United States as well as the world the most complete and updated information available on the subject of UFOs.

The articles you will be subsequently reading concern every part of MUFON as to what we do! We have many parts! We utilize many special teams such as our dive team, photo analysis team, Missouri laboratory, the Experienter Resource Team (dedicated to people who believe they were abducted by aliens), and our domestic and international teams of Field Investigators. Our media outreach includes the *MUFON UFO Journal*, a twice-monthly newsletter, a YouTube channel, our movie *An Accidental Truth*, our "MUFON What's Up" radio show, the MUFON Observer Network, which is a members-only social network, and additional projects we wish to pursue to afford members and researchers alike many avenues to investigating the UFO phenomenon. Our approach is unique and all-encompassing and for anyone seeking the truth about UFOs.

We also embrace developing projects such as our UFO Map App available on the Google Play App Store and the Apple App Store and accessible to both members and non-members alike. We are looking with high anticipation towards the imminent release of our MARRS database of over 10,000 items, including over 6,000 cases between 1969 and 2005 before we were computerized. These cases have never been available to the public, but that will change this year as we have redacted all witness personal information and scanned these highly important documents into our system! We also maintain a relationship with the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) under the tutelage of longtime ufologist Fran Ridge, who has built a network of "MADAR units" capable of registering anomalous events in Earth's atmosphere that may suggest unknown vehicles entering or departing our atmosphere. The joint MUFON-MADAR team also works interesting National UFO Reporting Center (NUFORC) cases submitted to



Peter Davenport that would otherwise not be investigated! All in all, a win-win for ufologists everywhere!

I am certain that what we present in this issue will intrigue you and hopefully entice you to join the effort to once and

for all resolve perhaps the most vexing issue of our lifetime: What are these UFOs, where are they from, and, most importantly, what do they want from us? ●

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## THE HUMANS THAT MAKE IT WORK

# The Structure of MUFON

By Steve Hudgeons, Director of International Investigations,  
and Fred Kohler, Director of CAG and CAG International

MUFON is governed by a board of directors who make all final business decisions in order to maintain the functionality and integrity of the organization. Our board members are Richard Beckwith, Jessica Tocco, Barbra Sobhani, Teri Lynge-Kehl, Rob Swiatek, Saundra Kleven and Debbie Ziegelmeyer. Our Executive Director, David MacDonald, reports directly to the board concerning all personnel, programs, and operations.

Of course, MUFON must maintain an office staff in order to do the very necessary work of paying bills, purchasing necessary services and products, such as constant server upgrades for our huge case database, processing membership requests and purchases, like the Field Investigator's Training Manual by prospective new investigators, processing promotions, inventorying our extensive collection of historical documents, and answering vast amounts of email from UFO enthusiasts around the world. Our office manager is Hannah Trimble and her assistant is Lydia Bonner. We would be in dire straits without their efforts keeping daily operations running smoothly.

Now we get to our functional directors who take care of our teams of field investigators (FIs) around the world, ensuring all incoming UFO reports from witnesses are handled and investigated in a timely manner.

The Director of Investigations (DOI) is Steve Hudgeons, who reports directly to the Executive Director and is the liaison between all chapters and headquarters staff. The duties of the DOI role are focused directly on the investigative activities of MUFON chapters and the resultant findings, which are entered into CMS. The DOI position oversees the accurate collection and correction of case data, provides for the establishment of metrics to measure chapter staff

performance and investigation quality, and helps identify cases of interest—high profile cases or those that might require further investigative follow-up. The DOI coordinates development of metrics. These “metrics” reflect the average of each category of case disposition. For example, the current percentages of 131,100 completed cases, dating back to 1995, are: unknowns 34%, IFOs 35%, hoaxes 6%, insufficient data 15%, and information only 10%.

The Director of Investigations oversees two major areas in our organizational chart, namely, international investigations and North American investigations. Steve fills two sets of shoes as he is the Director of Investigations for the United States. Robert Spearing is Director of International Investigations under Steve, and under Bob, Fred Kohler is the Director of the Case Assistant Group (CAG) for both the U.S. investigations and for the international investigations. The CAGs mostly help work cases that are backlogged.

In a perfect world, each country would have a National Director and Assistant National Director and each US state would have a State Director, Assistant State Director, State Section Director, Chief Investigator, and a Field Investigator team. However, Internationally, only the larger, more industrialized nations have NDs and/or Field Investigators. Nationally, MUFON has an overabundance of FIs in places like California and Arizona, but other states lack SDs and/or investigators. This is where CAG and CAG International really shine. Seasoned Field Investigators with good track records over the years are asked to join CAG. Some of our FIs speak several languages and help us abroad in CAG International. Where coverage is lacking, these two teams under Director Fred Kohler step in and take over the investigations, ensuring thorough and timely completion.

We also have the Experiencer Resource Team (ERT) under the directorship of George Medich. Our Dive Team Director is Debbie Ziegelmeyer, Media Relations Director is Ron James, Symposium Coordinator is Marketa Klimova, and MUFON University Director is Teri Lyngge-Kehl, who also does double duty as Director of Membership. Arizona State Director Stacey Wright operates our annual Field Investigator Training Boot Camp in Phoenix.

MUFON also comprises other teams and projects including Project Match, a joint MUFON-NICAP project administered by Fran Ridge on the NICAP side and MUFON Connecticut State Director Mike Panicillo. Fran's MADAR project seeks to correlate possible intrusions by unknown objects into our atmosphere with MADAR alarm hits!

The MARRS Database Project, helmed by Colorado State Director Katie Paige, is the digitized collection of all pre-computerized reports back to 1995.

Chief IT Officer Robert Dio oversees MUFON's server maintenance, security and upgrades and is the caretaker and creator of our members-only social network called the MUFON Observer Network as well as our highly successful graphical UFO Map App.

Tomas Karlsson is the developer and administrator of the Case Management System, begun in 1995, and now containing approximately 132,000 UFO events and growing by the day.

Please note the individual articles by many of these team leaders in this issue.

We have the MUFON Field Investigator Manual, which has an estimated 350 pages encompassing the FI code of ethics, the MUFON reporting network, the Field Investigators kit, the media policy guidelines, the 10-step investigative process, and a list of investigative procedures numbered PR-0001 through PR-0021. These range from how to draw a sighting area map to removing and analyzing anomalous foreign objects found in the human body.

Finally, there's the Directors Handbook. In less than 50 pages it explains in detail the MUFON rules and regulations expected for each state chapter position, from Director of Investigations down to FI trainee. These policies are to be followed by each certified Field Investigator. The handbook is updated on an as-needed basis ●

## RESPECTFUL INVESTIGATING

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# The UFO, the Witness, the Report, and the Investigation

By Bob Spearing, Director of International Investigations

You witness a large triangular craft with three amber points of light on its underside moving slowly over your house. You hear a low hum. It's bigger than a football field. You take out your camera and photograph it, but the photo does not come out. What the heck!?

