

## Mexico's Roswell: The Chihuahua UFO Crash

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*On August 25, 1974, along the Rio Grande River, near the Texas border town of Presidio, a thunderous explosion in the sky shattered the stillness of the warm summer night. An unidentified flying disc traveling at 2700 miles per hour collided with a small airplane heading south from El Paso, Texas. The flaming wreckage of both aircraft fell to the desert below, igniting a desperate race by two governments to recover technology from beyond the stars...*

*Mexico's Roswell: The Chihuahua UFO Crash*, the first of a planned three-book series by authors Noe Torres and Ruben Uriarte, tells of the 1974 midair collision of a Cessna passenger aircraft, with an as-yet unidentified aerial craft in the desert surrounding Coyame, Chihuahua, Mexico. The Cessna was heading south from El Paso, Texas, en route to Mexico City. The pilot of the aircraft, believed to have been the only person aboard, was presumed killed. No body was ever recovered from the crash site or surrounding area.

The book was born out of a 2005 television documentary on which Ruben Uriarte, spoke extensively on the case. He is the State Director for MUFON in Northern California.

The case involved both the United States and Mexican militaries, with the Mexican military's involvement reaching the highest levels, including SEDENA, Mexico's equivalent to the US FBI.

When one takes into account that militaries from two countries were involved, the authors' accomplishments become all the more remarkable.

The authors had the unenviable task of actively researching and investigating a case that, at the time of publication, was over thirty years old. The crash at Coyame is the perfect subject for a full-length case study, given the striking parallels drawn by the authors between that case and the 1947 Roswell incident, as far as the recovery operation by United

States and Mexican military personnel is concerned.

Faced with a very cold case, authors Ruben Uriarte and Noe Torres investigated every avenue firsthand, interviewing witnesses with firsthand knowledge of the event, including the locals in Coyame, Mexican military personnel, and others in the surrounding area. In this respect, the case becomes a human interest story. Given the nature of the incident itself, it is impressive that the witnesses speak so candidly to the authors about their experiences and impressions regarding the incident and subsequent military recovery operation.

While the title *Mexico's Roswell* is perhaps a misnomer, it is nonetheless apropos in terms of the importance of the case. The scope and breadth of this case is every bit as worthy of study as its American counterpart.

The crash of the aircraft itself is only the very beginning of the story. The issue then becomes the recovery of debris by a joint team consisting of US and Mexican military personnel. The authors' study and detailing of the military aspects of this case is first-rate.

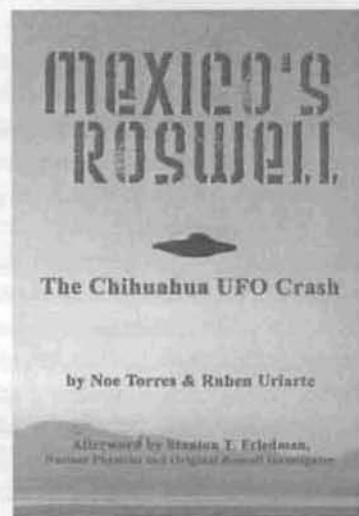
*Mexico's Roswell* is well researched, well written, and well constructed as a whole. They could have, however, offered a bit more detailed background information to readers coming to this case cold, or by expanding the entire work in a later edition.

At 220 pages, *Mexico's Roswell* is a reasonably quick read; the average reader should be able to read it in the span of a weekend.

Torres and Uriarte are to be commended to tackling such an important case, whose impact on ufology may just now be coming to light thanks to the research they have undertaken. A definite must-read.

*MEXICO'S ROSWELL* is the first of a three book series by co-authors Ruben Uriarte and Noe Torres. The Authors' second work in this series, *The Other Roswell: UFO Crash on the Texas-Mexico Border*, is currently available. This book discusses the eyewitness testimony of Colonel Robert Willingham, who claims to have chased a UFO across Texas, saw it crash to the earth near Del Rio, Texas, and later visited the crash site. The title and subject of the authors' third offering has yet to be announced.

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CMS continues to amass sighting reports from around the globe. In August 2008 there were 443 sightings reported to MUFON through CMS from the following countries:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Number of Reports</u>
United States	380
Canada	16
United Kingdom	12
Germany	5
Australia	5
France	3
Portugal	2
Brazil	2
Mexico	2
Japan	2
Switzerland	1
Bulgaria	1
Spain	1
Turkey	1
Ireland	1
Netherlands	1
Iran, Islamic Republic of	1
Italy	1
Georgia	1
Afghanistan	1
Puerto Rico	1
Egypt	1
Zimbabwe	1
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>442</b>



### Coyame, Mexico sighting filmed for TV

The story told in *Mexico's Roswell: The Chihuahua UFO Crash* (review on page 15) was filmed for the History Channel's *UFO Hunters* show in October 2007. Called "Crash and Retrieval," it originally aired on February 20, 2008. From left, back row, Ruben Uriarte, Ron Milione, Pat Uskert, Bill Birnes. Kneeling: Noe Torres and Pedro Gomez. Photo taken during filming of the TV show.

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