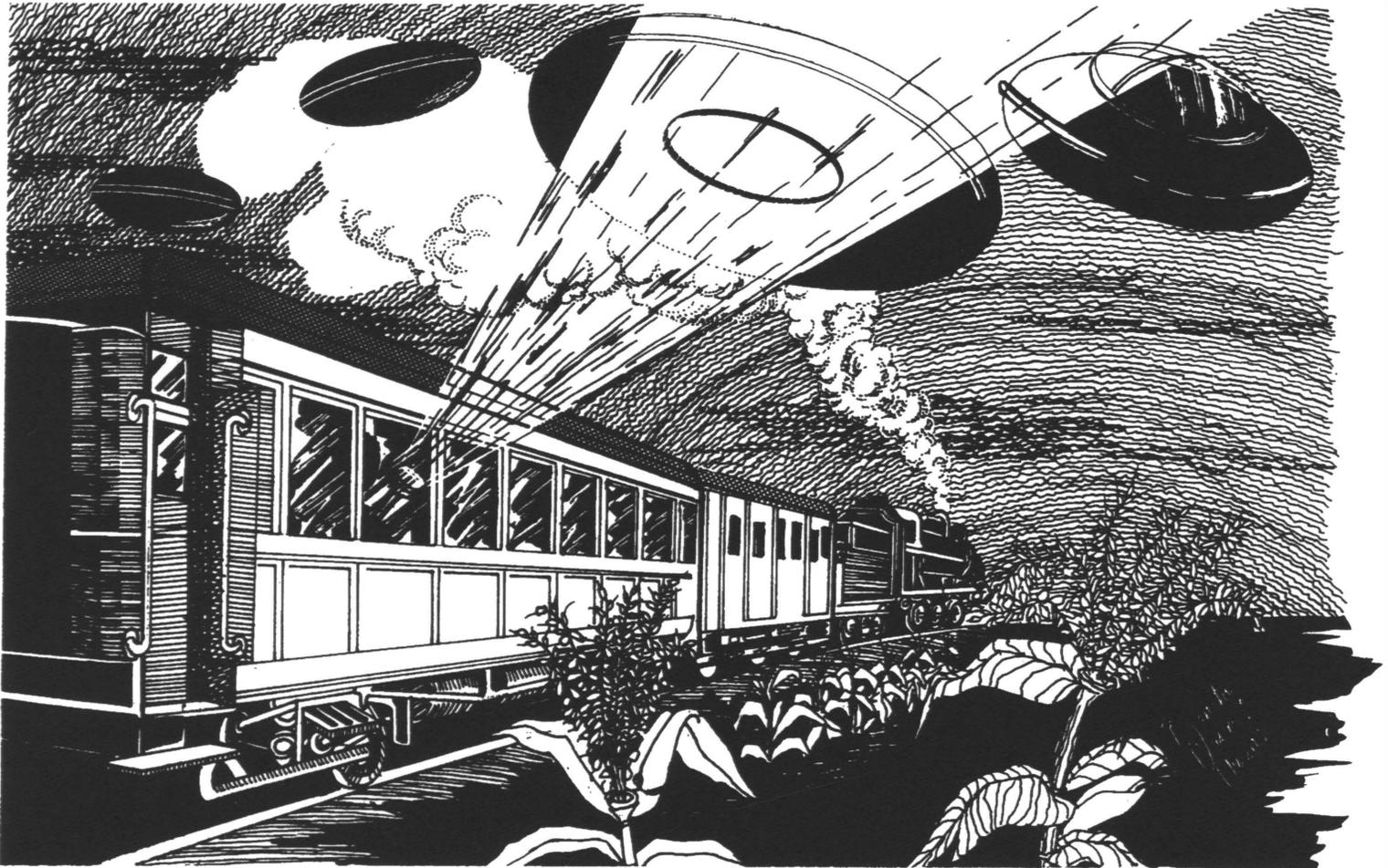


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## A WORD BEFORE WE BEGIN

The publication that you now hold in your hands is one that we have wanted to do for quite some time now. *Flying Saucer Digest* has been publishing since the spring of 1967 (there were several brief name changes over the years, but it was indeed the same basic publication) and is rapidly approaching its 200<sup>th</sup> issue, a feat seldom seen in "ufozine" publishing. So I suppose the time is indeed right to take a retrospective look at those 44 years and see just how the UFO field has evolved. It hasn't been an easy job either, as picking and choosing just what to include out of all the thousand-plus pages of material published has been quite daunting. Anyway, I sincerely hope you like our selection of what we believe to be the essence of the publication that the late Allan Manak launched those many years ago.