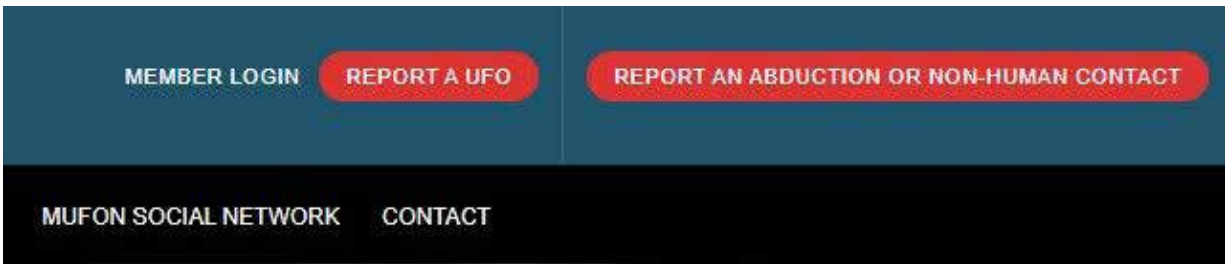
You are lying in bed. You see a blue orb materialize in front of you. You realize you are paralyzed. A swirl resembling a galaxy opens before you, like a portal, and little grey aliens enter your bedroom and then abscond with you to a dimly lit circular room, presumably on a spacecraft, with a metal table where you are experimented upon before being returned to your bedroom. Why?

Whom do you call? The police? Your family? Your doctor? You feel alone and helpless. You cannot process these circumstances.

For 54 years, the Mutual UFO Network has been using the scientific method to investigate occurrences like this. In our computerized database we have 132,000 cases logged with almost 96% investigated. No other UFO organization in the world does this. It makes us unique! Not only that, we make our investigation dispositions available to the public. No corporation or government entity does this. We aim to keep ufology free!

There are other sighting databases, but, besides MUFON, only the National UFO Reporting Center is free and available to the public. It does not conduct investigations but allows MUFON to investigate cases from its database.

So, how does the investigative process work? What transpires? Well, we at MUFON make it easy!



Go to [www.mufon.com](http://www.mufon.com), where you will find two buttons in the upper right-hand corner of the home page. One is for reporting a UFO; one for reporting an abduction experience.

Here's what's most important: When you submit a report, MUFON will never give your personal information to anyone! Not to the government and not to a private corporation. Not even the news media! A witness will remain anonymous. That is the first and main reason for reporting to MUFON.

The second reason is that we are a non-profit that makes all our data available to the public. Reporting your sighting or abduction to the government or a private corporation ensures you are giving your report to an entity that never has to divulge the results of its investigation into your experience. Why would anyone want to convey details of a personal experience into a figurative black hole, where the investigative outcome of the experience would never serve you or the public interest?

When your report is uploaded to the [mufon.com](http://mufon.com) website, a representative will contact you to discuss your narrative and the boxes you checked off in Form 1.

For example, the boxes ask about the size of the observed object(s), its color, the type of lights it might have displayed, your distance from the UFO, its shape, the presence or absence of an entity, and, if an entity was observed, its description. Did the UFO land? Did you suffer aftereffects? Was there trace evidence? In short, all the sighting details needed for a competent investigation are collected.

If you were abducted, our Experiencer Resource Team will offer comfort and advice concerning possible discomfort or trauma you may have experienced.

Based on the information you provide, highly qualified Field Investigators will take up the investigation using a multitude of scientific tools and techniques. Among the investigators are retired police detectives, biologists, astronomers, airline pilots, and individuals from a bevy of other scientific disciplines. All have received training in interview techniques; moreover, they're familiar with the wide array of things seen in the sky.

Additionally, MUFON has a tremendous number of tools at its disposal: A forensics lab in Missouri, a dive team, a photo

analysis team using the latest analytical software. Every transponder-equipped aircraft in the world can be tracked online, allowing an investigator to eliminate mundane explanations (or, conversely, rule them in) for sightings.

Our ERT Team will go in depth confidentially with a witness concerning their abduction experience.

Investigators log weather, longitude and latitude, testimony of correlating witnesses, and look very deeply into correlating cases over years and decades, specifically by location—especially if the sighting locations correspond to sensitive military locations. All this goes into their final analyses and reports.

Final reports include descriptions of alleged entities, such as greys, reptilians or humanoids, down to exactly what the entities were wearing, any insignia on purported uniforms, devices they might have used to, for example, paralyze witnesses, conversations or communications that might have occurred between the entities and witnesses, and the observed shapes and structural details of the UFOs themselves. Often investigators will search historical databases to see if recent cases have antecedents in previous cases.

Our photo analysis team (PAT) reviews all pertinent video and photo submissions for evidence of hoaxes, scrutinizes the metadata relating to date, time and location for corroboration with eyewitness testimony, and attempts to obtain a prosaic explanation for what was videoed or photographed. What remains might be something truly anomalous.

All in all, every aspect of a report is considered in order to separate the mundane from the anomalous. A disposition—hoax, identified flying object (IFO), insufficient data, or information only (given when the report submitter, for example, was not the witness and/or provided a video from the internet that cannot be verified)—is then assigned to the case. MUFON will assign a disposition of “unidentified aerial vehicle (UAV)” where a definite nuts-and-bolts machine is believed to have been involved or “unknown other” where an object, “thing” or event of high strangeness was observed but cannot be identified unequivocally as a machine.

Note that MUFON does not investigate the paranormal, such as ghosts or Bigfoot, per se. However, it's understood there may be paranormal events linked to a UFO report and due diligence requires this organization to include all



ancillary information—an appearance of a Bigfoot, say, in conjunction with a UFO—in our reporting structure.

This is what we do, and this has been our purpose for almost 54 years: UFO investigations!

If you have experienced an encounter, filmed it, drawn a sketch of it or feel you've been abducted, we at MUFON would like to hear from you and will respect your privacy and anonymity, as explained above. We do not care if your

event happened last week or in 1974 when you were six years old and alone in a playground.

MUFON exists for the primary purpose of researching the UFO phenomenon. Investigations are done; conclusions are established. MUFON does not take money from the government or any private corporation. But for an office staff, all are volunteers! We are free and clear and that is what makes us essential to the people of the United States and the world! ●

## EVIDENCE-BASED EDUCATION

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# MUFON University: Onward Into a New Era of UFO Education

By Teri Lynge-Kehl, Director of Memberships

In the ever-evolving world of UFO investigations, one organization stands at the forefront as the gold standard: The Mutual UFO Network. For years, MUFON University has served as a bastion of knowledge and training for field investigators. In 2010, Teri Lynge-Kehl had a vision for creating a uniform process and standard of training. Finding the right team to turn this vision into reality took time, but things finally melded in 2022. Now, propelled by the efforts of Teri Kehl, Mindy Tautfest, and Jim Millard, MUFON University is undergoing a remarkable transformation and taking a giant leap forward. With updated training courses, engaging videos, and an innovative, fresh new curriculum, the overhaul aims to revolutionize the way certified field investigators with MUFON approach their work. This overview explores what's behind the changes.

### Building on a Legacy

MUFON University has a longstanding commitment to excellence in training and educating UFO investigators. However, recognizing the need to adapt to the advancements of the digital age, Teri Kehl, Mindy Tautfest, Bob Spearing, Steve Hudgeons, and the IT team of Tomas Karlsson and Robert Dio combined their passion for education and UFOs to reboot the institution and bring MUFON University into a new era.

### A Vision for the Future

With their shared vision to enhance the learning experience and attract a new generation of certified field investigators, the team has focused on incorporating cutting-edge technologies and modern pedagogical techniques into the curriculum. By leveraging the power of multimedia, the revamped university aims to provide field investigators with an immersive learning environment they can enjoy at their own pace. These new additions will provide students with

a unique perspective, offering a glimpse into the fieldwork and challenges faced by certified field investigators.

