



WA MUFON Investigative Team



Each issue profiles a member of our award-winning investigative team.

Robbie "Fitz" Fitzgerald, Field investigator. Fitz is originally from NY State, but has lived in Asia and Europe. He has been married to his childhood sweetheart for 37 years. They have one Daughter and two Grandsons who live in Eastern Washington.

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What is MUFON?

MUFON is a non-profit volunteer organization established in 1969. It is the world's oldest and largest UFO Investigative and Research organization comprised of individuals who seek the truth about UFOs.

MUFON's Goals

- Investigate UFO sightings and collect data for use of researchers worldwide.
- Promote research on UFOs to discover the true nature of the phenomenon.



Fitz started his military career in the US Army as an infantryman, but later switched to the US Air Force. While serving at McChord AFB he was recruited into the Office of Special Investigations (OSI) and became a Special Agent. The work was “interesting” to say the least and this is where Fitz developed a passion for investigating UFOs. After his OSI time Fitz moved back to Washington and has been in the private security industry ever since and manages a staff at a local college.

For several years Fitz ran a team of volunteer investigators working on recovering the still missing victims of Gary Ridgway, also known as the Green River Killer. He has spent hundreds of hours in phone interviews with him and about 27 hours locked in a cell doing in person interviews in an effort to locate more of his victims. This was both rewarding and very trying.

Fitz’s hobbies include amateur radio, photography, and hiking. He now splits his time between Eastern and Western Washington, and will retire soon to the east side where he will dedicate more time to UFO research.

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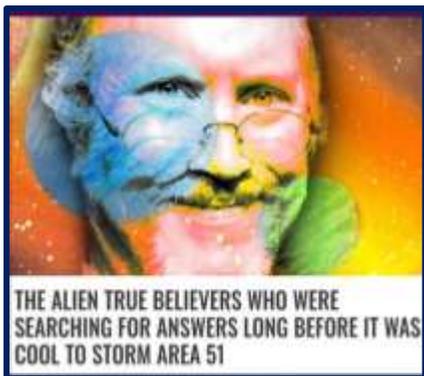
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WA MUFON online events via Zoom conferencing, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. PST

December 19, 2020. **Earl Gray Anderson**, Southern California MUFON Assistant State Director, Chief Investigator, and STAR Team Member will discuss both his personal experiences and encounters with UFOs and his family’s history of UFO encounters. Earl inherited his obsession with UFOs from his mother, Betty Grace Anderson, who was one of two personal secretaries for Howard Hughes. Her work required security clearances. She confided in her young son about the deep underground military base she worked in for much of the 1950s, talked about extraterrestrial life with authority, and often mentioned that we’re not alone in the universe and the government has been aware of this for some time.



Earl will also highlight several of the most interesting cases filed in the So Cal MUFON database in the years he has been an investigator.

Earl has been a guest on multiple radio shows and podcasts, and was featured on The Travel Channel special, 'Storming Area 51'.

Reminder emails and registration information will be sent before the event.

For more information about the event, click on WA MUFON's website at www.wamufon.org or Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MUFON.WASHINGTON/>

2021 Special events calendar:

January 16. Dr. Irena Scott, a lifelong experiencer, UFO researcher, MUFON consultant in physiology and astronomy and Field Investigator, will talk about balls of light and numerous other events of high strangeness that she has experienced and researched.

Dr. Scott's UFO publications include numerous articles in the MUFON Journal, International UFO Reporter, and is the author of several books, including *Inside the Lightning Ball – Scientific Study of Lifelong UFO Experiencers* and *UFOs Today: 70 Years of Lies, Misinformation and Government Cover-Up*.

She takes a scientific approach to UFO phenomena and has published papers about UFO data in peer-reviewed scientific journals. As a MUFON Director of Publications, Dr. Scott co-edited eight symposium proceedings and several of the most important MUFON publications.

February 20. Rob Freeman and Mark McNabb are 'UFO World Explorers' with a mission to make and maintain contact with higher ETs, ITs, and ABs in whatever way is safe for all of us. Through journaling and documenting their journey, they strive to pass on their message to humankind, and to educate the next generation. Details TBA.

March 20. Preston Dennett is a noted MUFON field investigator, ghost hunter, paranormal researcher, and author of many books and articles on UFOs. Since he began investigating UFOs in 1986, Preston has interviewed hundreds of witnesses to compile his findings. Preston also has a YouTube site where he discusses his research. Details TBA.