As is our custom with this series of booklets that we have been doing since the 1990s, we are running the following articles and news stories in the order that they were published with only minimal editing in an effort to give some flavor of those times now so long in the past.

As many of you know, I didn't come on board *FSD* until 1970 when my "original" *UFO Magazine* was incorporated with *FSD* at the urging of Al Manak, so I wasn't around for the 1967 founding. *FSD* was simply Al's dream and his joy over the years, and I'm happy that I can continue to keep the publication that he so loved alive and healthy. Al was a very capable editor, and it was truly a joy to work with him for so many productive years.

There were actually three editors of *FSD* over the years, the third being Robert S. Easley. Bob was also a very capable and enthusiastic editor as well as a writer, and thanks must go out to him for his tenure with the publication. Thanks must also go out to the "secret editor" of *FSD* for these many years, Carol Hilberg, without whom there literally would be no *FSD* to celebrate.

*FSD* has also been blessed with two very talented staff artists over the years, Ronald J. Pelger and the late Benita "Bunny" Owens, whose many illustrations graced the publication's pages for more than forty years. Kudos to them as well.

It's only fitting that we dedicate this publication to our founder and the big brother that I never had, Allan J. Manak.

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## **1967 - CAPTURED SAUCER NEAR GERMANY? - Ronald Pelger**

Periodically, since 1954, I have been doing a bit of research on a fantastic claim of a "captured flying saucer". By using the word "captured," I do not mean that it was caught with a net or threatened at gunpoint. However, I am merely stating that scientists perplexity stumbled upon a "flying saucer" which may have accidentally crash landed.

On a tiny island in the North Sea off the German coast, it is believed that a possibility of hydrogen bomb explosions in the Pacific Ocean could have knocked a UFO to the earth. Preliminary findings were revealed in Oslo, Norway, by a Dr. Hans Larsen Loberg, a retired Norwegian scientist, who said investigators have made some startling discoveries.

The saucer came down on Heligoland, a small island which the Germans used as a U-boat base during World War I. Since the island is only a speck of land in a large body of water, Dr. Loberg believes the disk was forced to earth when H-Bomb blasts created conditions of atmospheric pressure that made flight impossible.

It was not a crash-up, and the investigators found most of the saucer's instruments in good condition. On the ground surrounding the ship were found the bodies of seven men, all burned beyond recognition. They may, or may not, have been passengers aboard the flying craft.

Dr. Loberg said descriptive details of the saucer were told to him by a fellow scientist who was with the investigating team on Heligoland.

The craft, it seems, landed under guidance of its own instruments and the investigators studied it for two days before risking closer observation.

The area where the saucer came down was bombarded with cosmic rays, Geiger counters, and other protective devices before investigators began.

The seven charred bodies found around the saucer were yet unidentified.

Their clothing was burned away completely and there were no clues to indicate whether they were passengers aboard the craft, or whether they were Heligoland residents who ventured too close to the saucer too soon. All seven men were estimated to range from 25 to 30 years of age and of the same height - about 5 feet 8 inches. They all had excellent teeth.

A theory has been compiled:

The seven men, who were passengers, were consumed by fire inside the descending ship. The blaze could have been caused by sudden changes in atmospheric pressure conditions inside the saucer's hermetically sealed cabin.

On top of the craft, was a trap-door through which the seven bodies could have been thrown by the impact of landing.

The ship's measurements were very peculiar. It was 91 feet in diameter and the cabin was 70 feet in height. In fact, all the dimensions were divisible by seven.

On the control board were a series of push buttons, which probably controlled the saucer in flight.

The landing gear resembled a tripod of three metal spheres which could revolve in any direction. There were no bolts, rivets, or screws on the saucer and in the construction were found two metals which are unknown to scientists.

The outer metal of the craft was very light and in a way resembled aluminum, but it was so hard that even 15,000 degrees Fahrenheit could not melt it down. In fact, the saucer itself was so light two men could easily lift one side of it.

The scientists found equipment inside which definitely resembled living quarters. On one side of the cabin's interior, were placed wall enclosed bunks.

