

Appendix A, Paper #1: Updates on 'The Remarkable Michael Lee Hill Case', Part 1: 'Proof of UFOs over Lake Erie'

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If you haven't already, please read my first article on Michael Lee Hill as well before you read the one below, by clicking here:
<http://wespenre.com/remarkable-michael-lee-hill-case.htm>

1. Abstract. An Introduction to this Extraordinary Story

There is an eerie feeling about Lake Erie. The Great Lakes in America and Canada have always been a subject for 'supernatural' discussions. Ships have sunk with crew members and all, and strange lights have been seen over the lakes for at least over a hundred years. Sailors and people living by the lakes have a great respect for them.

But the Great Lake that has probably created the most controversy of all times is Lake Erie. Not only because of what I told in '*The Remarkable Michael Lee Hill Case*'^[1], in '*The First Level of Learning*', but because this is not a new phenomenon: UFO activity has been going on there at least since the 1800s. Sometimes people get superstitious, and when they sit on the porch after dark, they imagine they see things. But everything is different with Lake Erie; the UFO activity there has actually been published in the Media since back in the 1800s! So something is definitely going on there.



Figure A-1. Michael Lee Hill on stage, Nov. 2011. Michael is also a gifted guitar player.

However, if it wasn't for Michael Lee Hill, perhaps the phenomena taking place there would only get a headline or two, and then withdraw from people's memories again. Some UFO enthusiasts would point it out, but after a while it would have been 'debunked' by some infiltrated UFO organization, the Military, the Government, or someone else.

When Michael came into the picture in 2006 and started spreading the message of what he was seeing, anyone who had the agenda to debunk such experiences was working overtime! The UFOs Hill saw and filmed were explained as airplanes, firework, China firework blown off by party people, atmospheric phenomena, illusions, delusions, and ... the reader gets it; it was the whole spectrum. And when Hill went on National TV with his experiences, the 'debunkers' were there, trying to talk him down.

But he also got support from unexpected places, by people who helped backing up his story, and the more Michael dug into this whole UFO phenomenon out on the lake, the deeper the rabbit hole went, it seemed. It eventually went so far that his projects were getting sabotaged from 'Higher Up', so to speak. Hill is quite a determined man (I've come to know him over the last 2 years or so), and he doesn't give up easily. Not so this time, either. When he noticed he'd run into a wall, and no one wanted to touch his story with a ten foot pole, afraid of 'something', he turned to me again.

I am not a big Media man or a news anchor; I am not holding lectures; I'm not having any books people can buy in the bookstores (albeit a lot of material on the Internet); and I'm not big on interviews, either. I'm more a person with a passion and a life mission to learn new things and educate people in what I learn, and as long as I can, I want to do it for free. I've never charged for any of my material. However, my point is that I don't have the same amount of visitors and listeners as David Icke, David Wilcock, and definitely not as many as CNN, History Channel, and other cable stations which have previously highlighted Hill's material. Instead, I prefer to be in the background, avoiding the commotion around the information I'm putting out, letting the material speak for itself. Hill knows this, but we both thought that this was perhaps the way to go for now in order to get the *whole* story out. There are still Media willing to discuss his UFO films and how and where these films were taken, but the rest of the story is too 'hot' to touch; it may burn someone's fingers.

Therefore, Michael Hill and I decided that he'd give me his information and I could do whatever I wanted to do with it as long as I published the truth about his experiences. Additionally, we decided not to talk to anybody about this project, because Hill's attempts had been sabotaged before -- in fact, pretty recently, as we shall see!

I read through the material he gave me and saw a pretty amazing story unfolding from it! This had to do with so much more than just sightings over Lake Erie; something very ancient, and hidden deep in the shadows, was now coming to surface in this very material. And not only that; his *whole* story -- including the one that was never told in public -- coincides pretty well with what I have been researching and writing about in these papers over the past year. Suddenly I understood why no one wanted to touch this, and why there were certain powerful people who did *not* want this story to come out! The idea to keep a low profile with it until it's time to publish, Michael and I thought was a good idea, and we decided to do so.

But let's back up to get some coherency to this. I would strongly suggest the reader reads (or reviews, in case you have read it before) the paper I wrote on Michael Lee Hill on May 6, 2011: "*PFC Paper #2: The Remarkable Michael Lee Hill Case*" (<http://wespenre.com/remarkable-michael-lee-hill-case.htm>) and then return here and continue with this next section. By doing this, the reader gets a much better picture of what this is really all about.

2. How Michael Lee Hill's Projects Got Sabotaged

A phrase many writers use is, "Let's start from the beginning!". This time, however, I'm going to start at the end. I guess that can work too, on occasion. After all, isn't that what they do in Hollywood films sometimes? Although this could make a pretty good Hollywood movie, it's anything but.

After years of having spotted and reported giant multicolored orb-shaped UFOs over Lake Erie (close to where he lives), Michael Lee Hill thought it was time to tell the rest of the story. Around March 2012, he and Spike TV [\[2\]](#) got in touch with each other, and Spike TV were willing to do a documentary on Michael Lee Hill's experiences. Michael was thrilled, because there was a huge budget involved, and they even had an actor (Andrew) who was going to play the young Michael in the documentary.



Figure A-2. Andrew (the actor to the left) and Michael Lee Hill (right) between sessions on July 8, 2012 (see time stamp on the photo)

So everything was not only planned, but the whole film project started and kept rolling. The film team came to Michael's house, checked out the surroundings, Michael showed them exactly where the sightings had taken place, and the creative discussions began on how everything should be done. It all looked very promising!



Figure A-3. Photo of the Spike TV team outside Michael's residence in July, 2012.

A very inspiring project was then in the works, and during a six months period, from March to October, 2012, Spike TV worked closely together with Michael to get the story just right. Michael worked very hard, and like I said, there was a huge budget set aside for this, because there had been so many sightings over Lake Erie over a long period of time, and Michael is the one who has collected the most evidence of what is occurring over Lake Erie.



Figure A-4. The New York Sessions.

Then, all of a sudden, in October Michael was told by Spike TV that they unfortunately had to terminate the project! He just couldn't believe it, when everything went so well! He asked why they had come to such a decision, but the answer was vague and he was told that his story was

just "too big". It had been decided from authorities (in this case, probably Viacom) that the filming should stop and the team return home.

Michael was devastated. He had spent six intense months of his life, not only working hard together with the Spike TV team, but he had also literally been tortured by being put through a lie detector test by the Chief of Police of the New York Police Department (some of the documentary was filmed in New York [see fig. A-4]). In addition, he hadn't requested one single cent in exchange and had given all his research into the Lake Erie UFO Story to Spike TV. Michael felt betrayed and said to me that "this is my life and what has happened", and it could have been a great opportunity for the world to really understand the bigger story of what is happening in the Great Lakes area. Apparently, someone did not agree to that this story should be told, and as we move along we will understand just how big this story is!

Now, this would be bad if it was a single occurrence, but unfortunately there is more. In October, the same month the Spike TV project was closed down, the annual popular 'Pythagoras Conference' was supposed to be held in Kentucky. Every year it has a lot of prominent speakers in physics, astronomy, archeology, quantum physics, and controversial subjects such as exopolitics (the study of extraterrestrial species), paranormal phenomena, and the spiritual evolvement of the human species. Two of the guest speakers were supposed to be Dr. A.R. Bordon of 'Life Physics Group California' (LPG-C) and Michael Lee Hill. It is my understanding that Dr. Bordon was going to speak on the incoming Planet X (Ša.AM.e), the Wave of the Supernova, and the importance for humankind to claim our sovereignty as a biokind (biological entities), something I have brought up quite a bit as well in the papers that are proceeding this appendix.

Michael, on the other hand, had planned to continue on his mission to tell his story to a larger audience. He was happy, because now he had both Spike TV and the Pythagoras Conference going at the same time. He felt he was starting to get his message out (this was before Spike TV closed the project down).



Figure A-5. Advertisement for the 'Pythagoras Conference, October 10-14, 2012.

