MORE QUESTIONS ANSWERED

When did UFOs first appear? Probably they've always been with us. But for certain, they first appeared in newspaper records during World War II. They were called “foo fighters.” Then in 1946, there were the “Swedish ghost rockets.” Then Kenneth Arnold saw his saucers in Washington on June 24, 1947, and the rest is history.

Is the Roswell Incident real? Yes, and it is UFO alien related. Your government continues to cover up its involvement in the crash and recovery of alien artifacts during the Roswell Incident in July 1947.

Who takes UFOs seriously? Your government does—in secret. Publicly, it is just citizen-supported groups like MUFON. And, of course, Hollywood type entertainers like Steven Spielberg because they have figured out how to make money out of people's interest in the subject. About anywhere from 10 to 30 percent of us take UFOs seriously, but we interested ones usually are not part of the elites who run our country.

Isn't there any official, public organization in our society that takes UFOs seriously? No. Not the federal, state, or local governments. Not the corporate world. Not the world of official religious establishments. Not the academic establishment. No one officially in the U.S. France does publicly, however.

Who sees UFOs? No particular class, race, creed, religion, ethnic group, or any other group of people. We don’t know if babies see them. But they can’t talk! Sometimes very young children have seen them, however.

Are you sure there isn’t something that sets UFO experiencers apart from the rest of us? There is one thing, possibly. Many people who experience UFOs may be more psychically sensitive than the rest of us. It’s that transpersonal world thing again. Oh, and one thing a skeptic’s study of UFO percipients and experiencers finds is that they are a little smarter that the average person!

How many UFOs are seen each year? No one knows or even has a good estimate. But we’ll try. Using MUFON’s UFO report numbers and extrapolating for the world and taking around 25% of “real” reports as genuine UFOs, we get over 100,000 sightings a year.

Have any scientists and scholars studied UFOs long-term? Yes. But not many. Something like 20 to 30 have even written books about their studies. They all conclude UFOs are real except for a few debunker scientists. The very first scientist to write a book about UFOs was a debunker, Donald Menzel, and he had ties to the U.S. intelligence establishment. But this makes sense because our government and military knew UFOs were real in the 1940s because of WWI’s foo fighters (UFOs) and because of the Roswell Incident. Menzel set the tone for scientists about UFOs from the beginning: UFOs are bunkum. Except they aren’t!

Why don’t more scientists and scholars study UFOs? They have to be very careful about their reputations, so they are really shy about associating with the UFO subject. Also, there are no normal sources of funding to study UFOs. This is different from almost all other subjects. (Actually, all paranormal subjects suffer this fate.) Besides, the U.S. government concluded officially in the “scientific” Condon study in 1968 to 1970 that there was nothing to UFOs. (This study was orchestrated by U.S. intelligence to get the conclusion it wanted: Academics, stay away from UFOs!)

Affiliated With MUFON

Oregon MUFON is the local Oregon chapter of MUFON. Our parent organization is “dedicated to the scientific study of UFOs for the benefit of humanity.” MUFON is the largest UFO investigative organization in the U.S. It publishes a monthly journal and carries out UFO investigations in all fifty states and in a number of countries around the world.

Oregon MUFON Meetings

We have meetings every second Tuesday of the month in Portland, Oregon. Some months we have speakers, but mostly we talk about recent investigations and seek to educate our audience in how to do investigations and think critically about UFOs and UFO sightings. About half of our investigations turn into IFOs, hoaxes, or insufficient data cases. We encourage roundtable discussion in the audience if there is time. People do like to yak about UFOs!

Be An Investigator

Oregon MUFON needs you to be an investigator. If you are diligent, honest, and truly curious about UFOs, you are a good candidate. If you liked study and investigative work (as in the sciences) in high school or college, you are a good candidate. If you can write up a decent report, you are a good candidate. Warning: Not just anyone can be a MUFON investigator, you must pass the MUFON investigator test with 80% or better! Join us as we add our little bit to the large amount of accumulated UFO knowledge from those who came before us.

Donate to MUFON

Because of the climate of ridicule and derision that envelops the UFO and because of the official avoidance by the U.S. government and establishment people in our society, UFOs are a hard sell when it comes to getting funding of any kind from any source. Be a friend of UFO investigation and donate what you can to MUFON. If you are flush, we really need your bucks!