A liquid resembling water but almost three times heavier than normal drinking water was found in two small containers. On a wall bracket was a tube filled with a large number of pills. It is possible these pills could be a form of tabulated food.

The saucer's radio, which had no tubes, wires, nor antenna, was about as big as a package of cigarettes.

Pamphlets and booklets which seem to deal with navigation problems, were also found, but the script could not be deciphered.

Looking back to the 1954 "captured saucer" incident, there are a few questions which still need

answering. (1) What happened to this saucer? (2) What other secrets, if any, were discovered from it? (3) Was the investigating team hushed up for some reason? (4) Was the astounding claim just another hoax?

I have yet to know the truth after 12 years of searching into this strange occurrence, if it did occur at all, but I have put my thoughts to one possibility. How many UFOs *have* actually, by accident, or some careless mistake, crashed on some desolate part of this world, and we are unaware of it?

I'm sure that when we start sending our astronauts to other planets to investigate their mysteries, an accident or two is possible. The results could prove fatal.

What about other beings probing about our planet and suddenly meeting with an egregious accident? Is it not possible? It could happen. Has it? Source: Spring 1967 issue.

### **1968 - CHALLENGING THE HOLLOW EARTH THEORY - Lawrence Blazey**

There has been a great deal written lately on the possibility of the Earth being hollow and a super-intelligent race living within. This idea seemed to originate from a misinterpretation to the semantics attributed to the description of Admiral Byrd's flight over the North Pole in which it was stated that Byrd went beyond the North Pole and found evidence of an iceless domain.

Delving back in history we find innumerable accounts of explorers who have reached the North Pole by sled, by plane, by dirigible, and lastly by submarine. In 1926 Amundson and Ellsworth took off by plane from Kings Bay, Spitzbergen, which is 600 miles from the Pole and dropped flags on the North Pole, then proceeded straight across to Teller, Alaska. They proved that between the North Pole and Alaska lies only the deep Polar Sea.

In the Hollow Earth theory it is noted that the Earth has a hole at the North and South Pole about 1400 miles in diameter. If this were so, any investigation of a map would show that this would take in the northern rim of Siberia, and part of the Scandinavian Peninsula and part of Canada. Obviously these countries would know whether their northern borders dipped downward into a hole. Admiral Byrd's flight took off from Spitzbergen in 1926 in a Fokker plane. He started at 12:50 a.m. and reached the Pole at 9:00 p.m., circled it several times, then returned to Spitzbergen at 4:30 a.m. or after about 15 hours of flying, or 1,400 miles. Since it is about 600 miles from Spitzbergen to the Pole, Byrd must have gone about 100 miles around or beyond the Pole before turning back because of low gas supply. History does not relate anything unusual about his discoveries.

Again in 1928 Wilkins flew from Pt. Barrow, Alaska over the North Pole and, after 20 hours, reached Spitzbergen. He stated no new land areas were sighted.

In 1937 two non-stop flights from Moscow to the United States were made over the North Pole, the first commercial flights made over the Pole. Surely all of these flights would have noticed some peculiarity in the Earth at the Pole.

Again in 1937 the Russian ship *Sedov* reached within 300 miles of the Pole and was frozen in the ice for months. They could not be frozen in a hole. The most recent demonstration of a normal North Pole was in 1958 when the *Nautilus* sailed under the Pole making a sounding which showed about 1,500 ft. between the bottom of the Sea and the underside of the ice shelf. The *Nautilus* sailed from Spitzbergen and made a straight line north arriving at Point Barrow in Alaska.

Now let us look at some of the known physical facts which are beyond doubt. The claim of the Hollow Earth proponents is that a ship traveling thru the North Pole sails over an edge which is 400 miles thick or curved, and the trip is so gradual that you do not notice the change. Anyone can plainly see the stars at night and, if a ship descended downward, they sky would be gradually blanked out therefore all sextant readings become impossible to establish direction. Furthermore, where the oceans of the exterior met those of the interior, there would arise a terrific cavitation of forces.

A plane flying over the Pole at night would be able to see a huge light area emerge like dawn and the central sun, as is presumed exists inside the Earth, would be seen as a stationary source. Since the inside of the Earth is supposed to be a warm climate, these warm air currents would rise thru the opening and cause ice to melt at the rim. How can you justify the action of rain to replenish the rivers and lakes inside the Earth even if we supposed centrifugal force of the Earth's rotation were to keep them in their place? There would be no chance of evaporation, and rivers would pile up in one spot.