### The Curriculum Reimagined

The development of a fresh new curriculum is central to MUFON University 2.0. The team has meticulously redesigned the courses to reflect the latest advancements in the field. The curriculum now covers a wide range of topics to embrace, inter alia, evidence collection and analysis, witness interviews, and legal considerations. Each course has been carefully crafted to equip aspiring investigators with the knowledge and skills necessary to tackle the complexities of UFO research in all its facets.

The new curriculum emphasizes critical thinking and scientific methodology, seeking to instill in field investigators a rigorous and evidence-based approach. By encouraging a multidisciplinary perspective, MUFON University aims to foster a collaborative environment that draws from various fields, such as biology, astronomy, physics, statistics, psychology, and other disciplines. This holistic approach enables students to delve deeper into the UFO phenomenon.

### A Fresh Look; A New Approach

The enhancement of MUFON University extends beyond just content and technology, however. The design and aesthetics of the online platform, its redesigned forms, have also been altered to give it a new look. The user interface has been streamlined to ensure easy navigation; vibrant visuals and eye-catching graphics add to the overall appeal. The user experience has been at the forefront of the redesign, with the aim of motivating MUFON volunteer certified field investigators to dive into their studies and help unravel the UFO enigma, to the benefit of us all. ●

## The Process of Becoming a Field Investigator

By MUFON Staff



**M**UFON would have no reason to exist if it did not investigate UFO reports. Terminology may change, such as UAP vs. UFO, but the idea remains constant, namely, receiving a UFO report, entering it into the 131,000-case database and then assigning it geographically to a Field Investigator (FI) in that area. This individual will do an investigation and arrive at a disposition, such as identified flying object (IFO), unidentified flying object (UFO), or hoax.

That investigator usually has a background in aviation, biology, geology, statistics, engineering, or some sort of forensics, such as photo analysis, etc. But MUFON, unlike other organizations that prefer only scientists, allows anyone who has an interest in ufology and the ability to pass a basic test to become a certified MUFON Field Investigator.

So, what does a Field Investigator do and what are the qualifications needed to be a MUFON Field Investigator?

The most important quality a candidate can possess is the desire to solve the UFO dilemma using the scientific method. This means you, Joe Public!

First steps include joining MUFON as a member! A monthly membership of about six dollars per month gets you in. But ID cards are given only to yearly members. Go to [WWW.MUFON.COM/JOIN](http://WWW.MUFON.COM/JOIN)

Members, even at the basic entry level membership, can become Field Investigators. How does one do that? Simply put, you purchase MUFON's Field Investigator Manual at the online store. It is a comprehensive training book that teaches you various tenets of forensics training. You will learn basics of astronomy, some trigonometry, how to interview a witness, ethics and a whole host of studies that will allow you to investigate UFOs properly using the scientific method.

Then you take the test. It is open book. You get three tries in six months, after which there is a waiting period to try again. After successfully passing, you need to submit a non-disclosure agreement saying you will never give any copyrighted material from MUFON to other organizations, and you must also pass a background check! Parking tickets are okay, but violent felonies may preclude you from joining.

At that point, depending on your location, you will be an FI-in-training and your State Director (SD) or National Director (ND), if you are outside of the United States, will join you on your first investigations. After the SD or ND concludes you can work on your own, you can investigate, interview witnesses, analyze photos and videos with the help of our experts and come to your own conclusions as to whether a particular case is an anomalous event or something mundane like a drone or a hoax!

Some cases will be easily solved as mundane ordinary phenomena. However, some cases will be so unique and sometimes so strange that a resolution needs to be found no matter how profound. In this way, one can first assist the witness in dealing with the event and, secondly, add something of substance to the body of UFO literature in an attempt to unravel the mystery of what's behind the UFO phenomenon. ●

# MUFON Field Investigator Boot Camp

By Stacey Wright – State Director of Arizona MUFON and Director of Phoenix MUFON



**M**UFON Boot Camp is an intense multi-day, annual event in Mesa, Arizona, where Field Investigators go through a rigorous training process. It is totally voluntary, but the knowledge of forensics and its nexus with ufology is unprecedented. For six years now, MUFON Boot Camp has averaged 40 participants per year. Enrollment is limited due to popularity. The MUFON FI Boot Camp will be held this year from November 3-5, 2023. Registration is going on now at [www.mufon.com](http://www.mufon.com) at the Store. The cost is a low \$150.00 per person. You will need to pay for your own hotel and travel expenses. The location will be the Country Inn & Suites located at 6650 E. Superstition Springs Blvd. in Mesa. Hotel expenses will be \$179.00 plus tax per night. Each person must call the hotel to make reservations. Make sure to tell the hotel you are with the MUFON 2023 Boot Camp. Included will be two breakfasts at the host hotel, two dinners, and a skywatch under the beautiful Arizona stars. Each participant will sign a liability release waiver before attending by email together with a “welcome” letter closer to the event. Unfortunately, there will be no refunds after October 10. Each participant is responsible for his or her own travel (flight) expenses and lunches, as well as transfers between the airport and hotel.

So, what should you expect if you attend MUFON Boot Camp this November? Glad you asked!

On Friday night, we have a meet-and-greet dinner, where participants get to know each other.

Saturday morning starts promptly at 8 a.m. with four hours of classroom instruction. Last year, training opened with Marianne Robb and Dave Rich, both Gilbert police officers and MUFON Field Investigators, and their presentation on advanced interviewing techniques. Next, the group learned about forensic fieldwork from the experts: retired Navajo Rangers Stan Milford and Jon Dover. Mental health practi-

tioner Brett Leifson then presented information on healthy vs. unhealthy mental states, and the classroom instruction ended with an astronomy lesson by Marc D’Antonio, MUFON’s chief video/photo analyst.

The afternoon session entailed a trip out to the beautiful Sonoran Desert where the guest speakers had a chance to interact with the participants before a desert cookout dinner enjoyed by all. Marc D’Antonio followed up on his earlier astronomy lecture with a skywatch under the dark Arizona skies.

Sunday morning began at 8 a.m. with lectures by Katie Paige (Colorado MUFON State Director) on “Working a Case from A-Z,” followed by Dennis Freyermuth (Arizona MUFON Field Investigator) on photo and video analysis. Shane Hurd (Arizona MUFON Assistant State Director) then spoke to the group about MUFON’s Experienter Resource Team (ERT), and the classroom instruction ended with Bob Manning (Arizona MUFON Field Investigator) informing the participants how to work a CMS case quickly and efficiently.

Sunday’s afternoon session was once again a trip to the desert, where the participants broke into five groups and exercised their learning of forensic fieldwork. The site had been planted with artifacts that were to be found, with evidence to be properly collected, documented, tagged and bagged. This exercise, known as “the practical,” had our guest speakers as the team leaders who led the group in effecting proper procedures.

The boot camp wrapped up Sunday evening with a poolside barbeque at the host hotel, where bellies were filled, email addresses swapped, and certificates of completion handed out to the hardworking future Field Investigators.

Won’t you please come join us this year? ●



# The MUFON Case Management System

By Tomas Karlsson, CMS Administrator

Since I was a young star-gazing boy, I have had an interest in the UFO phenomenon, or anything unexplained or unknown in general, for that matter. I thought if I could contribute even the slightest to the field of UFOs to benefit its research, it would be very satisfactory. Later in life, I became a MUFON member and almost immediately contacted the executive director at that time, asking if I could be of help with my programming skills. That was about 17 years ago, and I am still enjoying the same benefits and fulfillment in what was originally assigned to me project-wise so many years ago.

