



MARS' PRESIDENT NAMES HUMANOID SEEN IN TIRE TRACKS ON MARS "TRACKENSTEIN"

SEATTLE, WA (MARS) May 31, 2010 - Photo-analysis of the NASA image showing two small humanoid beings in the tire tracks of the NASA rover *Opportunity* as it traveled southward on the Meridiani Planum three weeks ago continues to be forwarded to the Mars Anomaly Research Society (MARS).

Andrew D. Basiago, president of MARS, is calling the larger of the two human forms, discovered in NASA image PIA13147 "Trackenstein" for its Frankenstein-like appearance in the tire tracks of the rover *Opportunity*.

One observer, Michael Bondi, has examined PIA13147 and found it to be both "very strange" and "very interesting." Lewis Michael Rhinehart, a MARS photo-analyst, declared: "This little guy really stands out!"

In an enhancement provided here by Basiago (*below left*), the heads of three additional life forms can be seen peering from a furrow behind the two humanoid figures standing in a hole in the ground. All four creatures seem to be observing why the rover *Opportunity* ran over the top of their living space.

In a color-enhanced version made by MARS chief photo-analyst Ross Curley (*below right*), the outstretched arms of the smaller humanoid figure can be more readily seen.

A British researcher forwarded the image to Basiago shortly after NASA posted PIA13147 on the World Wide Web on May 19, 2010. Basiago then discovered the humanoids in the image ten days later.

Yesterday, Basiago prompted a flurry of public interest by announcing the discovery and posting it on Facebook. The lawyer, 48, quipped: "Anybody who seriously scrutinizes the anomaly in PIA13147 and finds only rocks on Mars should have his or her head examined – by a geologist!"



The anomaly Basiago has dubbed "Trackenstein."



"Trackenstein" color-enhanced by Curley.