Sandra Sabatini, a friend of both A.R.'s and Michael Lee Hill's, is a great Pythagoras Conference enthusiast, and spends a lot of time, and her own personal savings, into this project. As the reader can see, it was scheduled to have some quite well known guest speakers; many in the alternative field. It was going to be held on October 10-14, 2012, and had quite a few corporate and media sponsors. Sandra herself had put a six figure dollar amount of her own money into this project. Being in contact both with Michael, Dr. Bordon, and others connected with LPG-C, I know that everybody was very excited about this event.

However, this event was, just like the Spike TV project, cancelled. This conference was even cancelled in the last minute! An upset Sandra Sabatini wrote on the LPG-C Facebook page on October 5 (***emphases in bold italics are mine***):

**"IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
UPDATE TO OUR PUBLIC AND TO OUR SPEAKERS**

It is indeed sad to see the Pythagoras Conference Global be suppressed as, in retrospect, we see it was these last few days.

The conference that was due to begin on 10th October 2012 would have been one of the most daring and explicit venues for bringing out information concerning forthcoming natural events that are said to affect the entire world. This is not to be, as if invisible minds and hands had declared our conference unworthy, even dangerous to the public for giving an outlet to presumed "fringe elements," as we've heard through the internet grapevine to be the case.

Let it be publicly known that we at Pythagoras take pride in carefully selecting speakers who are informed in their areas of specialty, and who are recognized in their fields and on the internet as knowledgeable and respected people. This year we had selected a corps of such caliber of speakers.

But the invisible minds and hands denied our public, indeed, the American people, access to what our speakers would have shared with everyone at the venue and through the internet. Fringe elements or not, there are too many indications in the collective unconscious, the religious aware, the spiritually open, and the humanist with a conscience that difficult times are coming.

We at Pythagoras can err on the side of caution, and include information of this nature in the course of the conference, or err on the side of safety and leave such topics out of the domain of the gathering. We chose to include that kind of information because it is the right thing to do. If there is indeed something coming our way and it will present a sudden and unexpected severe challenge to all of us – humankind – we the people need to know.

This is not intended, directly or indirectly, as an indictment of official government for a suppression we are now learning is being carried out by officially connected rogue but emotionally disconnected individuals from the sum total of all of us – not just in this country.

We are also now learning through the grapevine in the USA that those executing this operation are yet unidentified former intelligence and military officers. If these individuals are acting on behalf of the public good, it means their actions have official sanction. And the viewpoint that propels their action is not only misguided, but also grossly uninformed – or perhaps even disinformed. If they act without official sanction, this borders on the criminal. Let's examine briefly what it is they are suppressing.

The sad part may also be that official science may not know or have the means to forecast the occurrence of dangerous levels of radiant energies coming to us from space to do any public good. Even a half hour notice to the unprepared is not only insufficient, but useless. Public preparation to meet such a challenge was to be one of the hot topics in the conference, which now is not to be.

We are further learning that the aim of this campaign was the suppression of the freedom of speech of specific individual presenters at the conference. The reasons are obscure to us at this time.

We now are learning that by giving sanctuary and a platform for speaking to these individuals, this conference is now not to be.

How was this phenomenon accomplished? The only answer that occurs to us is that this was a well-planned and intelligently executed campaign laid out most likely months in advance.

It may also have involved an unofficial intervention in the setup of the conference itself. ***Why would the venue itself breach its own agreement with our company by demanding complete prepayment instead of the agreed net-30 payment scheduled and agreed well in advance? This was in fact the death knell to the conference itself.*** Coming up with a sum nearly six-figures large on such short notice was near impossible, and it was.

We now publicly ask: why? Why suppressed this conference?

One of the strengths of our conference is the willingness to be inclusive and allow points of view and information sources to surface for the consideration of the larger whole – our society and the world. What is valid and evident always rises to the top, a cream of the conference crop for the year. But this year, ***it seems now that both the topics and select few individuals were targeted***, and the only ones we can think of are related to topics regarding the challenges presented by forthcoming natural events.

In our view, this is as good as throwing the baby out with the bathwater. This information is bound to come out on other venues, other media, other times. Eventually, valid information finds the light of day. In the meantime, what has been done to Pythagoras has repercussions well beyond that intended by the actions of these rogue elements. This is indeed a crass suppression of our right to hear and know. The baby thrown out with the bathwater cannot be allowed to wither and die.

Additional information will be released soon, humanity has a right to know the truth.

Sandra D. Sabatini
PYTHAGORAS CONFERENCE GLOBAL"[3]

Reading Sandra's announcement makes it quite clear that someone didn't want this conference to happen. Apparently, the venue broke its own agreement with the arranging management by demanding a complete prepayment instead of the net-30 (percent I would presume) that was agreed upon in advance. By doing so, the venue knew it would kill the project. No valid reason for changing the agreement has apparently been given to Sandra or anybody else.

Further down in the announcement, Sandra says that "it seems now that both the topics and select few individuals were targeted". She doesn't mention those targeted individuals by name, but afterwards it became obvious which individuals, foremost, that she is hinting at here, namely Dr. A.R. Bordon and Michael Lee Hill!

Michael is double disappointed, and quite angry to tell the truth. He is furious that Sandra, who invested such a huge amount of her savings, had to experience this, but he is also bringing up another aspect to this. He says that the only common denominator between the closing down of the Spike TV project and the Pythagoras Conference is himself -- Michael Lee Hill!

Why is that? Because on both occasions, Michael was not *only* going to talk about the Lake Erie UFO sightings, but was also planning on letting the rest of his story reach the public. He is quite sure that it's this additional information that the 'authorities' want to stop from coming out in the open.

We already know some of it from my first paper on Michael Lee Hill, mentioned in the beginning, which has to do with his peculiar blood anomaly, which he, as an abductee, also has in common with another alien abductee, living far away from Michael. The two had never met until Bill Birnes of 'UFO Hunters' brought them together for the first time and had their blood drawn while the event was filmed. Their CK levels were astronomically high -- high enough to probably kill a normal person. However, both of them are living healthy lives. The only thing they have in common is the UFO abductions, and the fact that the UFOs they have sighted, independently from each other, seem to be the same type of UFOs; the ones that show up over Lake Erie!

Also, in the 'UFO Hunters' documentary about the two abductees, a Harvard Professor was interviewed, and he could not explain those remarkable blood anomalies either in these two persons. This was meant to be included in the Spike TV documentary and in the Pythagoras speech, something that the 'authorities' did not want to happen, because if they let him go that far, they also had to let him go even further and tell the rest of the story, which is even more revealing, exposing a big secret to the world. The consequence of Michael's speech, if spread widely and broadly, would be that the government, and ultimately the authorities behind the scenes (the Global Elite), have to admit that there is an alien presence on Earth; something that consequently will lead towards a full disclosure of the UFO phenomenon! This can't be done, because then the government's criminal secret #1 would be revealed at the same time. We know what this secret is; it is called Technology Transfer Programs (TTP^[def]). They are terrified that it will be revealed how the government, at least since the 1950s, have been involved in an exchange program with star beings (mostly from the Sirian Alliance), where the government gets alien technology (mainly used in the war industry and for mind control, genetic engineering and the building of their own 'UFOs') and the aliens get permission to abduct human beings, leaving them with amnesia and in a trauma that usually will affect them for the rest of their lives. And we must assume that the TTP is most possibly just the tip of the iceberg.

3. The Timeline of UFO Sightings over Lake Erie, Starting in the 1800s

The activity over Lake Erie has possibly been going on for hundreds of years -- perhaps even more -- but then we are really going into folktales and myths. This is something we can research, of course, and it would be quite interesting, but we already have a long timeline with registered and documented events as far back as 1860, and that is pretty impressive! Starting in 1860, these similar events follow the families around Lake Erie for generations.

Aug 18, 1860

Scientific American, New Series, Volume 3, Issue 8 (Aug 18, 1860)

OPTICAL ILLUSION ON LAKE ERIE.--The Cleveland, Ohio, Herald says that a tremendous thunder shower passed over that city on the night of the 3d inst., and adds :-- "Between three and four o'clock next morning the appearance of a vessel on fire was seen far out on the lake. Some persons thought they could distinguish the sails. During a heavy gust of wind the light disappeared. Such appearances are not unfrequent on the

lake, and the more experienced men along the dock think there has been no vessel burnt."