I built the MUFON Case Management System (CMS) database that is being used today, and I maintain it as well, handling the CMS system as a whole. As a quick background, I am a professional software developer with a focus on web applications. In various incarnations, this has been my profession all my life. My programming career began shortly after I received my master's degree in physics. As I worked on a computer simulation of a binary star system as

part of an astronomy project, I found great joy in that, and ever since then I have been in the field of programming. This led me indirectly to MUFON.

MUFON's Case Management System, affectionately known to our Field Investigators as the CMS, debuted in 2005. It was a software system designed to take UFO reports by witnesses visiting MUFON.com. This eliminated the need for people to print out and mail in their reports. Those paper reports submitted between 1969 and 2005 now reside in our MARRS database and may soon see the light of day for the first time ever!

The CMS is comprised of several tabs. Form 1 is the user-submitted report. Form 30 is where the Field Investigator sets forth the results of his or her investigation. Several other forms cover items such as entities, landing traces, electromagnetic effects, animal reactions and abductions. Additionally, witnesses reporting an abduction fill out what is called an "experiencer questionnaire," which determines if our Experiencer Resource Team should investigate.

The most beneficial feature of the CMS is that it can be searched in numerous ways by members and Field Investigators at different levels of access.

Unlike other UFO agencies or private corporations, MUFON allows public access to its database. We are a transparent organization. To fund our activities, we put this database behind a very inexpensive paywall of no more than 6 dollars per month for members, who get many additional benefits besides access to our complete database. This, of course, allows many UFO researchers access to the most comprehensive database the world has ever seen.

The CMS can be searched by various date ranges all the way back to the year 1890. One can search for when reports were submitted or occurred, for example, between June and July 1964 in Texas.

Additionally, one could search that time frame and location for reports of black triangles, orange discs or other specific shapes or colors.

One remarkable aspect of the CMS search page is that a person can do a keyword search. Inputting a simple random word like "plastic" without any other parameter, for example, can retrieve an enormous number of returns relevant to the entered keyword.



Sunday Speaker Panel  
**Physiological Effects and  
Alien Intent! Intentional  
or Accidental?**

8/27 1:15pm Moderated by  
**Peter Robbins**



If you wish to participate, go to  
[mufonsymposium.com](http://mufonsymposium.com) for more info.

Without the CMS, there would be no MUFON as it currently exists! Two critical features of our organization are (1) a dedicated database of UFO reports now numbering over 131,000 and (2) a dedicated volunteer cadre of quali-

fied Field Investigators to investigate all those reports!

It has been a distinct honor to be part of the quest for an answer as to what UFOs are! ●

Your membership is currently active. Details

**MUFON Case Management System - SEARCH**  
The search result is limited to max 50 returned Sighting Reports

**Cases Found = 8**

Date Submitted	Date/Time of Event	Short Description	Location of Event	Long Description	Attachments
12022-11-20	2022-10-30 5:00AM	Saw 3-4 red/orange lights in early morning sky.	Encinitas, CA, US	<a href="#">VIEW</a>	trim.13EE2D733CE54268916B6B8A8045AF89.MOV
22022-10-25	2022-04-16 10:45PM	triangular craft with a grid of faint red lights under it hovers slowly moving in straight line and continues on a straight path accelerating	Indio, CA, US	<a href="#">VIEW</a>	
32022-10-05	2022-10-04 8:36PM	Saw object in sky with lights on.	Long beach, CA, US	<a href="#">VIEW</a>	
42022-09-15	2022-09-15 8:10AM	Triangle lights with incredible speed, occasionally leaping forward in acceleration	Corona, CA, US	<a href="#">VIEW</a>	Snapchat977073024.mp4
52022-06-08	2022-04-26 4:10AM	Small black triangle with 3 silverish circles on bottom. No lights no sound.	Los Angeles Westchester, CA, US	<a href="#">VIEW</a>	
62022-06-07	2022-06-06 10:52AM	4 white triangle shaped UFOs over Marina Del Rey, Los Angeles	los angeles, CA, US	<a href="#">VIEW</a>	IMG51402.mov IMG51412.mov IMG51381.jpeg IMG51391.jpeg IMG51421.jpeg IMG51431.jpeg
72022-04-20	2022-04-19 9:58PM	Mirror like triangle faint orange light in front then 3 faint orange lights each side to form triangle	Aptos ca, CA, US	<a href="#">VIEW</a>	
82022-03-19	2022-03-14 7:50PM	Black Triangle, Cloaked. No lights. Low flying, fast object	San Marcos, CA, US	<a href="#">VIEW</a>	

[ANOTHER SEARCH](#) [BACK TO MUFON SITE](#)

A typical readout of CMS results, some with videos and/or photographs, as denoted in "Attachments."

Your membership is currently active. Details

**MUFON Case Management System - SEARCH CASES**

[SUBMIT](#)  
[NEW SEARCH](#)

Date Submitted (within date range):  /  /  -  /  /  [CLEAR DATE](#) [TODAY](#) [PAST 30 DAYS](#) [PAST 90 DAYS](#) [PAST 180 DAYS](#) [PAST 'N' DAYS](#)

Date of Event (within date range):  /  /  -  /  /  [CLEAR DATE](#) [TODAY](#) [PAST 30 DAYS](#) [PAST 90 DAYS](#) [PAST 180 DAYS](#) [PAST 'N' DAYS](#)

NOTE: Dates include tomorrow's date in order to capture eastern time from your timezone.

Event Country:  [CLEAR COUNTRY, STATE / PROVINCE](#)  Exclude selected Country

Event State (USA):  [CLEAR STATE](#)

Event Province (Canada):  [CLEAR PROVINCE](#)

Event County:

Event City (nearest):

Keyword / Phrase Search:   
<<< ENTER KEYWORD OR PHRASE HERE  Whole word only

Case Number:

Entity:

Landing - Observation:

Shape:   
Circle  
Cross  
Cylinder  
Diamond  
Disc

Color:   
White  
Grey/Lead  
Black  
Gold/Copper

Distance from Witness:   
101-500 ft

Person of Native Canadian descent:

Primary Sorting Method:   
Date Submitted

Secondary Sorting Method:

[SUBMIT](#)  
[NEW SEARCH](#)

Above, a screenshot of the form enabling a user to search for CMS cases having desired properties.

# From the IT Projects Corner

By Robert Dio, MUFON Chief IT Officer

One of the most fascinating resources offered by MUFON is the UFO Sightings Map. This map allows users to view reported sightings of UFOs from around the world, as well as filter and sort sightings by various criteria. The MUFON UFO Sightings Map is a fascinating tool for anyone interested in the study of UFOs and extraterrestrial life. The map is available for free on the MUFON website for members who have Android phones (Apple will not grant us permission to install outside of the App Store) and is updated every 24 hours with new sightings as they are reported. Users can search for sightings by location, date, and type of sighting. The map also includes information on each sighting, such as a brief description of what was seen, the date and time of the sighting.

One of the most interesting features of the MUFON UFO Sightings Map is the ability to view sightings from different time periods. Users can filter sightings by date range, allowing them to see how the number and distribution of sightings have changed over time. For example, users can view all sightings reported in the past month, year, or decade. This feature can help researchers identify trends or patterns in UFO sightings, such as an increase in sightings in a particular region or during a particular time of year.

Another useful feature of the MUFON UFO Sightings Map is the ability to filter sightings by type. Users can choose to view sightings of specific types of UFOs, such as triangular or cigar-shaped objects. This feature can help researchers identify similarities between different sightings and determine whether certain types of UFO sightings are more common than others.