What happens to the gravitational force which is supposed to draw all things to the center of the Earth? This force evidently does not exist beyond the 400 mile depth of the crust, so say the proponents, and how could a sun remain stationary or spin at the center violating all physical laws? How could seismic waves of the Alaskan earthquake travel thru the Earth and be recorded in Russia? At the midway point on the 400 mile crust a ship would see a sun behind and one ahead. Quite confusing, it would seem, yet no one has noted this duality.

Now the proponents maintain that the icebergs at the North Pole are formed from the flow of fresh water from the interior rivers which end in the ocean and freeze when they reach the cold exterior. Any high school student knows that icebergs are formed over eons of time by the constant compacting of snowfall which the Polar Winds precipitate over the Pole. Then when the weight of snow becomes enormous, the snow turns to a crystallized ice called Neve'. When this ice shelf creeps toward the warm Atlantic currents, the underside is melted and huge chunks break off because of the weight above. These chunks drift into the oceans and are called icebergs. The physical facts, I believe outweigh the fantastic.

One of the most important theories advanced by the Hollow Earth proponents is that the flying saucers seen in our atmosphere originate inside the Earth and come out at the poles to see what the Earth beings are doing with atomic power that might jeopardize the planet.

After 39 years since Admiral Byrd flew beyond the Pole, it would seem a great stretch of anyone's intelligence to believe that a country or individuals could keep this secret. It is normal human nature to investigate further any discovery as earth-shaking as this regardless of national barriers. This fantastic tale originated only recently by authors of books for entertaining reading.

We have enough proof of extraterrestrial space ships and their origin to negate any reference to them being Earth centered, even though many have been sighted going into or out of the Polar Seas. These space ships can navigate under water or in the air, and their need for Earth exploration and demand for water makes this a natural consequence.

As a last rebuttal, the writer examined several books written by authors of the Hollow Earth and has concluded that their motives are suspect in drawing attention away from the truth that is being expounded by the forces of Light for the spiritual evolution of mankind. This includes the flying saucer phenomena which is, in part, a spiritual manifestation repeating the visitations given to mankind as recorded in Biblical times. Source: Spring 1968 issue.

### **ARE THE SAUCERS SPACE ANIMALS? - J. Philip Bessor**

From the time Kenneth Arnold saw his undulating, shining "saucers", in June, 1947, until Buck Fitzgerald and Mase Garney, two desert prospectors, claimed that they watched a flying saucer land and a little fellow jump out and run off, on August 19, 1949, a period of over two years, there was no mention of saucer crewmen landing or making conversation with Earthmen by sign language, mental telepathy, or speech.

But the Fitzgerald-Garney, affair, carried by news services, touched off a veritable chain reaction of "little men" tales. In English-speaking countries the little men have magically grown up into benevolent "guardians" or "masters" seriously concerned with the cosmic effects of atomic experimentation. In France and Italy, the crewmen remain diminutive, elf-like, and surprisingly enough, assume the physical characteristics and mannerisms of the countrymen.

Even research groups have rearranged their concepts of the flying saucers. For example, a cigar-shaped, winged object seen against the moon over San Diego during the meteor shower of 1946 was described by a medium as a space ship piloted by benevolent people "west of the moon" (and presumably "east of the sun," as in the song title). Now it has magically evolved from a creaking vehicle of balsa wood and metal alloy covering, with electric motors to propel its huge wings, into a sleek "aeroform", piloted by "guardians" who are supposed to be warning us, by their senseless aerial gyrations and aerial explosions, against the careless use of the atom bomb.

The United States Air Force, through a series of admissions and denials, has left the issue hanging in mid-air, ripe fruit to be plucked by science-fiction opportunists. Within the past several years these writers have released a number of patently fiction "flying saucer" books (but called the

gospel truth) on a gullible public. I have studied each instance of alleged human contact with a space man or space woman and have found none halfway convincing.

I do not imply here that space travel is an impossibility or that other planets are uninhabited. Indeed, if our Earth is not speeding around the sun approximately 18 miles a second, and if our constellation is not hurtling toward Vega at about the same rate of speed - as our orthodox astronomers assure us - our Earth might easily be visited by inhabitants of other planets and in turn we might easily visit them, if they exist.

