



Colorado MUFON Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM THE STATE DIRECTOR



Anniversary and I have just returned from two weeks in Europe. We are happy but not rested. Prior to our departure, we were both promoted to new positions within MUFON International. Anniversary was named the Case Assistance Group (CAG) Director. The CAG Director acts as the State Director for U.S. states that do not have an appointed State Director. In this role, Anniversary assigns and reviews cases for these states, working with a team of highly skilled field investigators who handle cases in states where they do not reside. It is a significant role with substantial responsibility. Remarkably, Anniversary organized herself and learned the position while we were on our annual vacation.

In addition to her new role, Anniversary remains actively involved in multiple capacities: she is a field investigator, a trainer, a member of the Experienter Resource Team, the Star Team, and the Case Management System team, as well as the Colorado Membership Director. She enjoys each of these responsibilities. Congratulations to Anniversary on this well-deserved promotion to CAG Director!

MUFON has also created a new position within its corporate hierarchy: Regional Director. This role reports to the Director of Investigations and serves to support the State Directors within a given region. I applied for this position over six months ago, and, just before our vacation, MUFON announced the new Regional Directors. I am honored to have been selected for the Northwest Region, which includes Colorado. This new role is in addition to my responsibilities as Colorado State Director, a field investigator, the Case Management System team lead, a Star Team member, and a Photo Analysis Team member.

Some may think that both Anniversary and I are taking on too much responsibility. However, we are retired, and we approach our various roles within MUFON as one multifaceted job. Yes, our volunteer work can take up to ten hours a day, but not every day. We find deep gratification in the work we do for MUFON and are dedicated to its mission: "The scientific study of UFO phenomena for the benefit of mankind." We believe our work with MUFON is part of our life's mission.

If anyone reading this feels called to fulfill their own UFO mission, consider joining the MUFON team as a field investigator. It is the most rewarding role we have within MUFON. Becoming a field investigator requires membership in MUFON International and the purchase of the Field Investigator Handbook. Part of the fee supports MUFON University tuition. The exam, an open-book test of 100 multiple-choice questions, takes about five hours to complete. A passing score of 80% or higher is required. Upon passing, candidates complete some paperwork, and MUFON conducts a background check. Once cleared, candidates are appointed as Field Investigator Trainees, working with a mentor on their first five cases.

There are plenty of volunteer opportunities within MUFON. Each volunteer can write their own career path. One can do whatever job they want and find gratification with any position within the organization. It all starts with field investigation. Please speak with Seth, Anniversary or Nancy for further information or go to MUFON.com to become a field investigator. If you have an interest in volunteering with Colorado MUFON in some capacity other than a field investigator, speak with any board member. Have a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Chanuka and every other holiday celebrated this season. Peace and-- ***Disclosure, please.***




You are invited!

Out of This World Holiday Party

Get ready to blast off into the festive season with Colorado MUFON's Annual Holiday Party, Potluck, and Silent Auction! ✨

When: Saturday December 14, 2024 at 1:00 PM


Where: 7272 S Eagle St, Centennial, CO.

 **What:** A cosmic celebration filled with UFO chatter, tasty treats, and a chance to give back!


 **Highlights:**

 **Exciting 2024 Colorado UFO Case Stories!**

 **Reconnect with fellow UFO enthusiasts.**

 **Join the Silent Auction fun to raise funds for 2025 events—donate a UFO-themed item! Think books, art, mugs, posters, DVDs, or your favorite quirky knickknack.**

 **What to Bring:**

 **Potluck goodies! Bring hors d'oeuvres, a main dish, side dish, or dessert to share. Colorado MUFON is providing a giant sub sandwich, drinks (water, coffee, tea, soda), chips, and all the utensils.**

Please RSVP!

Email Rich Evans at r.evans@comufon.org to let him know what you'll bring.

Let's make this a holiday event that's truly out of this world! 🛸 ✨



UFO Buzz!

2024

UFO Orb Over New York: A Big Apple Mystery

New Yorkers are used to surprises, but a speedy blue orb zipping across the Hudson River had even the most skeptical Manhattanites craning their necks! Captured by a helicopter camera, this glowing anomaly raced over the city at high speed, sparking a frenzy of theories. Was it a secret drone? A clever optical illusion? Or perhaps... a visitor from afar?