The MUFON UFO Sightings Map is a valuable resource not only for researchers but also for anyone interested in UFOs and extraterrestrial life. The map allows users to see where sightings are concentrated, providing insights into where UFO activity may be more prevalent. It also provides a platform for witnesses to share their experiences with others, which can be helpful for those who may have had similar experiences but have not yet reported them.

However, it is important to note that not all sightings reported to MUFON are necessarily genuine UFO sightings. Some sightings may be the result of misidentifications of natural phenomena or man-made devices, such as weather balloons or airplanes. Others may be hoaxes or the result of psychological phenomena, such as hallucinations or sleep paralysis. As such, MUFON encourages witnesses to

provide as much detail as possible when reporting sightings and to avoid making assumptions or jumping to conclusions about what they might have seen.

## Get our UFO Sightings Mobile App today!!



The MUFON UFO Sightings Map does not display full case data for each reported sighting. It provides basic case data such as date sighted, date reported, type of craft, and a basic description provided by the person who reported the case to us. Our members, however, will soon be able to see all these points, along with any videos, pictures, and/or drawings submitted to MUFON.

One thing we always pay very close attention to is the anonymity and protection of those who submit reports. Sightings plotted in the MUFON UFO Sightings Map are centered on the towns where the reports came from. The actual location of a sighting and any identifying information about the person making the report are always kept fully confidential and are used only for internal purposes to further gather evidence about the report.

Despite lacking the full case data in the MUFON UFO Sightings Map app, it remains a fascinating tool for anyone interested in beginning to study UFOs and extraterrestrial life. By allowing users to view and filter reported sightings from around the world, the map provides a unique perspective on the phenomenon of UFOs and the human experience of encountering the unknown. Whether you are a researcher, a skeptic, or simply someone with a sense



of curiosity, the MUFON UFO Sightings Map is worth exploring. Check out the app stores and purchase the MUFON UFO Sightings Map. Find out what has been sighted near you. You'll be glad you did!

Another feature for MUFON members is the MUFON Observer Network. This is a MUFON member's only social media platform for the free and non-judgmental sharing of ideas, pictures, videos, experiences. Many of our members have stated how amazed they are at some of the data uploaded here. Many share their favorite books, TV shows, documentaries, and personal experiences with others who are supporting each other. Many of our Field Investigators and some folks with video and photo analysis experience tend to comment on many of the shared stories and data, lending their expertise, when necessary.

The MUFON Observer Network is a smaller social network. As of this writing, we have 1,305 registered members participating. It is not quite like Facebook, but it does function similarly. You can make friends, join groups, make your own group, and set privacy limits. You can also report people for inappropriate or off-topic posts. Reports are sent to MUFON administrators, and the reports are adjudicated on a case-by-case basis. We have even implemented a "bad

word filter" (no...you can still type "secret government projects" and not get flagged...lol) and a "block user" feature so that you can safely remove folks from seeing your posts or being able to post comments on your posts.



MUFON IT is also thinking up some great new membership benefits for 2024. So please join up today at <https://mufon.com/join> and chat with other folks of like mind and a passion for the UFO/UAP topic. To take advantage of the UFO Sightings Map and the MUFON Observer Network you can sign up at any level and be able to dig deeper into the Truth. Fox Mulder is too afraid to admit it. He says he "wants to believe." If you are like me, then you "do believe"! Keep your eyes on the skies and join MUFON today! ●

## SOPHISTICATED IMAGE TECHNOLOGY

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# The Photo Analysis Team (PAT)

By Bob Spearing

**M**UFON receives, on average now, media in the form of a photo or video in every two out of three reports it receives. This takes an enormous amount of server space to house this material, but it is essential in the investigative process.

Some photos and videos rise to a level requiring in-depth investigation. MUFON retains a six-person photo analysis team for these very intense cases. In most instances, however, most of our Field Investigators are capable of analyzing many aspects of a photo or video and can come to a conclusion as to whether the photographed object or phenomenon is anomalous or mundane.

In-depth photo analysis entails looking not only at the visual evidence but also at the metadata embedded in a digital photo or video. For example, unlike old-fashioned negatives or prints, digital media possesses background information embedded in its file structure that can tell an investigator if a witness is telling the truth. Metadata tells the investigator to the second when a photo or video was taken and at what latitude and longitude, as well as other

important factors, including whether a photo was enhanced by photo-editing software.

MUFON currently employs a sophisticated software system from France to help identify even more complicated analysis scenarios. It is called the IPACO. It has been utilized extensively by the French UFO-tracking government agency called GEIPAN.

From the IPACO.fr website we read: "The IPACO software, derived from a long experience in the field of military intelligence, aims to provide the analyst in ufology with a user-friendly and easy-to-use working environment."

The six-member team consists of long-time MUFON Head Photo Analyst, Marc D'Antonio; Tom Wertman, Ohio State Director, photo and aviation expert; Sam Maranto, Illinois State Director and photo analyst; Greg Cisco, Illinois State Section Director and astronomer; Dennis Freyeremuth, Arizona Field Investigator and photo analyst; and Seth Feinstein, Colorado State Section Director and photo analyst. ●

# The MUFON Dive Team

By Debbie Ziegelmeyer

The MUFON Dive Team was established in 2003 by Debbie Ziegelmeyer and Tom Ferrario to investigate and recover underwater trace evidence. The need for a dive team was recognized as the next step in MUFON investigations by Debbie and Tom while on Ted Phillips's Marley Woods investigating team. Debbie is a PADI scuba instructor and Tom is a PADI Divemaster. Twenty years ago, these two investigators understood the importance of water in relation to UFO sightings. Seventy percent of the Earth is covered by water, with one in five sighting reports being water related. In recent years the importance of investigating water sightings more thoroughly has gained recognition, especially with the release of several Navy videos of unidentified craft flying over, in and out of our oceans.

In the beginning, MUFON members were recruited as volunteer divers. Since MUFON members move or find themselves in situations where they are no longer available, the list of volunteers changed yearly. It was decided that MUFON Field Investigators seemed the best resource for our divers. MUFON Dive Team members became Star Team Investigators due to the nature of their often-underwater investigations. Scuba diving is considered an extreme sport done in many cases under hazardous conditions. Many of the sighting locations are in freshwater lakes or rivers with very limited visibility or occasionally in the depths of oceans and seas.

Although the team has been in existence for 20 years, interest in the team has been very limited. Volunteers must be MUFON Field Investigators and hold current scuba diver certification cards with a minimum advanced-level certification. Due to the nature of the circumstances of the diving, certifications in search and recovery and navigation are also highly recommended. Divers must have been diving in the past 12 months, own their own equipment and be willing to travel to event sites at their own expense. As

the team grows, we are hoping for available funds to help cover travel expenses.

In the past few months, there have been many requests for information and a growing interest in the MUFON Dive Team. There are a few MUFON State Directors who have dive teams in their states. Missouri has divers available—some are MUFON Investigators and others are local water rescue first responders. With what is being reported worldwide in recent years, it's long past time to begin conducting aquatic investigations. Although many bodies of water are inaccessible or too deep to safely dive, this is not the case everywhere, and diving is possible in many instances. However, many water-related sightings do not require diving, just the expertise of a scuba diver. Scuba divers understand, for example, visibility limitations in water, currents, change of color at depth, pressure and depth effects, and many other factors involving water and investigation therein. Scuba divers are an untapped MUFON resource.

Debbie Ziegelmeyer will be teaching a Dive Team Field Investigator course at the MUFON Symposium on August 24, 2023. This class covers the separate investigating responsibilities of MUFON investigators and Dive Team members. Debbie is also suggesting that State Directors approach their area first responder dive teams as support divers in the event a water-related sighting requires divers.