We know that time is a many dimensional thing, that it both exists and does not exist, that it is relative. By the same token, if there is any merit to my theory of the homogeneity of opposites, the Earth both moves and does not move in space on a four - or more dimensional system of motion and non-motion. Research seems to indicate that this theory is applicable to various objects in haunted dwellings.

Many have seen "impossible" instances of locked, bolted and nailed doors bursting open, only to be found seconds later securely locked, bolted and nailed as before. A calendar on the wall of a haunted building in New Orleans, although firmly glued to the surface, spun like a pinwheel before the eyes of amazed onlookers. Yet it was found, moments later, glued to the wall as before.

There was the time when the sun "danced" in the sky over a large group of people in Portugal. They had assembled to view a miracle the Virgin had promised the devout children at Fatima. A photograph of the misplaced sun appeared in *Life* magazine. At the time of the occurrence astronomers in other parts of the world noticed nothing peculiar about the sun's behavior.

I have in my possession an account of a husband and wife who had retired for the night in a haunted house. They were awakened by the sensation of the floor collapsing. They felt themselves falling and panicked, only to find, moments later, that the floor was as solid as before.

Perhaps the entire cosmic plan of the universe is based on a many dimensional, paranormal system of super physics.

In July, 1947, I submitted to the Air Force a theory I had evolved reading Kenneth Arnold's description of the flight of the silvery disks. He described them as undulating, or weaving back and forth. An undulating motion characterizes many poltergeist-propelled objects, and many of the aerial disks zig-zagged, or "skipped" through the sky like a flat pebble thrown along the surface of a creek, or sailed along on edge, and often exploded, or vanished, in to thin air.

Because of this I contended that the "flying disks" (as they were first called) are a form of space animal, or creature, of a highly attenuated (ectoplasmic?) substance, capable of materialization and dematerialization, whose propellant is a form of telekinetic energy.

There is a saying that Nature abhors a vacuum. If the seas of our earth are swarming with varieties of living things, both great and small, is it not logical to assume that the "sea" of our sky abounds with sundry forms of living things, likewise both great and small, of varied shapes, but adaptable to their celestial environment? Some may be quite invisible, others translucent, others opaque, still others capable of changing, chameleon-like, from one color to another, from one form to another, from visibility to complete invisibility, all in a moment.

Keeping an account of each new sighting on a large map, I noted that there appeared to be "saucer" zones or "belts" wherein the phenomena were more apt to be observed. I found that there was a predominance of sightings along both coasts, and that the northwestern part of the United States seemed extremely favored. I noted a "belt" extending from British Columbia, Oregon and Washington, through Idaho, Indiana, southern Ohio and into West Virginia.

I noted that remarkably few sightings occurred in Pennsylvania, and that the great industrial area of Pittsburgh was practically shunned by the sky objects, whereas such cities as Dayton, Columbus, and Cincinnati, Ohio, were frequently visited by the aerial saucers.

A recent survey of ghosts showed that Great Britain is one of the most haunted on the surface of the Earth and that Sussex, in England, can boast more hauntings than any other spot in that country.

Is there some energy, magnetic or otherwise, in the ground or in the air, which attracts or gives vitality to, both ghosts and flying saucers? Disk-shaped objects are more likely to be observed in the northwestern states and along the eastern coast, whereas torpedo - or cigar-shaped - objects are

more likely to be seen in the Alabama, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky and West Virginia areas.

In reviewing the monumental *Books of Charles Fort*, I noted the prevalence of aerial phenomena during the 1870s, 1880s and 1890s, and discovered that these years saw record and near-record breaking weather, exactly as we are experiencing today. Is the current outburst of saucer sightings evidence that our aerial visitors are "migrating" into our atmosphere, forced, possibly, by some solar, or cosmic, cyclic disturbance occurring in outer space, which is also the cause of our odd weather?

Fort mentions an instance of a flying saucer hanging low over Niagara Falls during a meteor shower on the night of November 13, 1833, and also a "very brilliant, hook-like form" seen in the sky at Poland, Trumbull County, Ohio, at the same time. It remained visible for more than an hour.

Possibly these leviathans of the air seek shelter in the dense atmosphere of our Earth during meteor showers and other disturbances, as ships seek harbor during a tempest at sea. Within recent years we have read of the migration of fishes into waters previously foreign to them, and the intrusion of wild animals into areas in which they never before had been observed. Did the mysterious, sustained vibration of the earth noted by seismologists in the early part of January, 1948, cause the huge "flaming red cone, trailing a green mist" to fly low over Clinton County, Ohio, on the night of January 8, 1948?