Dec 12, 1867

"A Curious Phenomenon on Lake Erie," Brooklyn Eagle, Thursday, December 12, 1867

A Mystery on the Lakes--The Wizard Lights--A Curious Phenomenon on Lake Erie!

I notice in the Dispatch, of the 11th inst.*, the following paragraph:--

"The statement that a vessel was seen burning off Erie on Tuesday night, is corroborated by several persons living on the highlands south of the city, who say they saw it."

On the Tuesday evening mentioned, Oct. 29th, at about 7 o'clock, my attention was called by one of my family to a bright light on the lake, having very much the appearance of a vessel on fire. Bringing several objects into range, I watched the light for some time to ascertain whether there was any perceptible [sic] motion.

The wind was blowing hard at the time down the lake and a vessel would naturally drift rapidly to leeward, at all events as soon as the propelling power should be interfered with the fire. No motion, however, in any direction was to be discovered, and at once concluded that it was nothing more than the "mysterious light," which for many years past, at longer or shorter intervals, has been seen by the inhabitants at this point on the lake shore. The light has made its appearance generally, if not always, in the fall of the year, and usually in the month of November, and almost always during or immediately after a heavy blow from the southwest. The most brilliant exhibition of the light I have ever seen was during the night of the 24th or 25th, as nearly as I can recollect, of November, 1852. It had been my fortune to witness the burning of the steamer Erie, near Silver Creek, several years before, and the resemblance which this light bore to that of the burning steamer was so strong that I confidently expected the arrival of the boats from the wreck during the night. Others with myself watched the light for perhaps two hours, and with the aid of a good night-glass obtained what seemed to be a very distinct view of the burning vessel.

The object appeared to be some 200 or more feet in length upon the water, and about as high above the water as an upper cabin steamer, such as was in use upon the Lake twenty years ago. At times the flames would start up in spires or sheets of light, then away from side to side, and then die away, precisely as would be the case with a large fire exposed to a strong wind; and two or three times there was the appearance of a cloud of sparks, as if some portion of the upper works had fallen into the burning mass below. The sky and water were beautifully irradiated by the light during its great brilliancy. The light gradually subsided, with occasional flashes until it disappeared altogether. The light of Tuesday evening, although very brilliant for a time, was not nearly so brilliant nor of so long duration as that of 1852.

I am told that this light was seen by mariners on the lakes as long as fifty years ago, but I am not aware that it has ever been made the subject of philosophical speculation or investigation, or, in fact, has ever obtained the notoriety of a newspaper paragraph before. The only theory approaching plausibility I have heard is that the shifting of the sands caused by the continued and heavy winds of autumn has opened some crevices or seams in the rock of the lake bottom through which gas escapes, and that this gas, owing to some peculiar condition of the atmosphere with which it comes in contact, becomes luminous, or perhaps ignited, and burning with a positive flame. That there are what are

called "gas springs" in the water along this portion of the lake shore is a well-known fact, and that highly inflammable gas in large quantities exist at a comparatively shallow depth on the shore, has been sufficiently proved by the boring of wells at different points, as at Erie, Walnut Creek, and Lock Haven, and by natural springs at Westfield and Fredonia.

But whatever the cause, the light is a curious fact, and well worthy the attention of those interested in the investigation of the phenomenon of nature.

April 17, 1966

A police chase with a UFO depicted in the 1970s Steven Spielberg film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" was inspired by an actual event that happened right here in Ohio. The chase started on the morning of April 17, 1966.

Several police crews followed an object they could not identify. Lee says the deputy who first encountered the object described what he saw.

"We usually say, 'how big was it at arms length?' He said it was like a house 50-feet over your head, and that started the chase that ended up in Pennsylvania they exceeded 100 miles an hour in part of the pursuit."

Police followed it into Pennsylvania and eventually ran out of gas.

March 4, 1988

This is actually a pretty famous UFO case. Coast Guard personnel responding to citizen reports of unusual aerial activity over Lake Erie on March 4, 1988, witnessed classic UFOs near Eastlake, OH. Sheila and Henry Baker were driving home with their three children about 8:35 P.M., after taking them out to dinner, and were almost home. As they neared the waterfront, Sheila noticed something hovering over the lake; they drove down to the beach to investigate and got out of the car. The moon was bright, and there was ice on the lake; Sheila could hear it cracking like claps of thunder.

Plainly visible was a huge, gunmetal gray, football-shaped, silent object rocking back and forth, blinding white light emanating from both ends. Then the object began moving, swinging one end toward the shore and descending. The Bakers became frightened, ran back to their car, and fled. When they got home, the object was still visible from a window facing the lake. Sheila hid the children in a closet, fearing that the thing might come and get them.

The object moved out over the ice and continued to descend, with red and blue lights now flashing in sequence along its lower edge. Sheila called the Eastlake police to report a UFO, and after several referrals, with no one expressing much interest, was told that unusual activity over the lake would be the responsibility of the Coast Guard. Suddenly five or six bright yellow triangular objects shot out of the center of the large object and began darting around independently (satellite objects). Once they stopped and hovered point up around the parent object, then sped away to the north, turned east, then inland toward the Perry nuclear power plant.

At this point Sheila called the Coast Guard, which sent a team to their house to investigate. Seaman James Power and Petty Officer John Knaub arrived towing a Boston Whaler (a seaworthy boat) just in case. They told the Bakers that they had seen some

lights over the lake from Fairport Harbor and thought they were flares, maybe fishermen trapped out on the ice. However, when Sheila pointed to the main craft and some of the triangular objects still zipping around it, the men drove closer to the lake to investigate, accompanied by the Bakers. At the lakefront they could hear the ice rumbling and roaring.

In their incident report sent later by teletype to Coast Guard headquarters in Detroit, MI, the men were quoted as saying that "the ice was cracking and moving abnormal amounts as the object came closer to it."

Power and Knaub gave a running report on what they were seeing to their base via the two-way radio in their Chevy Suburban. The window was down, and the Bakers overheard them saying words to the effect: "Be advised the object appears to be landing on the lake . . .

There are other objects moving around it. Be advised these smaller objects are going at high rates of speed. There are no engine noises and they are very, very low."

Abruptly one of the triangles zoomed straight toward the Coast Guard vehicle, a blur of light, then veered east, straight up, and came down beside the parent object. Two witnesses in separate locations also reported seeing the triangles. Cindy Hale was walking her dog when she noticed a triangular object hovering overhead, and her dog began to whine and cower (animal reactions). She took the dog indoors and came back out to watch. The triangle flashed a series of multicolored lights, then accelerated and was gone without making a sound (hover-acceleration).

Tim Keck was using his astronomical telescope when one of the triangles caught his eye. He had a cheap throwaway camera with him and snapped a picture of the object before it flew away over the horizon. The photograph was analyzed by optical physicist Bruce Maccabee, who considered it to be a legitimate.

The Actual Coast Guard Report from Eastlake 1988 UFO sighting:

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SUBJ: INCIDENT REPORT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