In Missouri, our county Water Rescue Team is made up of firefighters, but in other states water rescue is done by police departments. Mindy Tautfest, MUFON State Director of Oklahoma and dean of MUFON University, is including a Dive Team course available online through MUFON University. Divers may sign up for the team through this course or at the MUFON Symposium. They can also contact Debbie Ziegelmeyer at [mufondiver.com](http://mufondiver.com) for an application. ●

# Project Match

By Fran Ridge, MADAR Project Manager, and Mike Panecillo, MUFON Connecticut State Director and Project Match Liaison

Project Match, the collaboration between the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP—a legacy UFO organization created by the late famed ufologist Major Donald Keyhoe) and MUFON, is the brainchild of Fran Ridge, current curator of NICAP. Mr. Ridge is a long-time UFO investigator with nearly 60 years of experience.



*A MADAR unit that connects to an internet modem/router*

Project Match came out of the 2018 MUFON Symposium as a collaboration between MUFON, NICAP and the National UFO Reporting Center (NUFORC), operated by Peter Davenport. For those unfamiliar with NUFORC, it's a two-man operation that takes UFO reports like MUFON but does no investigations. Like MUFON, its reports are transparently available to the public.

Ridge's idea was to create a network of inexpensive UAP detection devices, an early-warning system, to alert an operator or MUFON strike team to a local UAP event. MADAR stands for multiple anomaly detection and automatic recording. The unit itself is the size of a cigarette pack and operates through a home's internet router.

The MADAR Project was started by Fran Ridge in 1970. On the MADAR website, Ridge writes, "If we are to get even close to solving the UAP riddle we must try some new ideas. That was the contention in 1970 when I created the MADAR Project." Now in its third iteration, the MADAR-III Data Probe is a device that detects fluctuations in Earth's electromagnetic field, pressure levels, and variations in the device's internal compass. When the device detects a deviation in any of the above-mentioned fields, an "alert" is sent to MADAR headquarters in Newburgh, Indiana. The alert suggests something in a local area is either entering or exiting Earth's atmosphere.

Case dispositions are updated on the MADAR cases and data logs, which are posted online for public review, at [www.nicap.org/madar4](http://www.nicap.org/madar4). Sometimes there are alerts that have no corresponding MUFON cases but have corresponding NUFORC cases instead. In these instances, the MUFON Match field investigator works with NUFORC in a joint investigation. The MADAR team supplies the Match field investigator with relevant information to investigate the case to determine a case disposition. Both the case notes and the dispositions are recorded in the MADAR records and shared on their online database.

If a unit generated an alarm, the idea was to cross-reference NUFORC and MUFON CMS reports to see if correlations existed within a certain number of miles from this MADAR unit.



*The network of MADAR units worldwide.*

Those reports would be triaged and, if found worthy, then would be investigated by MUFON Field Investigators and entered into the MUFON Case Management System (CMS). The long-range consequence of this project is that it expands MUFON's reach in the number of cases it investigates. MUFON now has the capability, through Project Match, to also investigate NUFORC cases. This can only be a positive for investigative ufology.

The current MUFON Project Match Response Team is headed by liaison Mike Panecillo, MUFON's Connecticut State Director, who oversees a 24-person team.

The project has been a phenomenal success with many MADAR alerts matching MUFON and NUFORC reports. ●



# MUFON Media Platforms

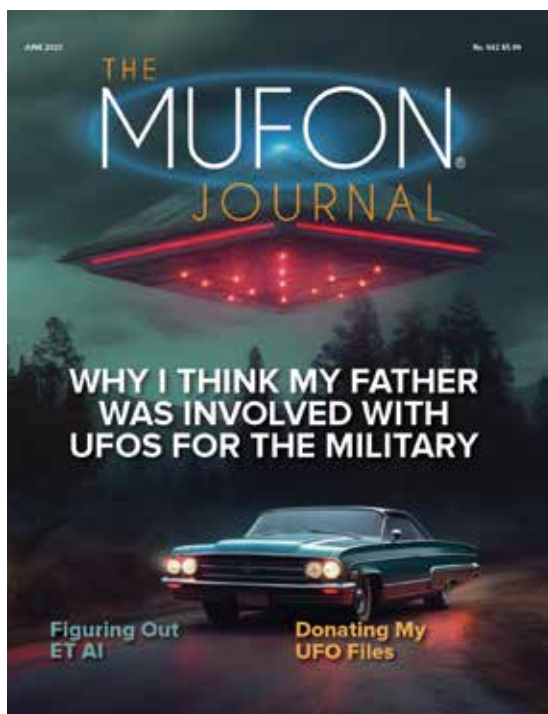
By Bob Spearing

We live in the twenty-first century where information moves at light speed. We, at MUFON, need to move information across websites and networks to various parts of the world so our interested public can see what MUFON is working on and what we plan on doing in the future.

In 1969, MUFON was the newcomer UFO investigative organization among several long-established groups. However, the landscape has changed over the half century-plus since MUFON's founding, and in today's technologically fast-advancing world, MUFON must remain relevant in order to help keep ufology free, transparent, and available to the public. It must evolve with the times by providing a variety of professional media platforms that emphasize its ongoing scientific investigation of the UFO phenomenon. Here's a rundown of these platforms:

### The MUFON Journal

The MUFON Journal—beginning life as Skylook—has been in continuous publication for over 53 years. It was the first and most visible membership perquisite MUFON offered, giving our members cutting-edge articles by some of ufology's most prominent researchers. Today, the *Journal* is helmed by editor and MUFON board member Barbra Schuessler Sobhani. Remember, members only... <https://mufon.com/mufon-journal/>



### The MUFON YouTube Channel

While MUFON TV requires a paid subscription to view premium content, it does release free content to the public not only of older shows, documentaries, and films but also current shows like the MUFON Report. The MUFON YouTube Channel can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/@MUFONHQ>



### The MUFON Podcast

This podcast was the brainchild of Wyoming State Director & MUFON board member Richard Beckwith who, as host, interviews researchers, influencers in the UFO field and other well-known personalities many of us love to watch. The Official MUFON Podcast can be found at <https://www.spreaker.com/show/the-official-mufon-podcast>



### MUFON What's Up Radio Show on KGRA Digital Broadcasting Network

This show, produced by internet radio network KGRA ([www.kgradb.com](http://www.kgradb.com)) is hosted by MUFON NY State Director Cris DePerno, Colorado State Director Katie Paige, and Tara Diulus. With guests like famed UFO historian Richard Dolan, it's no wonder they reach over 70,000 people per week on average and rising.