<https://www.wionews.com/world/ufo-or-illusion-news-chopper-accidentally-captures-orb-flying-over-manhattan-778169>

Near Miss With a UFO: Danger in the Skies?

A commercial plane flying near New York had a "too-close-for-comfort" encounter with a UFO this month. The Pentagon later confirmed the near miss, describing the object as a mysterious cylindrical craft. Out of 757 UFO cases reported in the past year, this is the only one flagged as a safety issue. It seems that even the skies over the Atlantic Ocean aren't immune to a little alien intrigue!

<https://nypost.com/2024/11/15/us-news/commercial-plane-had-near-miss-with-ufo-near-new-york-pentagon/>

UFO Sightings on the Rise: What's Going On?

The Pentagon's All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO) has been busy—757 new UFO reports flooded in between May 2023 and June 2024! While many sightings turned out to be balloons, drones, or birds, a significant number remain unexplained. Looks like the skies are busier than ever, and we're all left wondering: what else is out there?

<https://apnews.com/article/ufos-extraterrestrials-aliens-pentagon-congress-5638be273b753253713a478546849e46>

Congress Wants UFO Transparency

In Washington, D.C., the push for UFO disclosure is in full swing. Senators, led by Chuck Schumer, are advocating for the release of declassified UFO files. Could 2024 be the year we finally learn the truth about alleged non-human intelligence and mysterious recoveries?

2024 has proven that we're living in fascinating times, where the skies hold secrets we've yet to uncover. Keep looking up—because you never know what you might see!





OTHER NEWS YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED IN 2024

In 2024, the field of astronomy witnessed several groundbreaking discoveries that have significantly advanced our understanding of the universe. Here are some of the most extraordinary findings:

1. Discovery of a 'Super-Earth' in the Habitable Zone

An international team of scientists identified a "super-Earth" orbiting the M4 star TOI-715, located approximately 137 light-years away. This exoplanet, about 1.5 times the size of Earth, resides within the star's habitable zone, where conditions may allow for liquid water—a key ingredient for life. The discovery was detailed in a January 2024 publication in the Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society.

2. Detection of an Earth-Sized Exoplanet Around an Ultra-Cool Dwarf Star

Astronomers discovered an Earth-sized exoplanet orbiting the ultra-cool dwarf star SPECULOOS-3. This finding is significant as it adds to the growing list of potentially habitable planets around low-mass stars, offering new avenues for studying planetary formation and habitability. The research was published in Nature Astronomy in May 2024.

3. James Webb Space Telescope's First Exoplanet Confirmation

NASA's James Webb Space Telescope confirmed its first exoplanet, LHS 475 b, a rocky, Earth-sized planet orbiting a red dwarf star approximately 41 light-years away in the constellation Octans. This milestone demonstrates Webb's capability to identify and study Earth-sized exoplanets, paving the way for future explorations of potentially habitable worlds
<https://webbtelescope.org/>

4. First Direct Imaging of a Phenomenon in the Serpens Nebula

For the first time, astronomers using the James Webb Space Telescope's Near-Infrared Camera (NIRCam) captured direct images of a phenomenon in the Serpens Nebula. This observation provides new insights into star formation processes and the early stages of stellar evolution.
<https://webbtelescope.org/>

5. Discovery of the Slowest-Spinning Neutron Star

In June 2024, astronomers identified ASKAP J1935+2148, the slowest-spinning neutron star ever recorded, completing a rotation once every 54 minutes. This discovery challenges existing models of neutron star behavior and offers a unique opportunity to study the physics of these dense stellar remnants.
<https://www.earth.com/news/slow-spinning-neutron-star-completely-defies-our-expectations/>

6. Return of Lunar Samples from the Far Side of the Moon

China's Chang'e 6 mission successfully landed on the lunar far side in June 2024, collecting 2 kg of lunar soil and rock samples. The spacecraft returned these samples to Earth, marking the first time material from the Moon's far side has been brought back for analysis, providing valuable data on the Moon's composition and history.
<https://www.npr.org/2024/06/24/nx-s1-5015208/china-return-first-ever-sample-return-moon-far-side>



COMUFON FIRST ANNUAL PHOTO FORENSICS BOOTCAMP



This inaugural event will be held May 16-18, 2025, in Cripple Creek, Colorado at the four-star Chamonix Casino Hotel Resort.

