

ROUNDTOWN UFO SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING UPDATE AUGUST 2012

THE ANNUAL MUFON SYMPOSIUM WAS HELD IN CINCINNATI, OHIO THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 3RD THROUGH THE 5TH. 3 MEMBERS OF RUFOS ATTENDED, INCLUDING THE DIRECTOR. INTERESTING DISCLOSURES INCLUDED LEN STRINGFIELD'S FILES ARE NOW IN MUFON'S HANDS; MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE KINGMAN, ARIZONA CRASH AND RETRIEVAL IN THE EARLY 1950S; AND RETIRED AIR FORCE MAJOR GEORGE A. FILER'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE HAD BEEN ABOARD A UFO WHEN HE WAS YOUNGER.

A LOCAL MEMBER, HANK TAYLOR HAD OBSERVED A STRANGE ORANGE COLORED UFO OVER LANCASTER, OHIO ON JULY 17TH. HE REPORTED IT TO PETER DAVENPORT OF THE NATIONAL UFO REPORTING CENTER. (NUFORC). PETER TOLD HIM THAT HE HAS BEEN GETTING THOSE KIND OF REPORTS AN AVERAGE OF 12 PER DAY LATELY. HANK ALSO REPORTED HIS SIGHTING TO MUFON OF OHIO AND NORAD.

THE "CHASING UFOS" TV PROGRAM WAS DISCUSSED IN CINCINNATI AND AT OTHER UFO MEETINGS. THE CONSENSUS IS THAT IT IS MORE LIKE A COMEDY SHOW. TRAVIS WALTON AND PHYLLIS BUDINGER WERE INVOLVED IN THE ONE PROGRAM AND BOTH DIDN'T THINK MUCH OF IT. PHYLLIS WAS AT THE WALTON SITE IN ARIZONA AND ADDED HER SCIENTIFIC APPROACH AND SHE WAS NOT EVEN INCLUDED ON THE SHOW ABOUT, EVEN THOUGH SHE HAD A LENGTHY INTERVIEW.

RUFOS WAS RECENTLY CONTACTED BY A PRODUCTION COMPANY FROM LOS ANGELES. THEY WANT TO DO A SHOW ABOUT UFOS, LIKE "GHOST HUNTERS'. THEY WANTED TO KNOW IF WE HAVE A CHASE TEAM. THEY WERE TOLD WE DON'T GO INTO THE FIELD WITH THAT TYPE OF INTENT.

RETIRED U.S. AIR FORCE COLONEL DICK FRENCH HAS GONE ON THE RECORD WITH WHAT HE KNOWS ABOUT UFOS AND HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH THEM OVER THE YEARS.

A NEW BOOK WRITTEN BY MICHAEL SWORDS IS TITLED 'UFOS AND GOVERNMENT'. I MET HIM SEVERAL YEARS AGO AT CUFOS IN CHICAGO AND CONSIDER HIM A VERY GOOD RESEARCHER.

RUFOS STATEMENT. 'WITHIN THE UFO COMMUNITY WE KNOW UFOS EXIST BECAUSE OF OBSERVING UNKNOWN OBJECTS OURSELVES, OR TALKING TO HIGHLY CREDIBLE PEOPLE ABOUT THE SUBJECT OR MAINLY JUST BY DOING OUR OWN RESEARCH. THAT IS WHY WE KNOW MORE THAN THE GENERAL PUBLIC".

2 NEW COLUMNISTS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE MUFON JOURNAL. THEY ARE UFO-NUKES EXPERT ROBERT HASTINGS; AND PETER DAVENPORT, DIRECTOR OF THE NUFORC. BOTH ARE WELL KNOWN INTERNATIONALLY IN UFO CIRCLES AND CONSISTENTLY PRODUCE SUPERIOR WORK.

STANTON FRIEDMAN WROTE AN INTERESTING ARTICLE ABOUT COMPARING SETI TO UFOS. "DO THE SETI PEOPLE REALLY BELIEVE THAT RECEIVING, IDENTIFYING, DECODING AND PUBLICIZING A RADIO SIGNAL WOULD CHANGE EVERYTHING? FAR MORE LIKELY TO CHANGE EVERYTHING WOULD BE AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT "VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES HAVE COLLECTED INFORMATION CLEARLY ESTABLISHING THAT INTELLIGENT ALIENS HAVE BEEN VISITING EARTH FOR A LONG TIME, THAT GOVERNMENTS HAVE RECOVERED ALIEN BODIES AND WRECKAGE OF ALIEN CRAFT AND MET WITH SOME ALIEN VISITORS".

ROBERT HASTINGS REPORTS THAT OVER THE PAST 39 YEARS, HE HAS INTERVIEWED MORE THAN 130 FORMER OR RETIRED U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO WERE INVOLVED IN UFO INCIDENTS AT ICBM LAUNCH FACILITIES, WEAPONS STORAGE DEPOTS, STRATEGIC BOMBER BASES, OR ATMOSPHERIC TEST SITES IN NEVADA AND THE PACIFIC. HE STATES IN CONCLUSION, EX-MILITARY PERSONNEL IN BOTH THE U.S. AND THE FORMER U.S.S.R. HAVE REPORTED SHOCKING INCIDENTS OF UFO ACTIVITY AT NUCLEAR MISSILE SITES DURING THE COLD WAR ERA.