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Most of the battle with UFOs is combating general ignorance among the public, but especially among establishment people. The best information is still in books about the Internet. There are over 1500 books in English about UFOs. But how do you tell the bad ones from the good ones? It is not easy. To help you, we have created oregonmufon.com with education as our primary goal. Check out the information up on the site today. If it is the truth about UFOs as far as it is publicly known at this time that you are after, then oregonmufon- com is for you.

Paranormal Pub

Since May 2015, Oregon MUFON has been collaborating with McMenamins brew pub company in an effort to stimulate discussion of paranormal topics, of which UFOs are one. Each month, our speakers present a paranormal topic at the Mission Theater in NW Portland. Come see us. Details are at oregonmufon.com and mcmenamins- com.

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Some Oregon UFO Cases: Mostly New

The Trent Photos. Oregon’s most famous case. Paul Trent, a farmer in McMinnville, Oregon, in 1956, saw a classic, disk-shaped UFO and managed to get two photos of it. His wife also saw the UFO. They gained brief notoriety and even appeared on TV, but they managed to keep their compusre through it all. The Trents continued to live in McMinnville and died only recently, never changing their story. The negatives today are in the possession of McMinnville News-Register publisher Jeb Bladine.

The Appaloosa Way UFO. Oregon MUFON’s own Assistant State Director, Keith Rowell, videotaped six seconds of a red, white, and blue clustered UFO right in front of his house on September 24, 2006, in broad daylight in the afternoon. His camcorder stopped after six seconds—a dead battery. He ran back in the house to get his Canon Rebel XT with telephoto, but the UFO was gone from the clear blue sky. The total duration of the sighting was about 30 seconds with six seconds of videotape.

The Modoc Road UFO in the Clouds. Karen and Richard Brown (pseudonyms) were driving along Modoc Road near Medford, March 20, 2007, when Karen spotted and videotaped nine seconds of a UFO moving very slowly along in the cloudy sky. A flash of brightness drew her eye to the object. The UFO varied in brightness along its structure as it moved in the sky. Karen zoomed all the way out to 40X and struggled to keep her camcorder steady in the bouncing vehicle. Fairly clear UFO videos of “craft-like” UFOs are somewhat rare. Much more common are nighttime videos of balls of light UFOs that have odd-like quality or strange maneuvering. In the UFO literature are occasional witness testimonies of balls of light UFO transforming into or out of “craft-like” UFOs. (Videotape image courtesy of Karen Brown.)

The Eastbank Esplanade Cigar UFO. On May 15, 2004, at about 2:30 PM, Sheila Woolcott (pseudonym) and a friend were biking on Portland’s Eastbank Esplanade near the north end. They spotted a dark, cigar-shaped UFO moving along just below the cloud level. Sheila used her Kodak Easyshare CX6330 digital camera to take two photos and one minute and 18 seconds of video. The sighting lasted around ten minutes. The UFO made a kind of loop and disappeared about where it first appeared. The UFO appeared just below the lowest deck of cloud cover, which was at about 3000 feet. The UFO was about 30 feet long. (Photo courtesy of Sheila Woolcott.)

The Astoria Hovering UFO. On December 30, 2005, at 6 AM, Elizabeth Walton (pseudonym) and her son and daughter-in-law were driving to the Portland International Airport along Highway 30 about eight miles east of Astoria. They all saw at tree-top level a hovering, classic flying saucer brilliantly lit up and lighting up the surrounding area. They slowed down some to get a good look at it during their brief sighting of about 10 seconds or so. They all agreed it had “windows” on top, which were brilliantly lit up from inside. It was silent (not like a helicopter that close) and was either stationary or moving very slowly. (Drawing courtesy of Elizabeth Walton. Drawing by her son.)

Salem Low-Flying Triangle Case. Jackie Miller and her husband Mike (pseudonyms), Salem area school teachers, both saw a low-level triangle of brilliant, strobing, circulating, white lights flying slowly and noisily downtown Salem on January 27, 2007, at about 6:40 PM for 15 minutes. They were about 1.5 miles apart when she called home to alert him. He went outside and soon saw it. The UFO meandered over Minto Island and disappeared to the north. At least two other adults with some children saw this UFO.

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