MUFON Photo Analysis Team (PAT) members will teach the advanced arts of photo forensics to MUFON field investigators in good standing. The training will include hands on work with practical applications.

To register and for more information, visit our website at COMUFON.org

Not a field investigator, but think you might be interested in becoming one?

Contact Colorado MUFON at info@comufon.org.



JOIN THE QUEST FOR THE TRUTH: BECOME A COLORADO MUFON FIELD INVESTIGATOR



Colorado MUFON is looking for Field Investigators to join our team and dive into one of the most exciting adventures on Earth—investigating UFO sightings! As a Field Investigator, you'll be on the frontlines, uncovering the mysteries behind UFOs, and joining one of the world's top UFO research groups. If you're curious, love exploring new things, and want to be part of something amazing, this could be your big chance!

Why Become a MUFON Field Investigator?

Be a Part of Real Science: As a Field Investigator, your work goes straight into MUFON's huge database, one of the world's best sources of UFO info. You'll help us all understand UFOs better and play a role in real scientific research!

Learn Cool New Skills: MUFON will train you on how to interview witnesses, check out evidence, and write up reports. These skills aren't just for UFOs—they can also make you feel confident in other areas of your life!

Join a Worldwide Community: MUFON has members in over 40 countries, so you'll connect with others who love UFOs just like you. You'll get to share stories and even team up on investigations, making friends from all over the world.

Explore the Unknown: Ever wonder what's out there when you look up at the night sky? This is your chance to be part of the search for answers. Every investigation is a new adventure, and who knows what you might discover!

Do You Have What It Takes?

Curiosity and Open-Mindedness: You're excited to explore the unknown!

Attention to Detail: You're good at looking closely and taking careful notes.

Communication Skills: You'll need to chat with witnesses and write reports that clearly explain what you find.

Commitment: Investigating UFOs takes about 6 hours a month, and it's worth every minute!

How to Get Started

To begin, you'll need to:

Become a MUFON International member.

Buy the Field Investigator Manual for training.

Study, take the test, and pass a background check.

Complete courses at MUFON University.

Work with experienced investigators to tackle your first five cases and get certified!



BOOK REVIEW

CHOSEN

From the Alien Hybrid Program to the Fate of the Planet

By

Yvonne Smith C.HT. & James P. Lough

Reviewed by Anniversary Feinstein

Yvonne Smith graduated from the California Hypnosis Motivation Institute as a Certified Hypnotherapist. Initially, she worked with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) victims. Many of her patients revealed a pattern of Alien Abduction or Close Encounter experiences. In 1992, she founded the Close Encounter Research Organization (CERO) to help her patients recover from trauma through group therapy. She has traveled worldwide, lecturing about her findings at American universities, conferences, and international events across Europe and South America. She has made numerous television appearances on well-known programs and has been a guest on several radio shows. She is also an author and has served as a consultant to producers, directors, and actors for alien contact-related films and television programs.

James Lough lives in rural California with his wife and mother. He has two children. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. In 1979, he earned his Juris Doctor degree from Southwest University School of Law, where he was a member of the Law Review. In 1980, he received his Master of Laws in Urban Studies from Washington University School of Law. He is a member of the California State Bar. Since 1980, he has served as a City Attorney, County Counsel, and Special Counsel for local governments throughout California. He is an author and has published numerous articles in various legal publications. He also co-edited the Municipal Law Handbook, published by the League of California Cities.

