

my Personal side

By Craig Hastings



UAPs, (Unidentified Aerial Phenomena), UFOs (Unidentified Flying Object), refer to these flying aircraft however you chose but, the bottom line is that these sightings of strange craft in our skies have been kept secret from us for decades. An event on Capitol Hill on Wednesday of last week has changed the lie and hide policy of our government forever. A House Oversight subcommittee heard testimony from government whistleblowers. One witness, retired Major David Grusch, had been assigned to the National Reconnaissance Office, the agency that operates U.S. spy satellites. Grusch testified he did not have direct access to the little known UAP crash retrieval and reverse engineering program but did learn much about what the program has in its possession. When asked specifically about other life forms that may have been discovered, Grusch testified, after pausing briefly, the occupants are non-human. He went on to testify that the US government has in their possession both partially intact and fully intact vehicles from unknown worlds.

But why now? The answer is because sightings by more and more private citizens are being reported. Not only are these UAPs being seen but are also being easily recorded in some instances because everyone is carrying around their own video cameras today in the form of their cell phones. In the past two years our government has been slowly releasing basic report information they have received along with a few videos captured by military pilots. Jonathan Grey, a current US intelligence official, confirmed Grusch's testimony. Grey expanded on the existence of non-human intelligence phenomena stating that this is a global phenomenon. "We are not alone," Grey stated. Grusch was asked specifically if he had been threatened or retaliated against for speaking out about what he knows about UAPs. Grusch stated he is in fear for his life but would not elaborate as to how. My own opinion is that just maybe Grusch decided to come forward publicly because it might help him survive retaliation by our own government.

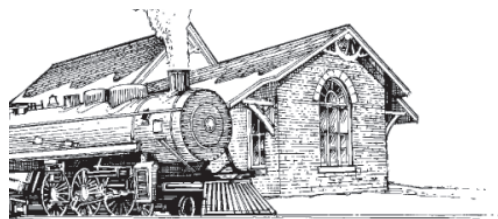
I've said this before here in this column, our government has little choice but to leak some of the information they have gathered on UAP incidents because the number of incidents are either occurring more often or, our government knows it's just a matter of time before a landing or public sighting will happen for all the world to see. That doesn't necessarily mean it will be in The United States somewhere but, it's inevitable that somewhere on earth full blown exposure will happen as it had for thousands, maybe millions of years prior to now. But why? Why now? Why have thousands of years gone by since alien craft openly and without fear landed on earth and interacted with the life that existed here then? I have a couple of theories.

The first thought I have is that it could be an alien species is exploring other worlds to inhabit because

their own world's years are numbered and it's inevitable that they will have to move to survive as a species. This isn't such a crazy thought either. Not in your lifetime or mine but, our own human species will have to find our own new home because it's inevitable that our own earth won't exist forever. Enter Elon Musk. Musk has figured this out and has decided on his own to start exploration for a new home now. He has picked Mars. Probably because for now anyway it's realistic that with current science we can get there and back in a timely manner. Ten or fifteen years ago a person would have been locked up in a straight jacket or laughed out of the room for saying such things.

My second thought is, and the one I believe the most, is that whoever or whatever is surfing our skies currently are doing so because they fear we are on the verge of destroying ourselves. It's no mystery as to why more sightings are recorded in and around military nuclear bomb launching facilities. Every military nuclear facility in the world has reported being mysteriously shut down for hours at a time and never being able to explain as to why. But I think it's much deeper than the military aspect of world wide destruction via nuclear war. In the past ten to fifteen years, all across the world, people and populations are dividing into race, cultures, and beliefs. We're not just dividing either. We are killing each other because of this division. Few if any of the leaders of these movements believe anymore that we are all God's children. Many of these movements have chosen their own god to worship which is different from everybody else's and these people are willing to kill the opposition.

I'm not a climate change alarmist by any definition. But I do believe the world, especially China, could do a much better job preserving and protecting our environment. I think there is currently room for both electric and gas powered cars and machinery. I see no reason to be a staunch advocate of one or the other because of what it costs the environment in damage. Both power sources are detrimental to our environment in some ways. Where I think the world's attention should be are our oceans. Seventy-one percent of earth's square mileage is taken up by our oceans. Why are we not investing in the science it would take to establish colonies under water? Isn't this an area where electric powered everything would thrive? Food sources are abundant. Would this not be easier and less expensive than moving to Mars? I'm just asking. I don't know. Life exists deep in the oceans without sunlight. It could be, as it happened thousands of years ago, maybe these visitors to earth we're seeing today will show us the technology pathway to populating our oceans. For sure if given the choice, I'm going to go deep into the ocean for my new home as opposed to flying into space on a journey to Mars. Call me if you see any UAPs/UFOs. I wanna see because I haven't yet.



