





# The Space Lizard Report

## Exploring Paranormal & Fringe Culture

### Throwback Thursday: The Lawton Triangle of 2002

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George Filer, a retired Major and Eastern Region Director for the Mutual UFO Network, compiles UFO events (<http://www.ufoinfo.com/filer/>) every week. In April 2002, he published a report of a UFO in Oklahoma (<http://www.ufoinfo.com/filer/2002/ff0216.shtml>):

*LAWTON – Investigator Jim Hickman reports on the Flying Triangle-MUFON Case #1-774 that took place on March 11, 2002. Jim received a sighting report from “Joe W.” taken near Lawton with a fairly strange photo attached. Dr. Bruce Maccabee, agreed to conduct the photo analysis and asks what could this craft have been? It certainly doesn’t seem to be any military device or any type of object normally in the sky. Internally lighted blimps seem like very strange objects at night, but they have a distinctive shape. (There was a rash of blimp sightings and videos back in the early 1990s, so we have video “data” on the types of images they make...nothing like this.) Hence, unless someone has a better idea, I would have to classify this as a True UFO (TRUFO), which might be some sort of Alien Flying Craft (AFC) (or two such craft)?*

All evidence pointed towards the Lawton Triangle being a true UFO, probably an alien flying his craft over the skies of Oklahoma. Or at least that was the conclusion of MUFON’s esteemed investigators when they saw this image:

(<https://spacelizardreport.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/lawton1.jpg>).

What solid proof! Look at that strangely familiar red light, floating around in a void that provides absolutely no frame of reference, so judging its distance and size is impossible. You can read the full “report” here (<http://brumac.8k.com/LawtonTriangle/Lawtontriangle.html>).

In May 2002, Filer’s Files published another report (<http://ufoinfo.com/filer/2002/ff0222.shtml>) of the same event.

FORT SILL — Jim Hickman reports that on May 20, 2002, "TJ" was out on the Quanah Range on Fort Sill earlier tonight, and saw the strangest objects in the sky that he ever saw! TJ reports, "The nature of my job requires that I carry a camera in my vehicle for documenting accidents and incidents on Fort Sill training areas, so I was able to get a picture of the objects." When I got home, I started searching the web trying to figure out who I should report this to, since I'm definitely NOT going to report this to the military authorities. If I did I'd probably end my career real fast. When I came across your website I almost fell out of my chair! The Lawton Triangle picture is almost exactly like the objects I saw, and Lawton is just south of Fort Sill where I saw these objects! Is this bizarre or what? TJ continues, "I was looking west when I first spotted the objects low to the ground behind some tall trees." At first I thought they were the lights from military vehicles. "Then suddenly these lights shot straight up in the sky and just hovered for a minute or so." I just sat there dumbfounded for a moment when it suddenly dawned on me that I should take a picture.

MUFON's Dr Bruce Maccabee's comments on the new photo: "WOW! Got to pull out all the stops on this one! A rare event, two photos of the same (apparently) thing! The numbers of lights at the corners may agree (do agree at two corners) and the shape of the red "car" is as I had predicted (the left and right outlines of the "car" in the Lawton photo would be the actual shapes of the left and right sides of the red UFO image if photographed without camera smear)."

(<https://spacelizardreport.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/lawton2.jpg>) If there are two similar pictures of this event – well, that's some proof. We have to conclude that there are UFOs over Lawton, Oklahoma because –

*So where these images "True UFOs" or "Alien Flying Craft" of some sort? No... In reality these pictures were nothing more than a picture of Microsoft Optical Mouse taken with the room lights and camera flash turned off!*

IT WAS A MOUSE (<http://ufohoax.tripod.com/>)

(<https://spacelizardreport.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/lawton3.jpg>) THEY CONCLUDED A GLOWING MOUSE IN A DARK ROOM WAS A "TRUE UFO"

These weren't some random people. One was a "regional director" for MUFON. Another investigator mentioned, Bruce Maccabee ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bruce\\_Maccabee](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bruce_Maccabee)), is a well-known UFOlogist and former physicist. MUFON has its own TV show, called *Hangar 1*. It claims to reveal stories from their "UFO files". THESE ARE THEIR FILES. We're literally reading MUFON's files, and they conclude that a mouse in a dark room is a "true UFO".

Jim Hickman, who investigated the second sighting, planned to go on a radio show in September 2003 to explain how he "uncovered" the hoax. When the hoaxer called in to say that they revealed it themselves and Hickman didn't expose anything, Hickman mysteriously failed to show for his interview. Apparently, it wasn't the first time he failed to show. You can download the audio clips off the hoaxer's page, and the radio host wonders why he was given a second chance.

In 2002, a man fooled UFOlogy's Top Minds. And it didn't take much: just a mouse hanging off a chair in a dark room.

Via Museum of Hoaxes (<http://hoaxes.org/weblog/comments/the-lawton-triangle-hoax>).

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