First, it is important to acknowledge the nine contactees who were brave enough to share this very personal and controversial aspect of their lives. Yvonne excels at avoiding assumptions or interpreting the experiences of her patients. She shares verbatim transcripts of the sessions she conducted with each individual. The experiencers express, in their own words, their memories and the impact these experiences—and the process of remembering—have had on their lives. This book focuses on the hybrid program and the messages received by the experiencers. It appears that the beings primarily involved in the hybrid program are greys. However, it is essential to remember that the experiences covered in this book are only a sampling of encounters occurring across the planet. This book does not focus on why these experiences are happening but rather on what is happening. It is written in a way that prompts readers to reflect on their own thoughts and feelings about what they are reading.

The second half of the book emphasizes that something significant is going to happen soon. Messages have been received by many experiencers; however, they do not have specifics about what the event will be or when it will occur. All the experiencers know is that they will play a part in it. They are left with the understanding that they have a mission and will learn the details when the time is right.

This is a book for experiencers and others who want to learn more about the contact experience. It is well-written and easy to follow, emphasizing the need to treat others better and encouraging readers to be more mindful of how we treat our planet. The contributors to this book are not seeking fame or fortune—they want to share a message that everyone has the right to know. The book is approximately 250 pages and is thought-provoking. On a scale of 1-5, I rate this book a 4.5.

Available for purchase on Amazon.

Dear COMUFON Members,

We want you to help bring our community closer together! Our newsletter is a platform for each of us to share insights, experiences, and the stories that fuel our passion for the unexplained. Whether you've had a sighting, witnessed an unusual phenomenon, or simply have thoughts on the latest in UAP research, we want to hear from you!

By contributing, you're not only enriching our collective knowledge, but you're also helping to build a stronger, more connected community of enthusiasts and researchers. Imagine the impact of your story, sparking curiosity, insights, and maybe even a few lively debates among fellow members!

Send us your articles, photos, theories, and reflections—no matter how big or small. Let's make this newsletter a vibrant showcase of what makes COMUFON so unique. Together, we'll continue to push the boundaries of knowledge and wonder.

Join the conversation, inspire others, and be a part of our shared journey. Your voice matters!

Looking forward to hearing from all of you,
The COMUFON Newsletter Team



REPORTED IN THE ANOMALIST

by
Bill Murphy



Note: This “News Roundup” summarizes Anomalist UFO-related articles from October 21 to November 26. It reflects my opinions and not necessarily those of others or any organizations to which I belong. For further information, contact me at murphybillufo@gmail.com!

This was a truly historic news cycle. On Wednesday, November 13, the House Oversight Committee Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation, along with the Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs, held a hearing titled “Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena: Exposing the Truth.” The four witnesses were Retired Rear Admiral Tim Gallaudet, chief whistleblower Luis Elizondo, journalist Michael Shellenberger, and former NASA (and Bigelow Aerospace) official Michael Gold. While many commentators lamented the lack of “new” information presented at the hearing, I would argue that it successfully achieved its primary objective: to formally place key testimony, given under oath, on record. There were several surprises and highlights, including Gallaudet’s complaint about being “browbeaten” by AARO staff during a meeting, Elizondo’s revelation that he had to sign a document restricting him from discussing “crash retrievals” beyond what was briefly mentioned in his book *Imminent*, and Shellenberger’s testimony about the secret Pentagon program called “Immaculate Constellation,” which we covered in a previous roundup. Additionally, Gold delivered an impassioned plea to enlist NASA and its already-stored information at low cost to help unravel the UFO mystery. Gold had advocated for this purpose at the first public meeting of the NASA Independent Study Team last year, but the agency has seemingly made no progress on UFO-related initiatives since its subsequent report. Before the hearing, Jeremy Corbell reportedly handed Chair Nancy Mace a 12-page copy of an anonymous “Immaculate Constellation” tell-all document. Interestingly, the cover page, identifying Corbell as the source, was missing by the time it was published on Mace’s website. Shellenberger’s anonymous source may have distributed copies of this document to several individuals. Notably, Micah Hanks has suggested that certain aspects of the “Immaculate Constellation” document have the hallmarks of a potential disinformation campaign.