- UNIDENTIFIABLE FLYING OBJECTS 1/4 MILE EAST OF CEI POWER PLANT.
- AT 2035 LCL THIS STATION RCVD A CALL FROM SHEILA BAKER [REDACTED] RPTING A LARGE OBJECT HOVERING OVER THE LAKE AND APPARENTLY ON A SLOW DESCENT. THE OBJECT HAD A WHITE LIGHT AND WAS APPROX. 1/4 MILE UP AND SHE WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE HOW FAR OUT IT WAS. THIS UNIT SENT 2 CREWMEMBERS TO INVESTIGATE. BEFORE THEY ARRIVED O/S, WE RCVD 2 MORE CALLS RPTING THAT THE OBJECT HAD APPARENTLY DISPERSED 3-5 SMALLER FLYING OBJECTS THAT WERE ZIPPING AROUND RATHER QUICKLY. THESE OBJECTS HAD RED, GREEN, WHITE AND YELLOW LIGHTS ON THEM THAT STROBED INTERMITTENTLY. THEY ALSO HAD THE ABILITY TO STOP AND HOVER IN MID FLIGHT. WHEN MOBILE 02 GOT O/S, THEY RPTD THE SAME ACTIVITY. THEY WATCHED THE OBJECTS FOR APPROX. 1 HOUR BEFORE RPTING THAT THE LARGE OBJECT WAS ALMOST ON THE ICE. THEY RPTD THAT THE ICE WAS CRACKING AND MOVING ABNORMAL AMOUNTS AS THE OBJECT CAME CLOSER TO IT. THE ICE WAS RUMBLING AND THE OBJECT LIT MULTI-COLOR LIGHTS AT EACH END AS IT APPARENTLY LANDED. THE LIGHTS ON IT WENT OUT MOMENTARILY AND THEN CAME ON AGAIN. THEY WENT OUT AGAIN AND THE RUMBLING STOPPED AND THE ICE STOPPED MOVING. THE SMALLER OBJECTS BEGAN HOVERING IN THE AREA WHERE THE LARGE OBJECT LANDED AND AFTER A FEW MINUTES THEY BEGAN FLYING AROUND AGAIN. MOBILE 02 RPTD THAT THEY APPEARED TO BE SCOUTING THE AREA. MOBILE 02 RPTD THAT 1 OBJECT WAS MOVING TOWARD THEM AT A HIGH SPEED AND LOW TO THE ICE. MOBILE 02 BACKED DOWN THE HILL THEY HAD BEEN ON AND WHEN THEY WENT BACK TO THE HILL, THE OBJECT WAS GONE. THEY RPTD THAT THE OBJECTS COULD NOT BE SEEN IF THEY TURNED OFF THERE LIGHTS. ONE OF THE SMALL OBJECTS TURNED ON A SPOTLIGHT WHERE THE LARGE OBJECT HAD BEEN BUT MOBILE 02 COULD NOT SEE ANYTHING, AND THEN THE OBJECT SEEMED TO DISAPPEAR. ANOTHER OBJECT APPROACHED MOBILE 02 APPROX. 500 YDS. OFFSHORE ABOUT 20 FT. ABOVE THE ICE, AND IT BEGAN MOVING CLOSER AS MOBILE 02 BEGAN FLASHING ITS HEADLIGHTS, THEN IT MOVED OFF TO THE WEST.

3. THE CREWMEMBERS WERE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY OF THE OBJECTS USING BINOCULARS AND AFTER CONTACTING LOCAL POLICE AND AIRPORTS, THIS UNIT WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THE OBJECTS, AND RECALLED MOBILE 02.

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Figure A-6. The actual Coast Guard Report of the UFO sighting over Lake Erie in 1988. Here is a link to where we retrieved the document: <http://www.waterufo.net/water/image004.jpg>

Of course, the first thing that hits us is how far back the sightings are recorded by the Media, but the most remarkable sighting in the timeline above is the last one from 1988, with the Coast Guard report. This is a relatively recent sighting, and one I want to highlight and talk a little more about before we move on with the timeline and eventually land on Michael Lee Hill's exceptional experiences and insights.



Figure A-7. The Lake Erie UFOs as presented on '19 Action News'.

Although flying saucer shaped solid craft supposedly have been sighted as well over the lake, the most common UFO shape that has been witnessed is that of one or several orbs (fig. A-7). This orb, or orbs, then split from the main orb 'body' and create different shapes and patterns that we are going to go into in a moment. We will also discuss what these orbs actually are, but first I want to bring the reader to the attention of a testimony from a witness of the '1988 Sighting', Sheila Baker. She is mentioned in the article above, but there is a longer, quite rare interview with her as well that I think we need to take a look at, because it's so typical for those 'Lake Erie Sightings'. The interview was done by Richard P. Dell'Aquila and Dale B. Wedge. Unfortunately, this interview is not very known in the mainstream media and in the UFO community, although it's such a famous case, so I think it's a wonderful opportunity to include it here. These two witnesses, I believe stick holes in all the official denials and unrealistic explanations to the 1988 incident.[\[4\]](#)

"On March 26, 1988, two civilian witnesses to the Eastlake UFOs (W1 and her husband W2) who were on the beach with the Coast Guard March 4, 1988 were interviewed. The following is a partial transcript of that interview, conducted by Dale Wedge (DW) and Rick Dell'Aquila (RD). Several other witnesses have also been interviewed and photographic evidence has been obtained. To date, however, the Coast Guard has refused further information or interviews of its personnel concerning the UFO sighting that night near the CEI electric power plant. The investigation continues.

RD ...Please tell us what happened in your own words.

W1 We were coming home (on March 4, 1988) and I saw something over the lake...and it wasn't moving and I had my husband go down the street and I said, "Go down to the beach because I'm telling you there is something out there." He kept laughing at me. I said I was serious and we went down there. We got out of the car and walked to the beach. I had left the kids in the car and you could see it. It looked almost like the shape of a blimp and had lights on both sides. One end was brighter and the other end was a little bit dimmer, but one end flashed. It wasn't a constant light that was on. It seemed to rock a little bit--you could just see it rocking back and forth. It hovered and didn't make any

noise. The ice was cracking really bad and the ice down here doesn't crack like that. It was making like--it was rumbling and cracking it was real, real loud. There were no animals barking or nothing. Around here we have a lot of dogs and that was surprising because you always hear the dogs out. There were no animals--just the real loud noise out of the lake. We were standing on the beach and my husband and I were looking at this thing. It started to turn and I thought--you know how you get really eerie feelings? I said to myself there is something up there. You could see it was a ship or something because you could see there was a gray line like a football kind of thing in the middle, but you couldn't really see it. You could just see it was there. Do you understand what I'm saying?

RD We are going to ask you to draw a sketch in a while.

W1 You could see the whole thing, but not real well. You could see there was a middle to it. We stayed and we watched it for a while...(interview interrupted by phone call).

DW Okay, we are back on. We had a phone call interruption.

W1 ...Okay, we sat down at the beach and while we were watching this I had the kids in the car and I was getting kind of "weirded-out" you know, because you hear about these things, but you never really believe it until you see them. It started to turn toward us. It was coming in closer to land and because my kids were in the car, I didn't want to stay down at the beach, because you never know what's going to happen or if it was going to come down to get us or whatever.

RD In other words, you were concerned for your safety?

W1 Yeah, because it was coming closer to us. You could see...it seemed like it knew we were there. We were the only ones down there at the time and I was getting really nervous. I told my husband, "You know, we've got two kids in the car. Let's get them home and safe so we don't have to worry about anything." He said okay, so we got the kids back to the house and I put them in their room and I locked the door because I had a real eerie feeling, you know after we left there. We were down there a while looking at it and we came home to watch it from our living room.

RD When you say "we"--who else was there with you?

W1 My husband and my kids. So I was looking at it from here and I said to my husband, "Well, maybe I'm nuts, I don't know, but let's call Sue," who lives across the street, "and see if she sees the same thing that we do." So I did, I called her and her and her son went outside and they saw the same thing and we kept hearing this noise at the lake and that really scared us because, like I said, the lake doesn't make noises like that. We watched it most of the evening and when it started to come down, we all got real curious and we all went back down. Sue drove down to the beach and she saw it with her son and her husband thinks she's totally "cracked-up." (Laughter.) But they all did. Everybody thinks, you know, we didn't see what we did. So now we get down there and the thing's starting to land. You could see like red and blue lights and they said they were planets and gasses and nonsense like that, but they were actual lights starting to flutter. But before this, while it was still in the sky, there were like little triangle "planes", about, there were, we counted about five--we weren't sure if there were five or six, but we counted five of them that were running back and forth. They were going up and down, like hovering. They didn't make any noise, but they were going REALLY fast across the sky and by this time the Coast Guard was down there. I had called the Coast Guard, I would say at least twelve times and they kept telling me, "Well, your crazy and nothing's wrong...(Phone call interruption).

DW Pause for phone call.

DW Okay, we're back on.

W1 So now what had happened was these planes were like, looked like they had come out of it, because they came out of nowhere. We saw them come out...I don't know if it was on the side or on the front of it, but you could tell they came out of it because they were real little. They looked like little yellow triangles. They were real bright and went super, super fast.

