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Area-51: the "Interceptors"

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Interceptor Cast: The Council of Elders

In the course of defending our honor at Dreamland Resort (see "[Burning History](#)"), Shadowhawk put together a pretty good summary of the original "Interceptors" core group. There were many others. But these nine compose the "Council of Elders" who the rest of you are expected to bow down to. At present, the Council is 78% not dead. But this number could change at any time. Shadowhawk's summary, as posted:

(For those who don't remember their history, there were 9 of us).

1. **Jim Goodall** is considered to be the first. He was known by several code names. (Yes, we all had silly code names. We never took ourselves too seriously). Jim was variously known as "The Great One", "Agent Orange", and "Spy Two".

He was an aviation author who documented the SR-71 Blackbirds and stealth aircraft from before the time many of them were declassified. He spent a great deal of time lurking around Tonopah and Area-51.

For whatever reason, he was also intrigued by the testimony of Bob Lazar who claimed to have worked with *alien* spacecraft in an underground Government facility. Jim remains, fundamentally, an airplane nut -- not a UFO nut -- and works in aircraft restoration at the Museum of Flight in Seattle, Washington.

2. **John Andrews** ("Spy One") of Testors Corporation (the company that brought us plastic models of the "F-19" and "SR-75") was a gentleman in all respects with more manners and grace than all the other Interceptors combined. He worked for years designing plastic model kits of both real and hypothetical military craft.

His greatest quest was to release models of secret aircraft before the Government acknowledged their existence. He passed away some years ago.

[StealthSkater note: John Andrews' notes on Lazar's UFO archived in the "[Andrews_1](#)" file at => [doc](#) [pdf](#) [URL-doc](#) [URL-pdf](#)]

3. **Mark Farmer** ("Agent X") was a freelance journalist and photographer from Juneau, Alaska. He was always one to push the limits of the envelope be it in military watching, in extreme sports, or in matters of taste.

He had all the latest hardware including night-vision goggles, telescope, camera with a mammoth telephoto lens, scanner radio, and survival rations for a week. And of course, he was stylishly attired in camouflage fatigues that were exactly appropriate for this particular desert background. One of his websites is [TopCover](#).

4. **Tom Mahood** ("Hand") was a traffic engineer from Irvine, California with a secret passion Physics. After slinking around with us along the border of Area-51, he went on to earn a physics Master's degree in the subject of Gravity, motivated by the desire to prove or debunk certain UFO claims. He then worked for a short time at a Government laboratory in Washington State that was conducting serious research into the nature of Gravity. He eventually returned to traffic engineering.

He was an excellent investigator, completely focused on solving the current mystery whatever it happened to be. Once a mystery was solved, he cast it aside like a completed crossword puzzle and moved on.

That was how he treated Area-51. Tom was the second person known to have climbed Tikaboo Peak for the express purpose of viewing Area-51 and the first to create a trail up to the peak. He also located the crash site of an A-12 (Article 125).

[StealthSkater note: more on Goodall, Andrews, Farmer, and Mahood is archived in the "BlackBudget_1" file at => [doc](#) [pdf](#) [URL-doc](#) [URL-pdf](#) ; the "Lazar_15" file at => [doc](#) [pdf](#) [URL-doc](#) [URL-pdf](#) ; and on the "UFO#Mahood" page at => [doc](#) [pdf](#) [URL](#) .]

5. **Mike Dornheim** ("The Ayatollah") was a Los Angeles-based aviation journalist and arch-skeptic. As West Coast Editor for *Aviation Week and Space Technology* magazine, he fought unsuccessfully against publishing unsubstantiated stories about mythical aerospace planes. He believed in data -- not speculation. But his was a lone voice crying in the wilderness.

He died in a tragic car accident a few years ago. [StealthSkater note: see the "Science#Kramer" page at => [doc](#) [pdf](#) [URL](#)]

6. **Jim Bakos** ("Agent Zero") was a machinist from Hemet, California known for his good-natured enthusiasm whose proudest accomplishment was the design and manufacture of the official Interceptor decoder ring.

"Agent Zero" owned his own machine shop, stamping out various metal connectors and other parts. Some of his biggest clients were military contractors. Not wanting to bite the hand that feeds, "Zero" kept a low profile regarding the news media.

7. **Stuart Brown** (the "Minister of Words") was a staff writer for *Popular Science* magazine, living in Hollywood, California. He documented some of the Interceptors' antics in print and in television interviews. He currently lives in New York.

8. **Glenn Campbell** ("PsychospY") was the only Interceptor who actually lived near Area-51. He was a computer programmer who developed an intense interest in all things related to Area-51 and moved to Nevada (does this sound like anyone else we know?). In January 1993, he drove his camper from Boston to Rachel and moved in behind the Little A'Le'Inn.

Over the next several years, he explored every detail of the area; published the "Area-51 Viewer's Guide"; and organized the initial events that brought the Interceptors together. He appointed himself public relations officer for the secret base and entertained every form of visiting news media. He tread a narrow path between believer and debunker and was more interested in the psychlogican and cultural aspects of Area-51 than in secret aircraft.

His greatest contribution was the ability to network people. By introducing a disparate collection of researchers to each other, he created something that was truly greater than the sum of its parts. He also introduced the first comprehensive Area-51 website (<http://www.aliensonearth.com>) and unearthed key information that helped remove the shroud of mystery that surrounded the Groom Lake base.

[StealthSkater note: a few of Glenn's articles/interviews are archived on the "Lazar" page at => [doc](#) [pdf](#) [URL](#) and the "Sherman" page at => [doc](#) [pdf](#) [URL](#)]

9. I -- **Peter Merlin** (a.k.a. "Shadowhawk") -- billed myself as an aerospace archaeologist and historian. I specialized in collecting data, documents, and artifacts related to flight-testing and Area-51.

I was also the first person known to have climbed Tikaboo Peak to look at Groom Lake. Of all the Original Dreamland Interceptors (ODIs), I'm the only one who has continuously researched the subject of Area-51 without interruption in the years since the Interceptors faded from the scene. I'm proud of my contributions to [Dreamland Resort](#) (the best Area-51 website ever!) and Roadrunners Internationale that help preserve the legacy of Area-51. I wouldn't have gotten as far as I have in this endeavor without Glenn's help and that of the other ODIs. Let's not throw all that they have done on the fire.

"ODI" is okay. But we prefer "Council of Elders". They're the useless old guys who don't have much power left, but everyone pretends to honor them. They also get the best parking spots at the Black Mailbox on account of their seniority.

Freedom Ridge Blackworld Picnic

"Agent X" just sent this photo of some Interceptors and associates on Freedom Ridge. The occasion was the formal inauguration of Freedom Ridge at the "Blackworld Picnic" on January 15, 1994. This was a seminal event in Interceptor history. It is where we first connected with "Hand" and a lot of others. Most of the Council of Elders were present including the "Minister", the "Ayatollah", "The Great One", "Hand", and "PsychospY" (who else?). It was also the inspiration for the first *Desert Rat* issue.

Here is a larger version of the photo.



These are the parties I can identify, left-to-right:

- #1: Unidentified
- #2: Unidentified
- #3: Unidentified
- #4: (at telescope) Michael DiGregorio of Far Out magazine.
- #5: (in cammo) "The Great One" (aka "Spy 2"/"Agent Orange")
- #6: Unidentified
- #7: (in cammo) "Psychospy" (yours truly)
- #8: (with binoculars) Bill Sweetman (does he have a code name?)
- #9: Warren James, authentic Rocket Scientist and friend of the "Minister".

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