On November 14 th AARO released its Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Report. The Report didn’t receive much animated commentary, though John Greenewald noted its emphasis on UAP reports being “critical to national security” and that every sighting gets “a systematic, data-driven analysis.” Besides the rising report numbers and a section on “GREMLIN,” the deployable “UFO- Hunting” aerial surveillance system, the Report emphasized efforts to reduce reporting stigma and improve transparency. Micah Hanks noted flight safety issues and of unknowns “shadowing” U.S. planes—when elsewhere in the Report AARO denies proof of “foreign adversary” involvement. In a press “roundtable” that same day Dr. Jon Kosloski admitted some reports feature antics that he cannot, and probably no one he knows, can explain.

The November 19th Senate Armed Services Committee Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities hearing “To Receive Testimony on the Activities of the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office” markedly differed from the House version. To begin with, there was some confusion right up to the day whether the hearing would be totally open or partly closed. The open session had just two questioners and one witness—this time new AARO head Kosloski was on the “hot seat”—and it was probably not painful at all. The hearing was partly a high-level recap of the November 14 th press

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Roundtable Summary and Recent Developments in UFO News: In a 35-minute open hearing, both Senators Kirsten Gillibrand and Joni Ernst reiterated key points that they wanted the American public and others to hear. AARO's Sean Kirkpatrick's statements also included significant updates. Among the highlights, Kirkpatrick claimed AARO had "resolved" three cases: the 2015 GOFAST video, the 2013 Aguadilla, Puerto Rico video, and a supposed Mt. Etna volcanic plume "fly-through" that reportedly never occurred. Discussions are ongoing regarding AARO's resolutions of GOFAST and Aguadilla, as well as three still-unresolved reports described by Kirkpatrick. There was also mention of AARO's plan to enable public reporting and provide feedback in the future.

Other UFOs and Government News: John Greenewald, through FOIA requests, obtained new information about the Army's collaboration with To The Stars Academy to test alleged non-human-intelligence craft material. The results leaned toward terrestrial origins. Greenewald also accessed UAP Task Force (UAPTF) briefing documents that challenge skeptics' dismissals of the potential "operational threat" posed by UAP to aviation safety and national security, while highlighting the stigma surrounding UFO reporting. Micah Hanks compiled notable statements from former AARO Director Sean Kirkpatrick and AAWSAP head James Lacatski, suggesting that some of the information presented by whistleblowers might be part of a disinformation campaign, despite their good faith. Last December's drone incursions gained renewed significance, with further attention drawn to the November 20th overflights of three military bases in England. Defense analyst Marik von Rennenkampff posited that the U.S. government has recently shifted away from its nearly 80-year stance of "official obfuscation, derision, and ridicule" of UFOs. While Hanks noted skepticism from the President-elect, he suggested that many candidates for the next administration seem more favorable to "UFO openness," though it is unlikely that UAP will become a central focus for the incoming administration. Christopher Sharp reported that the CIA and DoD conducted a "decades-long retrieval, tracking, and exploitation of UFOs," including the 1933 Italian "Magenta Craft." Although some view the Magenta case as an MJ-12-style disinformation effort, it played a role in David Grusch's July 2023 testimony.

Additional UFO News: Canadian MP Larry Maguire has encouraged Canadians to sign a UAP Transparency Petition, as Canada lags behind the U.S. in governmental interest in anomalous aerial objects. Harvard's Avi Loeb shared initial results from the privately funded Galileo Project's "Dalek" sky searcher initiative. The Canadian Royal Mounted Police reportedly found wreckage "along the shores of Lake Huron" in early March 2023, potentially linked to the February 12, 2023, Lake Huron incident involving one of the objects downed following the Chinese spy balloon uproar. However, FOIA requests related to the recovery leave questions unanswered. On October 22nd, a milestone in UFO history was marked with the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the National UFO Historical Records Center at Rio Rancho, New Mexico, on the grounds of Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School. This partnership between premier UFO archives and a forward-thinking public school system is reportedly the first initiative of its kind. In Europe, Spain announced a new UAP investigation panel, though Swiss military interest in UFOs appears negligible despite intriguing cases. Filmmaker Mark Christopher Lee has urged King Charles to request a UFO briefing. While the English monarch's interest remains unclear, Lee has chronicled the Royal Family's historical curiosity about UFOs.