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10 years ago August 14, 2013

City Council planned a Route 36 sidewalk and landscaping project with an estimated cost of \$500,000. The venture was to allow for sidewalks to be installed on the north and south sides of Route 36 from Washington Street to the Subway restaurant. The project presented a number of challenges and was set to be discussed further at a later date.

An alleged murder-for-hire plot was uncovered by the Douglas County Sheriff's office. A suspect was taken into custody at the Douglas County Jail. Judge Hugh Finson ruled there was probable cause in the case for a Class X Felony charge of solicitation for murder.

Volunteers were recognized for their roles in Tuscom Little League. Serving as volunteer umpires were James Knight, Mark Stahler, Clayton Meyer, Greg Campbell, Josh Brookins, Phillip Meyer, Rick Wyninger, Rachael Brewer, Jack Ledbetter, Sam Ledbetter, Alexis Rogers, Molly Romine, Mariah Brookins, Kelsi Hoey, T.J. Onstott and Deron Hearn.

20 years ago August 5, 2003

A diagnosis of type B acute lymphoblastic leukemia was recently given to 2-year-old Josie Riley, daughter of Jeff and Angie Riley of rural Tuscola. The

toddler was being treated at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

The issue of public use of school facilities—primarily, whether to charge for such use—was an ongoing discussion matter with the Tuscola Board of Education.

Ralph and Roseanne Brooks of rural Tuscola celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a family dinner on July 19, 2003. They have four children and nine grandchildren.

Nine- and 10-year-old Tuscom Little Leaguers chosen for this year's All-Star team included Cody Shelmadine, Jared Hall, Darren Timlin, David Frye, Pat Yoakum, Josh Brookins, Dillon Hoel, Jack Leonard, Matt Chamberlain, Kolby Clough, Trace Quinn, Chase Little, Jud Wienke, and Jordan Scribner.

30 years ago August 3, 1993

Firefighters from area departments were given tips by Illinois Fire Service Institute instructor Terry Smith after a recent Douglas County Fire Association meeting. The drill allowed firefighters to practice techniques for handling school bus emergency situations.

Tuscola Area Improvement Association was marking its first anniversary, and TAIA board president Bill Hancock was optimistic about the organization's long-term success.

Artwork by Tuscola

Woman's Club art scholarship recipient Tracy Baird was exhibited at the Illinois Federation of Women's Club Federation Art Day held a few weeks ago at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

Tuscola area children got top-rated farm equipment safety instruction from professionals July 29 at Cargill's Farm Safety For Kids program.

40 years ago August 9, 1983

Approximately 500 sports fans from Champaign and Douglas counties attended the Tuesday evening clash at Busch Stadium between the St. Louis Cardinals and the Chicago Cubs for Champaign-Douglas County Night. Rep. Tim Johnson helped organize the event, which saw the Cubs prevail 5-3 over the Cards.

Four Douglas County quarter horses placed high in the annual Western horse show competition held in Springfield. Charlie Dobbs of Tuscola exhibited the grand gelding, the third-place L of L quarter horse stallion, and first-place yearling colt. Earl Riggins of Newman had the first-place weanling colt.

Chris Korte and Gary Seguin earned first-place trophies in this year's junior-senior tennis tournament at Ervin Park. The team of Jim Palmer and Doug Boyer was runner-up.

John Murray of Tuscola

was chosen to play in the ninth annual Shrine All-Illinois All-Star football game on the campus of Illinois State University in Normal.

50 years ago August 2, 1973

The construction of two new tennis courts in the far north end of Ervin Park was being spearheaded by the Community Improvement Committee of the Tuscola Woman's Club.

More than 250 area Ma sons and their families congregated to devour upwards of 900 ears of sweet corn at Wood's Woods, where a potluck was being held for Masons in the 14th Eastern District.

Some rather unusual prizes were awarded at the first annual ABC golf outing held recently at Villa Grove Country Club. Gene Cornell was a winner with the most balls in a cornfield, while Larry Kresin won a prize for being the only person to fall down while teeing off. The Paul Revere prize went to Tom Stewart, who kept everyone on the course informed of the Cubs/Cardinals score. Jerry Tague was awarded an axe for hitting the most trees, and Dick Lake hit the most balls in the river. Tying for the honor of most putts were Terry Binion and Gaylord Schweighart.

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