April 17. Derrel Sims (Alien Hunter) is the world's leading expert on alien abductions. His 38+ years of field research has focused on physical evidence, which led to his groundbreaking discoveries of alien implants and alien fluorescence. As a former military police officer and CIA operative, Sims has unique insights into the alien organization which he believes functions similarly to an intelligence agency. Details TBA.

May 15. Linda Zimmerman is the author of over 30 books, a popular speaker, has made numerous appearances on television and radio, and starred in an award-winning documentary based on her book, *In the Night Sky: Hudson Valley UFO Sightings from the 1930s to the Present*. Details TBA.

June 19. TBA.

July 17. Calvin Parker, author of *Pascagoula-The Closest Encounter: My Story*, will talk about the close encounter he and his friend, Charles Hickson, experienced in 1973. Details TBA.

July 23rd -25th. International MUFON Symposium, Las Vegas, NV. "UAPs: Military and Government Witnesses Speak OUT!" For more information, see MUFON's online site.

Anomalies Podcast. Controversial Science Anomalies Podcast hosted by WA MUFON's own Dan Hall, and David Jinks.

Strange Harbor -We talk about the weird! [This is a](#) terrestrial radio program featuring extra-terrestrial topics like UFO's, cryptozoology, NDE (near death experience), ghosts, conspiracy and more.

Strange Harbor airs Sundays at 4PM on **1450 AM** and **100.5 FM** KBKW. Cherie De Sues and Johnny Manson interview local and well-known researchers, witnesses and experiencers on topics like UFO's, alien abduction, near death experiences, ghosts, cryptozoology, conspiracies and other "strange" topics.

Triangle UFOs in Eastern Washington by Dan Nims, Chief investigator



*My UFO has three corners, three corners has my UFO.
And had it not three corners, it would not be my UFO.*

Triangle UFOs have been a significant aspect of the UFO story almost from the beginning. Lights in the sky and orbs are the most reported form of UFO. Next to them, triangle UFOs are the most commonly reports shape of UFO, even more so than the traditional disk or saucer shape. There have been several significant triangle UFO cases and outbreaks over the years.

The famous Hudson Valley UFO outbreak took place from 1980-1984. These sightings lasted for more than over five years, and attracted the attention of famous UFO investigator, J. Allen Hynek. Hynek estimated that at least 5000 people witnessed the chevron or triangular shaped craft estimated to be a football field in width. One sighting placed the craft hovering over the Indian Point nuclear reactor. Some credited it with resolving a potential serious nuclear incident.

The Belgium UFO outbreak occurred from late 1989 into 1990. Over 143 ground observers, including several police officers, saw the triangles. They were also tracked by numerous NATO ground radar stations. F-16s were launched to intercept the objects, but despite air-to-air radar lock-ons, they were never able to close near enough to get visual contact.

The Phoenix Lights incident is considered by many to be the greatest UFO sighting ever. It appeared as a V-shaped row of bright lights along the front edge of a dark triangular vehicle. The craft was seen by thousands, including the Governor of Arizona, and photographed by hundreds and videotaped by dozens as it cruised at low altitude from Northern Arizona, down across Phoenix, and was last seen passing over Tucson.

While triangle cases over Eastern Washington have not been as spectacular as these, they have been persistent. The trend began with case 111062. Although it was reported this year, the sighting actually occurred on cold winter night in 2018 at a remote cabin north of Spokane. The witnesses were enjoying their new Christmas hot tub when one glanced up at the dark clear starry sky and noted three lights moving above them. Then she realized that between the three lights the star field was blotted out. The craft was barely a couple hundred feet above them and the size

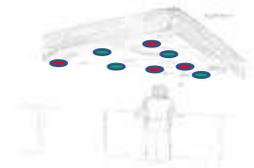


of a Boeing 747. It moved off silently to the north. Moments later a large helicopter swept in at treetop level and roared off to the north after it.

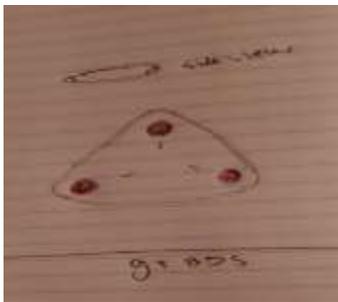
Case 107874 took place in April 2020 in Kennewick. One evening two witnesses observed three red lights on the corners of a dark triangular object. It flew by at an estimated speed of 25-30 mph at an altitude of less than 500 feet, less than a mile away from them to the south. The object flew by silently from west-to east.



Case 106039 occurred earlier in February 2020 east of Spokane. From her balcony, the witness observed a triangular shaped craft pass slowly by from west-to-east, just above the treetops and less than a quarter mile away. It had a large white light on the bottom center with a row of colored lights along the edge. The craft was estimated to be 100-300 feet wide, with a thick vertical edge. It moved off silently.