They went up and down like this, instead of, you know how a plane goes this way? Well, they were going up and down and like diagonally at it and they were hovering around it and then they started shooting out toward the lake and this time the Coast Guard saw all this because that's when they sent their people out when these little planes started appearing. And when they got down here, they saw these things and they were coming real close to the coastline. That's when these kids were getting scared.

RD When you say "kids," do you mean Coast Guard personnel?

W1 Yeah, they were young boys. They were real scared and we got REALLY scared because we were right down on the beach there and we figured the coastline that would be it. We were afraid they would attack their truck, because their truck had lights on it. So we told them, "Turn off your lights." Because the more they kept coming closer and closer to the lights of the truck, because the truck was parked on the hill. There's like a little hill over there. They could see the lights, because they seemed to be coming at the lights. And so we had them shut their lights off because we were scared. You never know what was going to go on. We didn't know what was in these ships or planes or whatever they were because we couldn't tell, but I've never seen a yellow triangle fly around the sky.

RD It was yellow?

W1 Yeah. Bright, REAL BRIGHT. It looked like a light. That's what it looked like. It looked like a bright light. You know how a car light you'd have? It looked just like that, but it glowed. It was yellow.

RD Was there any portion of it that was brighter than any other portion of it?

W1 No. It was all real bright.

RD Just one solid, bright light?

W1 Yeah, little bright triangles. You know like the little glider models you get for your kids? There in triangles. You make paper airplanes...Like that shape? That's exactly what they were, and they were solid. They weren't...it didn't have wings or anything else.

RD Was it even-sided? All three sides of equal length?

W1 No, no, it was more pointed like that (gesturing).

RD Okay.

W1 It was exactly like that (forming triangle with her fingers). The front was more pointy. How's that? I flunked geometry by the way.

RD Okay.

W1 But it was more pointy, almost like the tip of an arrow.

RD Okay, so in other words, the two sides were longer...

W1 Were longer than the base...I was wondering why you were laughing at me.

RD We're not laughing at you.

DW No. We're not.

(Wedge and Dell'Aquila had reacted to the fact that the triangular objects described by W1 were identical to those described by other independent witnesses that night and identical to the bright yellow triangular object one witness photographed.)

W1 Okay. They were all solid bright light. There was no part of it that was darker than others. We saw it real close down at the shoreline. But when they started coming at this thing and they went back into it, too, we thought maybe it disappeared over the lake. Well, here they had gone, shooting out over the lake and coming, then all of a sudden we saw them about an hour later, coming back REALLY fast, and they came right into that ship.

RD Did you see anything open up on the ship, a door or anything like that?

W1 No, but they went right into it because they went right between the lights, so it had to be an opening on the side of it, because they went right into it. They came up and then they went right into it.

RD Were you able to observe which direction they left.

W1 They went out that way, toward Canada...they went east too, this way. But none of them went that way, toward Cleveland. They all went this way.

RD Did any of them go south or southeast?

W1 No. They stayed over the lake...they went east and north toward Canada, and that's where basically they stayed. When you saw them shooting out, it was just almost right over land and we had seen them come out and said to my husband, "What in the world is that?" He was just laughing. He said, "You're just..." and he got, you know, he goes, "Yeah, sure, I'm going to tell my mother we were sitting home watching UFOs tonight." But, that's what happened. They were there and then we saw them like I said, about an hour later, come back in the same direction they came in, and they all went right back into the thing, one at a time, too. It wasn't like they all swooped down on it and went back into it. They went back in it one at a time, and then the ship seemed to land in the lake. It was about maybe an hour difference, an hour lapse. The ship started setting down on Lake Erie. That's when all these colored lights started coming on when it sat down. You could see the lights as it sat down on the lake, because it was all ice. As soon as it landed, about five minutes later after it landed, you could still see it, the red and the yellow lights and the blue lights, running around the bottom on the lake, because it was a clear night, it was beautiful. Then as soon as all the lights went out on it, the lake stopped cracking. Everything got dead silent. There wasn't animals--nothing. Everything got totally quiet. That was it.

DW Can you give us a time, approximate time?

RD When did you first see it?

W1 About six. I think it was about six. My husband said it was later but I don't think so, because it was just getting dark.

DW It doesn't get dark until about 6:30

W1 Okay, then maybe it was a little later, about 6:30 or 7:00 P.M. It wasn't exactly dark, but it wasn't light out. It was like dusk, almost, where it's just starting to get dark.

RD When did you last observe it?

W1 I'd say about 11:30 P.M.

RD You were down there for 4-1/2 to 5 hours?

W1 No. We came back up to the house and watched it. When it started to set, we went back down.

RD I see. At the same time, were you able to observe any of the objects in the sky that you would recognize?

W1 Oh, yeah, absolutely because we were there, we kept looking at them and looking at them to see, you know, we were curious. Even from the house, when it started moving inland, you could see, you know, what it was if you looked real close.

RD Where was the moon for example?

W1 The moon?

RD Yeah. Was it out?

W1 Yeah, the re were moon, the stars were beautiful. All the stars were out.

RD Was it a clear night?

W1 Yeah. it was real clear.

RD Did you notice where the planets were?

W1 The planets that they told me this was?

RD Well, the planets.

W1 I didn't really...we weren't looking for the planets, but theywould have been behind it, and farther off.

RD Is there any question in your mind that what you were looking at was something that you should have recognized, like the planets or...?

W1 No. It was definitely a ship, because y ou could see that there was a center of it. You could also see planes coming out of it, or little vehicles or whatever they are that came out of it and we saw them go back in it. We were almost right directly underneath it...The more we stayed down at the beach, it was turning toward us to come toward us and I got scared, thinking well, maybe someone would come out or get us or something will happen...If we could see it, I knew it could see us, because we were right out in the open on flat land looking at it...

The interview continued for several more minutes and W1 drew some sketches.

W1 (Drawing) The (light) on the left hand side of the object blinked constantly.

RD Was there a regular pattern to the blinking?

W1 It was almost like if you looked out the lake, you know how they have those (lights) when you come in from the lake? Almost like that. (Phone interruption)

DW We are going to pause for another phone call.

RD What color was the object between the lights?

W1 ...gunmetal gray .

RD Did it seem solid?

W1 Yes.

RD Did it seem to have a three-dimensional shape?

W1 You could tell it was almost rounded. It was like a football...It was all the same color and you could definitely see the outline of it. We were standing SO close, that you could see the outline. It was totally dark in the center of it and at the top, but you could tell the difference between the sky and the shape.

RD Did it seem to have hard edges or fuzzy edges?

W1 No, they were very clear edges...

The interview continued and W1's husband (W2) arrived home.

W2 ...Boy, I'll tell you you ought to see this thing, I watched this thing down at the beach with the Coast Guard guys. It was the strangest thing I've ever seen in my life. It had these guys running, they were so scared. It was strange. As it got lower to the water, all these little, what we thought were jets, came and hovered right above this thing. We assumed they were those Harrier jets that can just hover. When they got closer, these jets came about forty or fifty feet above the ice and they were going back and forth across the lake unbelievably fast. They were covering a fifty mile stretch, like that (Snapping his fingers).

RD What shape were they?

W2 We thought that they looked like little jets. That's what we assumed. Then when they got closer, they were so little, they were smaller than a one-seated Cessna. They didn't make any noise.

DW What about shape?

W2 We couldn't tell. All I could see was lights. I could tell you that it looked like a triangle. That's what it looked like. It just looked like a plain triangle. We couldn't tell a tail fin or anything like that. It looked like a triangle because it was lights down the wings and on the tip of it.

RD You mean at the top of the triangle there was a light?

W2 Yeah. There was a light.

W1 Now see, I didn't see that. I saw just a plain light.

DW Do you know what color it was?

W2 One was white and one was bright white...you could tell they were definitely connected, because if the nose dropped, the tail went up exactly. But anyhow, when the thing got closer to the water, the one bright light started twirling like all different colors: red, green, blue, yellow, and then it just sunk into the water and one end was white and one end was red. Then it just sat in the water for about a half hour and then it was gone. While it was sitting on the ice, those planes were hovering above it. You could see that they were flashing lights down on it. It was like five jets within maybe a quarter mile area of each other, and all of a sudden they were just gone. They just went up in the air and out, just out.

RD About what time did they leave like that?