### United MUFON Online Facebook Meetings and Presentations

Like our podcast and radio show, United MUFON, helmed by MUFON board member Teri Lynge-Kehl, gives a monthly update on all-things-new at MUFON, including the many benefits of membership, followed by a presentation from a MUFON Field Investigator or an outside researcher on a particular topic. Go to its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/unitedmufon>



### The Twice Monthly MUFON Newsletter

Unlike the MUFON Journal, which is only available to MUFON members, the newsletter goes out to the general public via various venues, such as our mailing lists, MUFON's 80 current Facebook groups and other UFO-related Facebook groups favorable to MUFON, such as Anomalous Universe, the UFO Files, Jimmy Church and BUFO-RA, reaching a potential audience of over 300,000 interested people. Add to that over 100,000 additional Twitter users and 70,000 Instagram users and we have a real winner. This twice monthly newsletter contains two articles of interest, usually on specific MUFON cases, and is edited by MUFON Symposium Coordinator Marketa Klimova. ●



### Great MUFON Cases Submitted in April 2023!

Compiled by Bob Speering

Press Release April 29, 2023

MUFON, the Mutual UFO Network, is investigating the latest case in a string of cattle mutilations which were recently reported along the south-central U.S. It comes just days after 5 mutilated cows were found spread across several Texas counties. On Tuesday, April 25, 2023, MUFON was contacted by a local rancher in Cotton County who had discovered her cow dead in a field just hours earlier. The cow was a young female Holstein weighing approximately 600 pounds and was last seen the night before as it joined the herd for evening feeding time. During the night, no sounds of distress or commotion were noted indicating an attack by a predator, so when the cow did not return the next day for this noon meal, the rancher became concerned. Upon inspection, the animal was found parished, lying on her left side near a bed of hay in the pasture bordering the home.



Photo of Oklahoma Calf April 25, 2023



# MUFON UFO Sightings Map

Find a UFO Sighting Near you!





## MUFON TV

By Ron James, MUFON Media Relations Director



MUFON TV, a joint endeavor between MUFON and Ron James Television & Media was born out of a chance meeting backstage at the 2016 Laughlin UFO Conference where I was emceeding at Paola Harris's invitation. While conversing with Jaime Maussan, famed Mexican ufologist, about the possibilities of livestreaming, I realized this could be a great venue to reach a vast audience of UFO enthusiasts via MUFON.

I built the platform, began livestreaming and archiving MUFON symposiums, and developed original content programming like *MUFON Presents*, *Spacetime*, and *MUFON Reports* with host Skye LeFever.

MUFON TV harbors the largest commercial-free repository of UFO-related media anywhere. Our library contains over 700 videos as well as our feature-length film *An Accidental Truth*, which has now garnered 12 awards so far and is available at MUFON TV or Amazon to purchase or rent.

The future looks bright with more original content coming, our mission to help other serious "up and coming" film makers interested in solving the UFO equation, and our promoting talent within the MUFON organization.

We also worked closely with Prometheus Productions on an episode of *Ancient Aliens* entitled "It's All About MUFON!," which premiered on History (formerly The History Channel) back on February 10, 2023, to great reviews!

What is my motivation for doing this? Simply put, I believe the American public, as well as the citizens of all other countries in the world, are being misled and kept in the dark in the biggest deception known to humanity. I am trying to do something about it, and MUFON is the most effective and legitimate means of delivering that message. Please help support MUFON and MUFON TV and their free and transparent approach to exposing these secrets by becoming a MUFON member! ●



# The MUFON Symposium

By Marketa Klimova, MUFON Symposium Coordinator

As far back as its Midwest UFO Network days, MUFON has endeavored to bring the brightest minds in ufology together at its annual convention. Unlike other organizations whose convention locations remain static over decades, MUFON strategically moves the symposium around the country (although once it was in Canada) to attract the largest number of acolytes interested in solving the UFO phenomenon.

Two years ago, it was in Las Vegas; last year Denver! This year the symposium will be in beautiful Covington, Kentucky, on the outskirts of our home base in Cincinnati.

A symposium of several hundred people is a large-scale undertaking, needless to say, and a portion of our non-profit proceedings each year comes from this event and helps keep us going. Thus, it's important that MUFON presents the leaders in UFO research when it comes to booking speakers!

To this end, David Paulides will be the keynote speaker this year. David has written many books in his *Missing 411* series about people simply disappearing in national parks with nary a trace. Our master of ceremonies will be Peter Robbins, a wonderful friend to MUFON, who has emceed many of our previous symposia.

Professor Avi Loeb will make a special appearance via Zoom to discuss the possibility that aliens have already infiltrated our solar system. Also speaking will be MUFON Brazilian National Director Thiago Luiz Tichetti, Dr. Michael Masters, Raymond Szymanski, Teri Lynge-Kehl, Barbra Sobhani, Mike Clelland, Grant Cameron, Yvonne Smith and Linda Zimmermann.

Past MUFON symposia have had similar high-caliber speakers addressing the ufological issues of their times. For example, between 1976 and 1978, Ray Stanford, David Webb, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, James McCampbell, Stanton T. Friedman, Ted Bloecher, Richard Hall, Leonard Stringfield, and Illobrand von Ludwiger were among the researchers at the podium. These names should be familiar to anyone involved in searching for answers to the UFO enigma!

From 1979 to 1981, MUFON hosted Dr. Richard Haines, Dr. Leo Sprinkle, Dr. Barry Downing, Budd Hopkins, William Moore and Cynthia Hind, while the years 1982

to 1986 saw Arthur Bray, John Schuessler, Ann Druffel, MUFON founder Walt Andrus, Barry Greenwood, Hilary Evans, and Dr. Michael Swords, among others, addressed the audiences.

Finally, names from 1991 and 1992 include Zecharia Sitchin, Dr. David Jacobs, Linda Moulton Howe, Dr. Bruce Maccabee and Dr. Jacques Vallee. Stellar lineups all, spanning years!

The list could continue, but the point is the MUFON symposium is where ufology's top minds interact with and address the educated public concerning the UFO topic.

What readers might not know is the extent of the work involved in putting together a single symposium. Volunteer teams from a specific hosting state need to be assembled under the guidance of the MUFON State Director. A banquet on the Friday night immediately preceding the symposium weekend needs to be set up, with a menu settled upon in advance of the symposium, and coordinated with pertinent MUFON announcements by National Director David MacDonald, who will announce the Field Investigator, U.S. chapter, international chapter, and volunteer of the year, as well as important announcements concerning upcoming MUFON 2024 projects. The "unveiling" of the MARRS database, for example, is a near-future certainty.

Moreover, speakers need to be housed and paid, Field Investigator training sessions scheduled and taught by qualified instructors, bus trips to nearby locations like the Wright Patterson AFB aviation museum coordinated, and speaker forums and movie premieres organized so they can unfold throughout the symposium. Experiencer sessions are de rigueur, and vendors for the vendor room must be procured and booked. Well in advance of the conference, of course, negotiations with hotel management also must occur to nail down costs and set aside an appropriate number of rooms for attendees. It's a Herculean task, and even Hercules himself might be daunted!

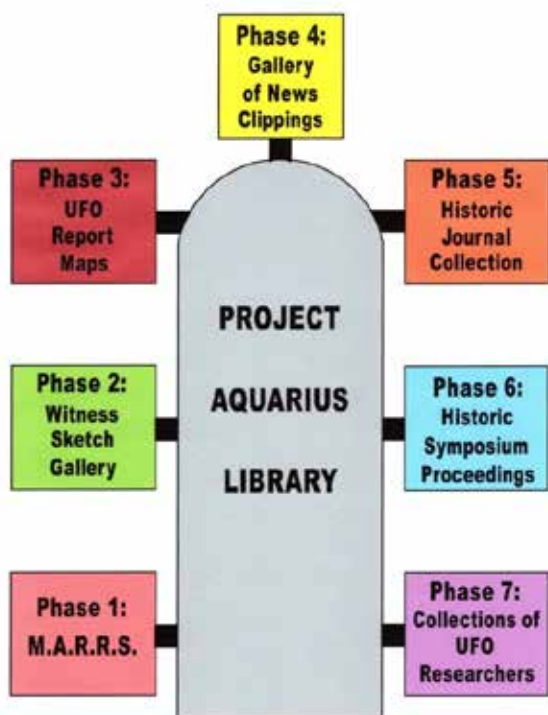
MUFON management wishes to take this opportunity to acknowledge all volunteers from our ranks and their dedication to duty for making the annual symposium a success! ●

# Moving Forward

By David MacDonald, MUFON Executive Director

The UFO Street is moving at an incredible pace. Whistle blowers are saying we have crash material and it is off-world. The public has seen nothing yet! We are hopeful.