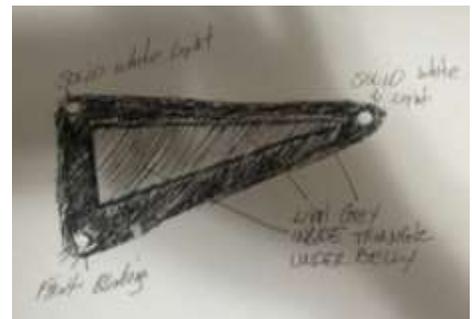


Case 110866 occurred in August 2020 in Deer Park, north of Spokane. The witnesses were out walking on a warm summer evening when they saw an object in the sky. It had an orange light on the front corner and red



lights on the back two corners. The surface of the craft had a shimmery metallic look, like liquid mercury, but solid. As it got closer, it pitched up and they could see that it was triangular in shape. It passed by above the tree tops and moving slowly and soundlessly. After it passed behind the barn, the primary witness ran into the house to get her husband. By the time they got back out, the object was gone from sight.

Case 111598 occurred in September 2020 in the Spokane Valley, the witness and his wife had been walking their dog on the grounds of a local school. As they got back in the car and were pulling out of the parking lot, his eye was drawn to a pattern of three lights in the early evening sky. He saw a triangle shaped object with flat vertical edges. It had three bright steady white lights on the corners. It was dark grey and he made out a slightly lighter grey triangle pattern on the bottom. He estimated the craft to be approximately 500 feet high and a quarter mile south of him. It appeared to be moving along in complete silence at around 40 mph from west-to-east. As it moved away, he noted it accelerated significantly.



Strangely this craft wasn't moving with the pointed end forward, but with one of the flat sides forward in the direction of travel. This characteristic was reported in some cases by David Marler in his definitive work on the topic, *Triangle UFOs, An Estimate of the Situation*.

All of the Washington cases were investigated by Dan Nims and closed as Unknown. Some of the significant traits of these sightings are: These triangular craft appeared to be flying at very low altitude, frequently barely above treetop height. They appear to be moving 25-40 mph, far too slow for typical aerodynamically supported vehicles, such as airplanes. They are silent with no sound of a propulsion source at all. Many of the sightings report a west-to-east route, as are many of the reports we have had in SE Washington in past years. As an old Air Force pilot, this suggests to Dan that some sort of training route runs across west to east across

Washington. The craft are consistently reported to be from 100 to 300 feet across. Not an insignificant size by any means.

In conclusion, Eastern Washington seems to be frequently visited by triangle shaped craft. Keep your eyes on the skies, and maybe we can figure out what attracts them to our beautiful state.

Space Race Fills the Skies of Earth-Commentary by Cherie De Sues

There is a quiet storm happening behind the scenes on our planet to reach the moon and beyond on a fast track. Within four years new spacecraft built by independent international companies will be ferrying between the moon and our ISS International Space Station according to Space.com and NASA. So, here's the news hot off the Space.com October 2020 press.

We are at last going to see our ISS International Space Station open to independent space companies who can build spacecraft and habitat modules to begin shuttling the citizens of Earth to the International Space Station, Moon and Mars.

According to the IAC, International Astronautical Congress, at the Oct. 13, 2020 conference held in Dubai a vote was counted. Members like private space companies, the European Space Agency (ESA) and the Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) with close NASA relationships, will begin new space projects for the ISS and space beyond. Some of the projects include manufacturing in space, research and creating habitats on the ISS for astronauts to establish bases on the moon and mars.

The FAA jumped onboard this year by cutting all the red tape for space flights by commercial companies. This leaves the door open for SpaceX and Axion to make space stations, spaceships, and habitat modules.

NASA chose the Houston-based company Axiom Space to build at least one habitable private module by the end of 2021 that will attach to the ISS for astronauts. This will act as a springboard for astronauts to shuttle to the moon and work on habitats.

Once built the Axion habitation module sent to the ISS would be the first of several space rooms to attach commercial users aboard the orbiting station. Axion then plans to begin creation of their own commercial space station in a low Earth orbit by 2024. The current Trump administration wants astronauts to touch down on the Moon's surface in 2024 during the Artemis 3 mission.

The timing is tight for Axion, but the ISS will be either out of service by that time or need the approval of the IAC partners to decide what to do with the massive station. Days ago, the ISS showed its age with an oxygen leak that the Russian cosmonauts took almost a year to find. NASA has stated that if the ISS is decommissioned, they want bits of ISS habitats to build on for the U.S. space station program. NASA is focused on getting their astronauts to and from Earth and on to the Moon and Mars.