W2 9:30 or a quarter to ten...

DW Did you talk with the Coast Guard guys?

W2 Yeah, we sat and talked to them for a half hour. We watched the thing for an hour.

DW What were they saying?

W2 They couldn't believe it. They said they never saw nothing like it in the world. The guy said he's been in the service for years and he said he knows that a Harrier jet can't take off and fly that fast from a start. This thing got up so high in the air and was gone so fast, it was seconds and it was gone out of view. The night was so clear that we could see for miles and miles and miles...These two guys were so scared. They thought, first our assumption was it was a satellite, maybe from Canada, that went bad and it was coming down over the lake. They told me that they believed it was Canadian air maneuvers. But then when they saw these planes, they came about five miles off shore and they were going about fifty feet above the ice. You could just see the ice and stuff rippling behind them. They got nervous because they didn't want their truck to be seen...they were afraid maybe a missile would be shot at them or something.

RD Is there any confusion in your mind that it was maybe the moon or the stars...?

W2 No. No, not the first night. The second night it was much, much much higher in the air. Miles and miles. But the second night, it appeared at the same time and dropped down in the lake at the same time...But the first night, no way. We went and saw that thing. That thing was no more than three miles in the air.

RD You're aware that the newspaper accounts are that it was the planets?

W2 Planets, right. No that's BULL****, because I went and stood out on the lake and looked up at them and I saw the thing moving. You could see it pivoting like this (gesturing in a rocking motion like a teeter-totter). When it got way out over the lake, that thing just started spinning around, it was all different kinds of lights...The interview continued and more sketches were made by W1. In being asked to draw the small objects, she drew a triangle.

RD When it landed on the ice, did it seem like it went under the surface of the water, or

did it rest on the ice for a period of time.

W1 I don't know. Sue saw it too from her back yard. You could see it sit down though. It didn't look like it sunk. We went down the next day to see if we could see anything. All you could see was ice broken everywhere. Huge, huge chunks of ice...

DW Which Coast Guard Station?

W2 & W1 Fairport Harbor.

DW Did they come up, did they drive up? That's quite a way down isn't it?

W2 They drove this way. They said they could see the lights from their Coast Guard station.

W1 Right. They were watching it and observing it from the Coast Guard station itself and didn't know what to make out of the little lights.

DW Did they tell you why they decided to come up here?

W2 Yeah, because they got so many calls that they wanted to come and investigate it. They had even called us back a few times that night.

W1 They said it was totally out of their league. They didn't know what it was or what it could be. They didn't want to speculate. They also said to us, even on the next day, that the Army and I guess, NASA did not want them to investigate any further. They did not want them to go out on the ice, because they have a cutter. They could have gone out to see where it landed, because their men made a report too. Somewhere along the line...and they could not get an answer from NASA, they couldn't get an answer from anybody. And they were told NOT to do anything about it, that it was out of their league, it was

RD They were told it was out of their league?

W1 Uh- huh.

RD That's a quote?

W1 Yes. It was out of their league and out of their hands. That's exactly what they told us. I talked to...a person in command there and he got on the phone with me and that's exactly what he told me also. That they had to forward all their information to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and a place in Detroit, which I don't know where in Detroit they were going to send something, but they said they were NOT ALLOWED to investigate it any further, that that's what they were told and to stay out of it...I wrote down their names because I was so upset that they called the police on me.

DW Did they ever tell you not to talk about it?

W1 They told me that it was just more or less, that it was out of their league and no one would, more or less, believe me and I think that's what they were getting at when they talked to me...I mean, they sent the police to my house, and that was more a harassment than anything else. You could tell they didn't want to talk about it either, because I called them back the next day and they were real snotty to me on the phone.

Investigation forms were then completed, and the photograph taken on the same night in a location several miles to the southeast was shown to the witnesses. They confirmed

that the triangular object shown in the photograph was identical to the triangular objects they had observed on the same night. Clearly, these witnesses, the Coast Guard, other independent witnesses who have been interviewed, and the photographic evidence all confirm that the Venus/Jupiter hypothesis offered by the skeptical "experts" as the ultimate solution to this case has no merit or validity. The responses of these experts are invited.

Rick Dell'Aquila and Dale Wedge"[5]

Shortly after this interview was done, Rick Dell'Aquila posted an update to the 1988 incident:

"UPDATE TO N.E. OHIO UFO FLAP: *On Saturday, April 2, 1988 at about 3:15 P.M., Eastern Time*

Flat black helicopter was reported to fly at tree-top level over the N.E. Ohio home of one of the witnesses whose prior sighting has been filed with MUFON by Dale B. Wedge and Rick Dell'Aquila, and recounted on Paranet (see LAKERIE.UFO). The helicopter was observed by at least 5 individuals from three separate residences in the neighborhood, and was in sight for 2-3 minutes. The unmarked and unlit helicopter had a military appearance as it approached slowly from the west, making a loud sound peculiarly similar to that made by a small airplane rather than a helicopter. The apparently windowless craft was observed to fly eastward, before turning to the south and disappearing over the line of trees. It apparently caused "snow" on a television screen. The investigation of the continuing series of UFO events in this area continues and updates will be provided to MUFON and Paranet as they become available. --Rick Dell'Aquila"

Now, let's keep the whole 1988 Lake Erie UFO sighting in mind as we move forward on our timeline up to present day. The above incident is very similar to Michael's own experiences, as we shall see. But first:

Date: February 28, 1996:

Pilot Sighting UFO -- Cleveland Air Traffic Control

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lbMEZgwHABg>

Date September 22 - 25, 2004

Strange Rumors Of Northern Ohio Activity

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Unusual Situation Reported In Northern Ohio

Apparently on Wednesday morning, September 22, numerous callers to Cleveland, Ohio radio station 1100 WTAM reported a rainbow-like aerial situation similar to a 'Sundog.' The situation complicates, however, as others begin describing unusual contrails, jet scrambles and other military activity all across northern Ohio. One caller, Amin, describes an unusual light seen the night before Sept. 22 while driving home from Detroit around 1:00 a.m. while another caller, Kevin, claims the similar sighting of a 'bluish green light' around 10:35 p.m. on Route 8 near the Stow, Ohio area (north of Akron). At daybreak the morning of Sept. 22, northeastern Ohio skies were allegedly 'ripped' with jet vapor trails.

One caller, Don, is a truck driver with a route between Cleveland and Youngstown, and alleges that his GPS (Global Positioning System) that pinpoints his mapping location on a laptop computer, began malfunctioning between 8 and 9:00 a.m., although working flawlessly beforehand. Stranger still, another caller named Dave claimed that Route 12, a south/north road out of Fostoria, Ohio, was blocked by "tons" of army trucks and traffic was being diverted.

This activity was briefly referenced on the Cleveland UFO E-list by George Pindroh, but with no new information. Secondly, I did receive three E-mail advisement's regarding this activity from various contacts, along with one copied message from 'June' that states: " I talked with my Mom today, and she told me that on channel 19 at 5 pm, Wed., Sept. 22, the TV news anchor said that there were hundreds of reports of UFO's all over the lakefront area of Ohio. He said that after the commercial breaks he would give the details. My mom was very curious and waited to hear the news. When the news came back on, NOTHING. So the story was squashed. I talked to a few people at work today, and yes, they had heard about the sightings. Everyone was talking about it. So lots of people here in Ohio heard about it before the news was suppressed. According to my Mom, the TV anchor said that people saw what looked like a huge cloud with rainbow colors along with many UFO's that were not disguising themselves as clouds. I also learned that fighter jets were sent out after them." (Note, I do not know June who copied me on her comments to a few other researchers, but she signed her name with the addition of "In The Light," and I cannot vouch for her comments -- KY)

Thirdly, a comment about the WTAM radio activity was filed to the National UFO Reporting Center (N.U.F.O.R.C.) website, but also containing no new information.

Further, Mrs. Donnie Blessing, Southern Ohio State Director for MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) spoke with a gentleman from Cleveland named Ken who contacted the Cincinnati UFO Hotline (513 - 588 - 4548) on September 28th to advise of a UFO sighting in Canada on September 21st. While taking the information, Ken advised that his wife knew of the strange reports on WTAM radio station on September 22, and further informed of UFOs and numerous (presumably) responding military helicopters seen near the Perry Nuclear Power Station. This specific detail has been considered most intriguing. At this time, we know of no substantive information to link this reference of a UFO situation near the Perry Nuclear Power Station to the September 22nd activity reported by WTAM radio.