Meanwhile, MUFON continues to expand our horizons. In addition to getting the word out, investigating reports in our database, offering a social network and a UFO Map App, hosting symposiums, and offering top notch TV channels all designed to alert and enlighten the public, we have a few more tricks up our organizational sleeves coming soon.



The Project Aquarius Library will be a multi-pronged virtual museum on mufon.com consisting of seven rooms, and we are well on our way to implementing it! Vast repositories of historical records are being donated to us, an incredible multi-level UFO map is in development and will include databases from other international entities, where we visually place their cases on a global map. Most importantly of all, MUFON possesses some of the most important collections of famous UFO researchers the world has ever known, and their research will be forthcoming to our members. You will be amazed at what we have in our collection. It will be the motherlode for UFO research!

Phase 1 will be the release of the MARRS database of roughly 10,000 cases. MARRS is short for the MUFON Archives Research Reporting System. And it will have been well worth waiting for.

It will consist of almost 7,000 pre-1995 UFO paper reports submitted to MUFON since 1969. And an additional 2,700 rare newspaper clippings and magazine articles will be a worthy adjunct!

It's a secret as to when we will be releasing this profound database of items never seen before to the public, and we can't wait to show you! But it will be this year! Promise!

And we have a lot more to come!

Thank you for your continued support and faith in MUFON. Let's look forward to the last half of 2023 and the first half of 2024 together! Possibly it'll be the year of disclosure (at least from us!). ●





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**MUFON MINUTES ITEMS** Send all state notices of events and meetings to Marketa at [symposium@mufon.com](mailto:symposium@mufon.com) for inclusion before the 10th of the month prior to the month of the event.

## **MUFON welcomes new Field Investigators**

Dino Brancato, MI; Jerry Welch Jr., NY; Jeffrey Wagner, IL; Danny Trussell, TX; Maureen Richmond, AR; Joseph Vershay, AZ; Mark Patterson, AZ; Webster Alexander III, VA; Sally Norton, IN; Lynn Eggleton, VA; Daniel Smith, FL; Cynthia Massicci, NY; Michael Gregorio, OH; Robert Blanchette, CO; John Shull Jr., NV; Dustin Hendrix, OK; Brien Aldridge, AR; Tina Dill, CO; Steven Runde, MI; Cecilia Farabaugh, PA; Lori Lee Bradfield, ID; Jonathan Hood, NC; Shannon Wing, Canada; Andrew Buckle, Canada; Martin Knapp, United Kingdom; Sebastienne Brocandel, France; Dominique Chan-Pin, France.

## **MUFON Appointments**

Renee Johnson, Experienter Resource Team; Robert Young, Experienter Resource Team, UK.

## **Upcoming MUFON meetings and events**

### **MUFON Arizona**

**Phoenix MUFON** welcomes Nick Pope on Sat., July 22. Nick's lecture is entitled "Poison AARO: How is AARO handling the UAP issue and how does this compare to how the UAP Task Force worked? Are we heading for Disclosure, or disappointment?" Noon–3 p.m. at the Arizona Historical Society Museum in Tempe. See [www.phoenixmufon.com](http://www.phoenixmufon.com).

**Tucson MUFON** welcomes Marc D'Antonio on Sat., July 8, as he lectures on the

subject of UFOs and travel at the Elks Lodge, 1800 N. Oracle Rd.; Noon to 2 p.m. All details at <https://tucsonmufon.com/tucson-meetings/tucsonmufon.com>

**MUFON Arkansas NW** Section, meets monthly on the fourth Saturday at the Fayetteville Municipal Airport (Drake Field), 4500 S. School Ave., from 10 a.m. to 12.

**MUFON Marin Sonoma, CA** Zoom meetings until further notice, first Saturday of the month, 3 p.m. (PT). Visit [MUFONMarinSonoma.com](http://MUFONMarinSonoma.com) for meeting information.

**MUFON Orange County, CA** Go to [www.mufonoc.org](http://www.mufonoc.org) and scroll down the page to register for monthly live streaming lectures.

**MUFON Rocklin, CA** Meets every second Saturday of the month, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Round Table Pizza, 8755-A Sierra College Blvd, Roseville, CA. [www.northerncaliforniamufon.com](http://www.northerncaliforniamufon.com)

**MUFON San Diego, CA** Hosts monthly Zoom meetings on the third Sunday at 6 p.m. Email Wil Wakely at [wilw31@gmail.com](mailto:wilw31@gmail.com) for Zoom meeting details. Free and open to all.

**MUFON Marin Sonoma, CA** Zoom meetings every first Saturday of the month at 3 p.m. (PT). For info visit [MUFONMarinSonoma.com](http://MUFONMarinSonoma.com).

**MUFON Colorado** Go to [comufon.org](http://comufon.org) for meeting detail info. We meet the second Saturday of each month at 1

p.m. (MT). City of Centennial facility, 7272 S. Eagle St. in Centennial.

**MUFON Connecticut** now meets in-person the first Saturday of the month, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at AD's Pizzeria Restaurant Lounge, 377 South Center Street, Windsor Locks, CT. Info at [www.mufonct.com](http://www.mufonct.com)

**MUFON Iowa** is meeting at the West Des Moines Library, July 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**MUFON Minnesota** meets the second Saturday of each month. The June 8 meeting will be at the New Brighton Community Center at 400 10th St. NW, New Brighton, MN, from 2 to 5 p.m. (CST), with social hour starting at 1:30 p.m. Meetings are open to all. Part Two of the SCU video "First Scientific Results from UAPx" will be shown. For details, email [w.mcneff@att.net](mailto:w.mcneff@att.net)

**MUFON Missouri** has monthly meetings on Zoom on the second Thursday and monthly in-person meetings in Kansas City and St. Louis. SW MO meetings are held monthly on Zoom. FI meetings are held every Thursday on Zoom. More info: [www.missourimufon.org](http://www.missourimufon.org)

**MUFON Nevada** hosts in-person monthly meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at The Beacon Center, 7 to 9 p.m.

**MUFON Oklahoma** meets via Zoom from 2 to 4 p.m. on the third Saturday of every ODD month. Our next meeting is Sat., July 15, when

we welcome author Marilyn Hudson speaking about her newest book, *Sooner Saviors: Volume 2*. Visit [www.MUFONOK.com](http://www.MUFONOK.com) to receive the meeting link.

**MUFON Oregon** meets via Zoom on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Find up-to-date information at [Oregonmufon.com](http://Oregonmufon.com)

### **United MUFON**

Exciting, interactive, and educational on-line MUFON meetings! Teri Lynge-Kehl, MUFON Director of Memberships, hosts at 2 p.m. (CT). To register for the meeting, watch the livestream or learn about upcoming meetings, visit [MUFONmeetings.com](http://MUFONmeetings.com)

July: **Jason Hitson**, SD Tennessee  
August: **No Interview**—MUFON Symposium

### **MUFON Virgin Islands**

meets on the first Saturday of every month from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at VI Coffee Roasters in the King Christian Hotel on the island of St. Croix. Contact National Director Leonard at [mufonusvi@gmail.com](mailto:mufonusvi@gmail.com).

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