A NASA spokesman stated, 'space agencies will need to deepen their relationships with commercial partners if the "new space" economy is to get going in earnest, but that is already starting to happen. NASA is already opening up the ISS to more commercial modules and soon, private astronauts.'

Does this all sound like the international partners and space community at large are working at warp speed to accomplish these goals? Yes, they are and there is a good reason for the rushed pace to set up commercial companies with a new space platform to begin landing on the moon with massive mining equipment, habitats, and storage facilities. If you're wondering why anyone would want to go to a dusty old rock with no oxygen you are not alone, but there is a pressing need to do just that.

According to the NASA California Institute of Technology JPL the moon holds hundreds of billions of dollars of untapped resources. The lunar soil has rare and crucial elements like water, Helium-3, and rare earth metals. The water found on the moon is vital for supporting life, agriculture and water can be converted into rocket fuel. The Helium-3 is sought for future developments in energy sectors like nuclear fusion.

The rare earth metals (REMs) like fifteen various lanthanide, scandium and yttrium are mandatory in modern electronics. Historically, 90% of the world's REM supply is produced by China, making the rest of the world space programs nervous. If that weren't a big nudge for independent space companies to get to the moon, the lunar surface is a literal gold mine of rich ores: copper, aluminum, iron, and REMs. These precious metals are necessary for spaceship components, smartphones, computers, and medical equipment.



China currently has the Chang'e 5 probe on the back side of the moon doing research, as IAC independent companies and nation space partners race to catch up. SpaceX is working on solving the issue of launch costs with reusable rockets. Others are developing projects to create an infrastructure before mining can begin and that could mean 3D printers. After these major tasks are overcome, the vast amounts of lunar soil will need a Helium-3 storage facility on the moon to process the ore.

Mining astronauts will oversee robot mining equipment and live inside a lunar base with the potential of long-term human presence. That is a tall order and will require a massive investment of time, money, and sacrifice. For those who worry about the moon's surface being scarred or possibly change its orbit, relax. The moon has 73q tons of mass and it would take 220m years to deplete 1% of the moon's mass. Not enough to cause a change in orbit or affect the gravitation that causes our tide changes on Earth.

Historically, MUFON field investigators investigate unidentified aerial phenomena from Earth. With the new commercial space companies using cameras and Forward-looking infrared (**FLIR**) cameras, typically used on military and civilian aircraft. We can expect these thermographic cameras that sense infrared radiation technologies to catch UFOs. Maybe our next assignment will be investigating sightings from space recordings.

Breaking News: Arecibo Observatory Collapses



The U.S.'s famed Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico suffered catastrophic failure of multiple massive suspension cables that sent a 900-ton equipment platform plummeting straight through the 305-meter radio dish that was Arecibo's heart, shattering it beyond repair. Engineers had warned the 900-ton platform suspended above the telescope's 305-metre-wide dish could fall at any moment, given one of the main cables supporting it had snapped in early November. Last month, the US National Science Foundation (NSF), which owns the observatory, had announced it would shut down the telescope permanently, citing safety concerns

over its instability, and damage too extensive to repair—bringing the Arecibo telescope's long and productive life to a sad end.

More Breaking News: Israel's former space chief claims aliens exist and Trump knows about it.

As if 2020 couldn't get weirder, the former head of Israel's space program, 87-year-old Haim Eshed, claims the US and Israeli governments are in touch with aliens and a "Galactic Federation" is already in existence. Eshed, who ran the Israeli space program for nearly 30 years, said humanity "isn't ready" to make contact with the alien civilization, who he claims had to intervene to prevent US President Donald Trump from "blurting out"



their secrets. Eshed made the comments to the Israeli newspaper, *Yediot Aharonot*, ahead of the publication of a new book entitled *The Universe Beyond the Horizon*, which deals with his claims about the existence of extraterrestrial intelligence.

"The aliens have asked not to announce that they are here [because] humanity is not ready yet. They have been waiting for humanity to evolve and reach a stage where we will generally understand what space and spaceships are. There's an agreement between the US government and the aliens. They signed a contract with us to do experiments here."

Eshed explained that the aliens have a base on Mars: "Trump was on the verge of revealing [the aliens' existence], but the aliens in the Galactic Federation are saying, 'Wait, let people calm down first.'"

Eshed explained that he had waited until now to make his claim because of the disbelief he would face. "If I had come up with what I'm saying today five years ago, I would have been hospitalized."

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