Oddly, there was previous UFO activity reported 'on the record' by a Lake County law officer referenced in conjunction with the Perry Nuclear Facility in June of 2004.

DATE November 27, 2006

Lake Erie: Hot Spot for UFO Sightings?

(On The Shores of Lake Erie, OH) --- It's become known as the "Lake Erie 'UFO' phenomenon."

Recent sightings of unidentified objects are sparking new interest in the subject. So NBC24 launched a probe into the area's close encounters. Whether you're a skeptic, or a sworn believer, you'll want to see what we found.

Ufologist Aaron Clark is among the area's top investigators. He showed NBC24 video footage of a recent sighting -- a dark object that appears to dart back and forth in the sky.

"It's very strange as it moves," Clark tells NBC24. "It almost looks like it's changing shape."

Clark says efforts to identify another glowing object have been unsuccessful.

"It's this very strange odd shaped, almost boomerang-shaped object that flies in front of the moon. It's unknown. All we have is the video. It's not anything that's a conventional type of aircraft."

Clark says Ohio's Lake Erie coastline is a well known hot spot for UFO sightings.

Ufologist Richard Lee has been examining reports for decades.

"Ohio's been famous for the possibility of the connection of the UFO subject from way back in the 1950s," he told NBC24 recently during a meeting of Ufologists.

"This is the oldest continuously operating group as far as we know in the world."

Lee admits most of the incidents the Cleveland Ufology Project has investigated are of this world.

"It might be atmospheric, or it might be miss-identified."

But the trained UFO investigator says there are incidents that still can't be unexplained.

Lee says a police chase with a UFO depicted in the 1970s Steven Spielberg film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" was inspired by an actual event that happened right here in Ohio. The chase started on the morning of April 17, 1966.

Several police crews followed an object they could not identify. Lee says the deputy who first encountered the object described what he saw.

"We usually say, 'how big was it at arms length?' He said it was like a house 50-feet over your head, and that started the chase that ended up in Pennsylvania they exceeded 100 miles an hour in part of the pursuit."

Police followed it into Pennsylvania and eventually ran out of gas. It was a sighting that looked like a movie scene that make Clark a believer.

"It was a large object bigger than a house that had three rows of white lights and it was rotating about 500-feet away," he says.

Nearly 22 years later, in 1988, the Coast Guard responded to a call of a sighting. NBC24 confirmed a Coast Guard report, in which crews described an unidentified large object, appeared to land on the Lake Erie ice, before it vanished.

"Unexplained. It's like there's no definitive way to define what the phenomenon was." Lee says. "It's just one of those mysteries."

If UFOs are watching over Lake Erie, the real mystery is why? Area Ufologists have heard several theories over the years.

"The lake is being monitored by somebody from elsewhere possibly. people think there are underwater bases," Clark says.

Rob Packard

Here I'm going to stop again for a while with my timeline presentation, because Rob Packard brings up a pretty interesting subject at the end when he's talking about underwater bases. In fact, Packard is not the only one suggesting this, and we're going to discuss that some more later on. The next article, which will bring us up to present time, talks about it as well.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2011

Does Lake Erie Harbor an Underwater UFO Base?

Around 9Pm on Saturday September 17th 2011 unknown air borne phenomenon was observed over Lake Erie near western Erie County Pennsylvania by two households.

Two residents of Japan street in Millcreek Township had stepped outside for a smoke when they noticed 6 orange glowing objects in the sky, car alarms and police sirens had gone off at the same time as the incident and the pair went over to their neighbors house to verify what they were seeing. Here is his testimony as per the MUFON database:

It was approximately 9-910pm. My neighbor and his friend knocked on my door and started to tell me about these abnormal lights they saw in the sky. Then we saw one orangeish light in the sky. It was North/North West from my house, so it appeared to be above Lake Erie.

The light was visible for about a minute. It appeared to be moving west(left in the sky) slightly, the light started to fade a little bit, then completely disappeared. During this time the light moved up and down slightly. The light was orange, but didn't appear to be a fireball. It was not making any sounds that we could hear.

My neighbor and his friend then told me that maybe 4-5 minutes before, they stepped outside their house to smoke. They saw 6 orange lights (like the one I saw). The lights appeared to be north/north west (again appearing to be above Lake Erie) They ran into their front yard to get a better look. The six lights appeared to be in some sort of formation, moving together. During this time multiple car alarms in our neighbor hood alarmed (I heard these while I was inside my house) The car alarms were on different streets. After about a minute or two, they came and knocked on my door, that is when I saw the one light I previously mentioned.

When I first saw the object, I wasn't sure what it was, planes usually appear higher in the sky. Also I've never seen a plane with an orange light like that. I really couldn't think of any logical explanations, especially after the story my neighbor and his friend told me of seeing six lights. We all found it to be slightly odd that there were a number of car alarms that had gone off as well. I have no clue what it was, but it was definitely out of the ordinary.

The witness had contacted me on Facebook within minutes of the sighting asking if I had heard anything about the phenomenon, hisdescription of the object was similar to the UFO filmed over Moscow on September 9th of this year:

When the witness saw this video he said the object was very very similar to what he encountered on the 17th. Could this be the same or same type of object?

Southern Lake Erie has been a hotspot of UFO and aerial phenomenon lately. One of the chapters in my latest book "Eerie Erie: Tales of the Unexplained from Northwestern Pennsylvania" (The History Press, July 2011) is titled "A Hidden Underwater UFO Base in Lake Erie" in this chapter I recount the mass of UFO sightings above and below the waters of Lake Erie within the past few years. Massive objects being reported crashing

into the waters on the Lake's Southern shore, an amazing incident of a large UFO landing on the icy Lake that launched scout ships witnessed and recorded by Coast Guards, and many more.

On August 8th of this year, a fireball was detected by all-sky cameras from the Southern Ontario Meteor Network at 1:22 a.m. EDT. According to Space.com, "It was picked up over Lake Erie and proceeded south-southeast over Ohio," said Bill Cooke, head of NASA's Meteoroid Environments Office at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala. The meteor was last tracked north of Gustavus, Ohio, and the potential impact zone for meteorite fragments is a region east of Cleveland"

A similar object impacted in lake Erie in 2008. On November 13th 2008 the Ashtabula Star Beacon reported that multiple witnesses from Ashtabula to Madison Ohio had heard and witnessed a large object crash into Lake Erie's southern shore. At first police and local authorities thought it to be an aircraft, but Madison Township police Sgt. Rick Barson is quoted in the Ashtabula Star Beacon as saying, "We had enough information from two people in separate places that seemed to have seen the same thing, but we had trouble getting a good description that would fit the type of craft we believed this plane could be." Later NASA would claim that the object entering the lake was a meteorite, but that is not what the witnesses saw, they saw a craft of some sort.

Lake Erie has a long history of unexplained aerial and underwater phenomenon. For centuries Lake Erie has been host to a phenomena that many in past eras have called "Wizad Lights". In the December 12, 1867 issue of the Brooklyn Eagle there is an article "A Curious Phenomenon on Lake Erie" in which is recounted the instance of a burning ghost ship seen off Erie. The writer reports that local sailors have been seeing these lights for over 50 years throughout the lake. When rescuers would venture off toward the burning lights, they would simply vanish. Soon the sailors would no more go to the rescue when these lights appeared, they knew that they were something odd...something otherworldly.

Recently places on the western part of the lake such as Sandusky and Cleveland have been hotbeds of UFO activity and similar lights have been filmed, making them a Youtube sensation. These UFOs have been investigated by world famous UFO researchers and even the focus of such cable television shows such as "UFO Hunters" and "UFO Files". Cleveland ufologist Aaron Clark in the March 8, 2007 Cleveland Plain Dealer declares that "Some believe there's a UFO base on the bottom of the lake."