There are bonafide reports of "saucers" the size of tennis balls, or larger than "Constellation" planes, and of shapes that vary from perfectly square to perfectly round, from paper-thin to very thick. Probably the phenomena represent varied species of aerial organisms. The luminescence observed in some may be analogous to that of the luminescent deep-sea-fish, or the mysterious glow of the fire-fly.

Some of the disk-shaped objects may be likened to the clam or oyster, with a semi-material "shell" to facilitate its passage through space. The huge, bullet-shaped object, with bands around it, seen in East Africa by the passengers of an aerial transport, might be the analogue of a striped, eel-like fish found in the ocean.

There are reports of tailed saucers which certainly support my space animal theory. On May 16, 1818, at approximately 4 p.m. a vast procession of dark brown, circular bodies, with tails "three or four fathoms long," sailed over Skeninge, Sweden, causing the sun to turn a deep brick red by their passage. Occasionally one of the weird objects would fall to Earth, leaving a "soapy or jellied" film which soon vanished (*Transactions of the Swedish Academy of Sciences*, 1808 - 215).

In September, 1950, during the unexplained phenomenon of the "purple sun", a purple-glowing, six-foot globe fell lightly onto a field in Philadelphia, scarcely bending the grass with its weight. Touched by one of the policemen who saw the object fall, it dematerialized into a jelly-like mass which soon disappeared.

There were several early accounts of airplanes being "frozen" in mid-air by nearby flying saucers. Could these mysterious objects exert a force equivalent to the potent charge of the electric eel? Could the heavy trail of smoke-like substance seen coming from certain torpedo-shaped objects be the equivalent of the "ink" ejected by the octopus? Could the brilliant searchlight beamed down on Earth by some of these objects be equivalent to the glowing lantern of the deep sea lanternfish?

In my Brown Mountain, N.C., researches I learned from witnesses that many of the unexplained lights seen on its summit emitted a sizzling noise. How often we read of flying saucers emitting sizzling, humming, or howling sounds! Evidence points to the Brown Mountain lights, which vary from light green to orange-pink in color, being of paranormal origin, possibly of an electrical sort of energy akin to that of the flying saucer. "Ball lightning" and St. Elmo's fire may be elemental relatives of the flying saucer!

It is impossible to discern where the meteorological ends and the supernormal begins. We read of unknown bodies tearing through the structure of airplanes while in flight, or ripping through signboards and continuing on their way. There is even an instance of an object supposedly making a hole in a store window in a New York town and magically sealing it up again.

Are mysterious objects which pass through solid objects necessarily solid themselves? I believe not. At Clydesdale, Scotland, (near Paisley) in the year 1295, an extremely powerful ghost haunted

the home of Sir Duncan, wrestling and throwing those who sought to disturb it. Arrows shot at it and pitchforks thrown at it burned upon contact with its body. There are accounts of ghosts bending the barrels of muskets, setting objects on fire, choking people to death, or striking blows.

Often flying saucers are described as having a halo about them. Such an object was seen by the Rev. Cedric Wright, Vicar of Seighford (near Stafford), England, one night in July, 1954. He, his wife and son described it as a weird, crab-like object, emitting a light burnished gold, with a halo above it and long "feelers" extending from its dome-shaped body. They said it moved back and forth near their house, about 80 feet in the air, for nearly an hour before disappearing.

"Acceleration" apparently does not cause the change in color of a flying saucer. There are accounts of these strange objects being an assortment of colors together. Are the changes of colors due to the thought process of these aerial denizens?

We shudder when we read of the many falls of flesh and blood from the sky in times past and wonder whether a species of "saucer" is carnivorous, finding animals and humans a tasty dish. A report from France tells of a man becoming enmeshed in a fall of "angel hair" from the sky. It is claimed that only after a battle did he escape from being pulled up into the air. Fort often claimed we were "fished for" by aerial intruders.

We read of the weird disappearance of the occupants of sailing ships, of the strange disappearance into thin air of the 25 or 30 inhabitants of the Eskimo village on Hudson's Bay in November, 1930. We read of the C-46 (which Kenneth Arnold was hunting when he saw the group of flying saucers) with 32 Marines on it which crashed in 1947. The plane was found, but there was no trace of a single body in or about the wreckage.