We recently learned of the passing of **Chris O'Brien** due to a heart attack. Known for his decades-long research into cattle mutilations, O'Brien was also instrumental in establishing instrumented UFO research efforts. His contributions to the field will be remembered.



FIELD INVESTIGATOR'S CORNER

CASE 138900

On November 12, 2020, at approximately 10:23 PM local time in Walsenburg, Colorado (Huerfano County), a witness reported an unexplained event involving lights, objects, and orbs. The duration of the sighting was about three minutes and five seconds. The witness described observing a light that appeared to change direction and hover at an altitude over 500 feet, though under cloud cover. The object's flight path included directional changes, and it was last seen heading southwest. The object

reportedly glowed and emitted light but displayed no distinct features, such as windows or appendages. It had a reflective surface and was primarily white, though other colors were not ruled out.

No sound was reported during the event, and no landing or physical trace evidence was observed. The object was approximately aspirin-sized in appearance, with the actual size remaining unknown. Its structural features and precise shape were indeterminate, though it appeared to have an outline. The incident occurred under calm weather conditions, with no significant environmental factors like wind or precipitation. The witness did not report any physical or psychological effects or interaction with the object.

Field Investigator Notes: The witness provided photographic evidence for analysis, but a review of the metadata showed it to be either corrupted or nonexistent. The photos had been copied from the witness's Facebook account, where they had been uploaded approximately two years earlier, and the original source files were unavailable. Despite these limitations, the witness's testimony was compelling and appeared truthful. The witness demonstrated no intention to exaggerate or sensationalize the event and seemed unfamiliar with UFO phenomena, indicating a lack of awareness of the potential significance of the photographs.

The photographic analysis revealed several observations. The images showed four lights at the rear and one at the tip of what appeared to be a triangular object. An energy field surrounding the object suggested the possibility of a non-terrestrial propulsion system. Adjustments to the images indicated signs of enhancement and editing, and both photos displayed evidence of recompression. The metadata could not authenticate the images' originality.

The event, initially misdated, occurred on December 22, 2022, at approximately 10:40 PM. The witness observed a triangular object with a rectangular, illuminated bottom and a "steeple-like" top. The object emitted a visible energy field and moved northward before coming to a complete stop, hovering for 20 to 25 seconds. It then accelerated vertically at an extraordinary speed and disappeared. The motion of the craft exceeded the capabilities of any known terrestrial technology, with rapid directional changes, mid-air suspension, and an acceleration rate unmatched by current aerospace advancements.

The photographs, despite their flaws, appeared to depict a structured craft with notable details. Analysis suggested that the two images captured the object from slightly different angles, confirming that they were not identical. The witness, described as quiet, humble, and uninterested in attention, had no prior involvement with MUFON and only became aware of the organization through a personal contact. Their lack of technical expertise made it highly unlikely that the images had been intentionally manipulated. Furthermore, the level of detail captured by the cell phone camera under the given conditions was impressive.

While the photographic evidence presents significant challenges due to its compromised nature and the lack of verifiable metadata, the testimony and circumstantial evidence support the classification of this sighting as an **Unknown Aerial Vehicle (UAV)**. This conclusion would remain unchanged even if the photos were of higher quality.

This case highlights the importance of proper evidence handling and the limitations of analyzing material obtained from social media platforms. Despite its shortcomings, the case provides a valuable learning opportunity, emphasizing the need for rigorous analysis and thoughtful consideration of witness accounts. While the photos themselves may not gain credibility, the event remains a compelling instance of unexplained aerial phenomena, offering insights into the investigative process and the complexities of studying UFO sightings.

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COMUFON BOARD MEETINGS

Colorado MUFON Board quarterly meetings are held at 7272 S Eagle St. in Centennial, CO. All members of COMUFON are welcome to attend these meetings. Copies of the minutes can be obtained by emailing Rich Evans, Secretary, at r.evans@comufon.org

COMUFON Field Investigator meetings take place from 12:00 to 12:45 on the second Saturday of the month at 7272 S Eagle St, Centennial, CO. Field Investigators and anyone interested in becoming an FI are welcome!

