

Beamed Aboard a UFO by a Psychic Sasquatch ...Understanding Paranormal Belief in the 21st Century

Rick Wood Host of radio's "Audiomartini"

Rick Wood will share his experience hosting a skeptical paranormal talk show that has had many guests over the course of seven years that have harbored very odd beliefs. Most are not "crazy" and some have held extraordinarily demanding positions, including a combat surgeon and a fighter pilot.

What makes these folks tick? Wood will attempt to provide some answers and also do some demonstrations of cold reading and dowsing.

Rick Wood is host of Audiomartini ("Curious Paranormal Radio" at audiomartini.com), a weekly one-hour radio interview show that deals with claims of the paranormal from a skeptic's viewpoint. Wood hosts debates as well as individual interviews, with no call-ins, allowing for in-depth discussions. The focus is on a fair and cordial exchange of information, even those with whom he disagrees. Recent guests have included Rep. Bob Filner (D-51-CA), the only historian of science in the U.S. Congress, and science journalist Chris

Mooney, author of "The Republican War on Science." Wood also hosted a debate between Michael Shermer, executive director of the Skeptic Society, and William Dembski, senior fellow of the Discovery Institute, on Intelligent Design.

**2 - 4 pm
Saturday, October 20, 2007
Bethesda Library
7400 Arlington Road
Bethesda, Maryland**

FREE admission – Everyone welcome, members and non-members

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