We read of Oliver Lerch, the Indiana boy who went down to the spring to draw a bucket of water one winter's night and who was caught up into the sky, his cries for help fading in the distance. We read of "thunderstones" falling to Earth. They are almost always wedge-shaped, and we wonder if they are the implements of ancient hunters who were abducted by carnivorous species of flying saucer, having lain, perhaps for centuries, in some limbo of the sky. We wonder what effect these flying saucers have upon the very "Gates of Heaven."

Do they frighten or subsist upon the souls of the departed, as the ancients hinted, with their belief in the "Devourer of Souls"? Surely the Church should be concerned about these things.

We look to so-called "mediums" for some answer and find a wide variety of "explanations" from their colorful "guides", ranging from "reflections of cosmic ray apparatus" to sage and esoteric "Elder Brethren" from Venus.

Meanwhile, the Air Force has clamped strict censorship on all American and most foreign sightings. There is little doubt that the Air Force, disdaining to admit that the flying saucers border on the preternatural, prefer to let the subject rest, knowing that science-fiction writers and amateurish publications will finish off what Donald Menzel, the champion of the "mirage" notion, failed to complete.

If the intelligent and sober segment of the American public does not want to sit idly by and see the subject of flying saucers thus buried in the grave of fantasy-fiction and the ridiculous, let each one beg the Air Force and our American news services to remove all censorship, eliminate all suppression, concerning the greatest phenomena of our time.

After all, it is OUR sky, too! Source: Summer 1968 issue.

### **1969 - DIMENSIONAL FAULT ZONES AND UFOs - Ronald Pelger**

I have always been intrigued by the many strange and mysterious disappearances of people all over the world. There are numerous accounts of people vanishing into thin air without a single trace. It's as though one were walking through an invisible door into another world...never to be seen again.

I once read of a farmer who went into a field to work when suddenly he completely disappeared in front of the eyes of his son. For days after, the farmer's son could, at times, hear the cries of his father in the field begging for help to get him "out" from wherever he was.

Then there was the mysterious disappearance of five U. S. Naval planes on the afternoon of December 5, 1945 over the Atlantic. All five planes vanished at the same time. Strange that five

planes should disappear all at once.

Many reports recall classic mysteries of puzzling disappearances on the high seas of ships and crew. Such mysteries are nothing new. They have been happening for centuries.

In 1866, the *Lotta*, a Swedish ship vanished along with her crew. An American cargo ship called *Cyclops* disappeared in the early 1900's near the so-called "Bermuda Triangle". The nuclear sub *Scorpián* bid farewell out of sight as it was ending a journey from the Azores.

What about UFOs? Let's insert them into the picture. Scores of sightings by reputable witnesses reported real physical objects appearing and then suddenly "disappearing" out of sight. They just seemed to "vanish" into the air.

Oh yes, then too, there are the certain "appearances" of people and objects. In England, for instance, in 1914, a man "appeared" suddenly out of nowhere in the middle of a crowded street. He seemed to be in a state of shock and knew nothing of who he was or where he came from.

In the book, *New Lands*, written by the great Charles Fort, many accounts of appearances of representations of unknown cities were seen in the skies. Witnesses claimed that these strange appearances would last for quite some time before they vanished.

Back to the UFOs again. These objects, which we really know very little about except for visual sightings and photographs, could very possibly be devices used by members of an alien world with technical developments so incredible, they are able to penetrate the invisible screen which divides our world from that other "plane". They come and go as they please.

In 1943, the U. S. Navy, according to the "Allende Letters" (See the book *The Case for the UFO* by Dr. Morris Jessup) was said to have successfully accomplished a secret experiment by applying Dr. Albert Einstein's Unified Field Theory. An entire warship and crew was supposedly made invisible. The ship was surrounded by a spheroidal shaped field which made anyone within the sphere invisible. The ship "disappeared" from the dock in Philadelphia and "appeared", in only a few minutes, in the Norfolk area.

What does this all mean? Is it possible to "control" invisibility? Can visitors from another plane or dimension penetrate their way through the invisible void which divides our world from theirs? It could very well be possible. Is there some type of a "Dimensional Zone", which at times, develops accidental "faults" and thus envelopes anybody or anything in that specific surrounding area? This could very possibly be the key to the appearances and disappearances of people and objects. I call it a "Dimensional Fault Zone".