After compiling incidents from MUFON, eyewitnesses and other UFO databases, I have noticed that there have been an alarming amount of diverse UFO sightings above and below the surface of Lake Erie within the past decade. Does Lake Erie play host to some sort of underwater UFO/USO base? Something is happening below its murky waves, something unexplained.

Michael Lee Hill started seeing UFOs over the lake around 2003, and his story started taking off the next year, when the following article was published in the 'Free Times':

That's No Moon-Who - Or What - Is Buzzing Northeast Ohio?

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Many Uncrazy Clevelanders Have Seen Strange Lights In The Sky. Who - Or What - Is Buzzing Northeast Ohio?

By John Lasker

To suggest that Northeast Ohio could be witness to the next mass UFO sighting does not officially make you a member of the tin-foil hat crowd. If you believe even just a few of the witnesses, Cleveland and its surrounding communities might already be a hotspot.

During the previous two years, the Cleveland UFOlogy Project, considered the oldest of its kind on this side of the globe, has documented 20 credible sightings. The 2005 documentary Dan Akroyd: Unplugged on UFOs highlighted the peculiar lights over Lake Erie near Eastlake, where witnesses reported their latest sighting just this past June. Earlier this year, an "orb" was videotaped over the Key Bank Tower during a peace rally, and the incident made it on the CBS nightly news.

The hype continues: Literally hundreds of thousands have downloaded Internet videos of Northeast Ohio UFOs. The Cleveland Office of Homeland Security has investigated. And one of the Eastlake UFO witnesses says he's signed a contract with a History Channel for a documentary.

"If you take all of the people in Ohio who are interested in this subject, I bet half of them are from that part of the state," says Central Ohio-based William E. Jones, state director for Ohio MUFON, or Mutual UFO Network. "A lot of folks up there have seen things over the years. More people are interested up there. I don't know why."

Sam Phillips has long been a fixture of Cleveland's music scene. He's an accomplished drummer and "hand snapper," and appeared on The Arsenio Hall Show. When interviewed for this story, however, he was homeless and sleeping at the homes of friends and family. Phillips taped a strange light spinning and hovering over the Key Bank Tower on March 10, during a peace rally.

"This is not about me," says Phillips, who admits he has become obsessed with what he saw that night. "There's a pattern here. There's a riddle here. And I want answers. I want an explanation."

He believes it wasn't coincidence the sighting took place over a peace rally. During the sighting, he recalls saying that our "brothers and sisters are going to come down from the universe and humble our ass."

Phillips' story, however, is but a sidebar in the current wave of Northeast Ohio UFO mania. Taking center stage is Lake Erie, and Michael Lee Hill of Eastlake.

Hill, like Phillips, is a musician. In 2001, Grammy-award winner and guitar legend Steve Vai picked Hill as the winner of a national guitar contest. Hill is gregarious, upbeat and likeable. He's unconventional and complex. He's certain that the UFOs he has seen are targeting him.

"I've had contact my whole life," he says. "I remember asking my mother, "Why do Santa's elves keep visiting me?""

The recent visitations started in earnest five years ago, not far from the coal-burning power plant, he says. While walking on the beach, not far from his home, Hill said he witnessed a top hat-shaped craft hovering and pulsating over the shoreline. This same area is also famous in UFO lore for a 1988 encounter documented by the Coast Guard.

Hill started taking a video camera to the lakefront. Since then he's captured scores of bright lights that appear to hover over Lake Erie. He's uploaded many of his videos to

YouTube, and those caught the attention of David Sereda, who directed the Akroyd documentary. Hill created the music for Sereda's latest project, From Here To Andromeda. Hill also says he recently signed a contract for a History Channel project, but the channel did not return Free Times' calls.

"I really do consider myself a spiritual messenger; I know it sounds freaky," says Hill, adding that the UFO filmed over the Key Bank Tower is one of the same orbs he captured over Lake Erie. "There's a huge story unfolding here. I think they're absolutely sending us a message. I believe they are here to help us become a galactic society."

At the other end of the spectrum is Eastlake resident Gary Strauss, who says adamantly, "I'm not one of those UFO people." He's a chemist and a supervisor at a local laboratory. He's lived in his home on the lake since 1984, in the same neighborhood as Hill, though they've never met.

Early on the morning of June 21, Strauss and his son saw four bright lights, shaped like the tip of a Sharpie marker, high above the water. The lights were in a line parallel with the shoreline, positioned at 11 o'clock and 30 degrees above the horizon.

Then one vanished. Then another. Soon all four were gone. Suddenly, they reappeared in the shape of a diamond. Then they went flat again. This went on for more than an hour.

He called the Eastlake police and they dispatched an officer. Strauss remembers the officer saying, "What is that?"

The following day, his son checked the Internet for lights over Lake Erie and found one of Hill's videos. He recalls his son shouting, "That's it! That's what we saw!"

But unlike other Lake Erie witnesses, Strauss doesn't believe the lights are extraterrestrial. He guesses they're the result of government or aerospace industry experiments with new technology. "They're bouncing radar off some type of object," he speculates. "Some form of radar reflection technology. I'm just making an educated guess."

Nevertheless, he's intrigued.

"I look outside a lot more. I want to see it again," says Strauss. "This time, I'm going to have my camera." But he rejects the suggestion that it's anything more than curiosity: "No. I'm not obsessive. Absolutely not."

The Eastlake police actually had two witnesses that night. A detective, who asked not to be named, told the Free Times that he too saw the lights, but from a different vantage point.

The Eastlake police asked the Cleveland office of Homeland Security to look into the sighting, and the detective says he was told later that on the night of the sighting, the Canadian Coast Guard was near the opposite side of the lake searching for a man who had been reported missing. A Canadian Coast Guard helicopter dropped flares, connected to miniature parachutes, over the water. Later it was discovered the man had drowned.

Strauss finds this implausible, believes the lights appeared in a straight line, then vanished, then reappeared in a diamond formation.

The Bush administration reportedly has funneled billions to the aerospace industry to

develop space-based weapons under the guise of missile defense. Secret military space-plane programs are believed to have been revived as well.

Another possibility are LAGEOS, or Laser Geodynamics Satellites. Publicly, the government says two are in orbit, and both are roughly the size of a basketball. They are made of brass and partially covered with a retro-reflection material that returns light in the direction it comes from, similar to a road sign.

There's also NASA's Glenn Research Center at the Plum Brook site in Sandusky. The site is home to the world's largest space environment simulation chamber. That chamber will test NASA's new spacecraft, Orion, which will take the US back to the moon. Recent upgrades to the Plum Brook site will also allow it to test "next-generation lunar landers, robotic systems, and military and commercial aircraft," according to NASA's Web site.

"So here I come walking out of the TV station one night in November maybe a decade ago after our early evening newscast," says Ted Henry of New Channel 5. "In perfect formation there were five large objects flying smoothly in my direction. It was stunning."

"What I saw was the undersides of five flat objects flying in exact formation. The front two were enormous, maybe the size of several football fields, and the three trailing were smaller, flying in a slightly irregular pattern."

"What do I think they were? All I can really tell you is what I saw."

Henry has talked about his sighting many times on the air. He puts the experience this way: "One thing is certain, for people who see something in the sky, as I did over Cleveland years ago, it can be a life changing experience."

There was also a YouTube video posted not too long ago with sightings more recent than this last one, but it has now been taken down, unfortunately. Nevertheless, I think the reader gets the picture.

In Part 2 of this Appendix, we are going to discuss Michael's experiences in much more detail, and they don't end with just a few lights over Lake Erie (nowadays commonly known as the 'Eastlake UFOs'). The lights he and other have seen over the lake is for Michael only the absolute beginning of a much bigger story that was unfolding before his very eyes as time went by, and it's far from ended yet.

In my first article about Michael, I spent a lot of time with Bill Birnes' 'UFO Hunters' documentary, which was more or less the highlight of that article. Now it's time to bring that further. However, it's interesting to hear what one of Bill Birnes' team members had to say about Michael and his experiences in the following video clip:

[VIDEO]

Multimedia A-1: 'UFO Hunters' analysis of Michael Lee Hill's experiences.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=YiFXVWz4tq0

Now, let's move on to Michael himself and what he, and others (including media people) have to say about what he has experienced, in the second and last part of this series...

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