What is a Dimensional Fault Zone (DFZ)? A Dimensional Fault Zone is no definite particular area of the physical plane which consists of all the certain necessary means of "accidental" adjustments from unseen dimensional lines. The lines, therefore, having been disrupted out of their normal proportions, are then "locked" or "get stuck" momentarily (no given amount of time - sometimes seconds - sometimes days) at a point between two dimensional worlds or planes.

The DFZs can and do occur at many instances at anytime - anywhere. Anybody may observe a DFZ taking place. It may occur in your own backyard as you are sitting and relaxing.

Any number of visual appearances may take place. These visual appearances may be that of people, places, or various objects.

The "unseen dimensional lines" run in a slow vibratory wave length manner. These "lines" act as a constructive "net" which keeps all physical objects in place.

On June 26, 1959, witnesses of an Angelican Mission in New Guinea observed three men appear on top of a hovering saucer shaped object. Rev. William B. Gill made a waving gesture as a means of trying to communicate with the men. The men responded and waved back. After a while, the object rose up and vanished.

Now, the question is ...did the men on the craft observe Rev. Gill from another "plane" of visibility? Did they make themselves visible to our world by creating an artificial "Dimensional Fault Zone"?

Let's consider the possibility then, that the entities who operate the UFOs have mastered nature's secret combination of manipulating the "lines" of the wave length and, with the correct timing, open the "net" momentarily allowing themselves to journey from their world (unseen to us) into ours. (Creating a Dimensional Fault Zone).

Their means of travel are probably the various types of "machines" which have been observed as UFOs which are able to penetrate that invisible barrier. This may explain the sudden appearances of the UFOs in many cases. It too may explain the reason for the entities who are seen on the ground and suddenly dash into their craft with panic. The probable solution to the chance of being captured or detained for any long period of time. This is partly because they do not want to "upset" their scheduled trip. In other words, their craft is probably operated on some type of computerized system and if the timing is off, they may be subjected to our dimensional world for life.

Think back to how many cases you have ever read about aliens spotted on the ground. How many of these cases tell of the occupants of crafts vanishing quickly into a small opening underneath or on the side of the ship in a fear of stricken manner?

This may answer the question as to why they will not make contact with us. They may not have mastered the power yet to hold the opening of the invisible barrier for a long period of time.

We may arrive at two conclusions from this theory. 1) There is a great possibility of "Dimensional Fault Zones" being present here on Earth. 2) These "Dimensional Fault Zones" can be artificially created if the technological "know-how" is performed.

What we have here is the fact that the DFZ can occur at anytime, anywhere, by good old mother nature. Then again, they can be artificially applied by a race of beings with the technical advancement to perform them.

Since nature is the prime operator of DFZs, it makes one begin to wonder about the possibilities of any "known" points on Earth where they may occur. Well, there are some guesses as to a few of these various points on the globe. One of which stands out very well is the so-called "Bermuda Triangle" which lies in an area of the North Atlantic. This is a triangular area which runs from Bermuda to Central Florida and then to Puerto Rico.

Other mysterious points of DFZ weaknesses are areas in the Indian Ocean, the Persian Gulf, the Mediterranean, the east coasts of South America, South Africa, and Australia.

From these areas come many accounts and strange tales of missing or disappearing ships, planes, and people.

Perhaps you know of other parts of the world which show signs of "Dimensional Fault Zones". Perhaps even your own backyard or a nearby field. If so, then be prepared for that sudden instantaneous journey into a foreign world. It could happen to anyone - why not you? Source: Fall 1969 issue.

### **1969 - MYSTERIOUS CREATURES - Tim Beckley**

History has been full of stories of all types of weird creatures and monsters which have appeared all over the world at times in the history of mankind. Charles Fort often liked to say that these were creatures from other dimensions and "worlds" who were coming in and out of our reality at will, perhaps even to drag back our own kind to their world for some unknown, but obviously deadly, purpose.

The warm night air of the West Virginia mountains can easily get to a person. With the moon full and stars aglow, it is not hard to imagine all sorts of wild unearthly things - things which have no place in an otherwise ordinary world.

Mothman first appeared near the small town of Point Pleasant on September 16, 1966 when two recently wed couples, both in their late teens, decided to go through an area which is known as the McClintic Wildlife Preserve, on a late night outing. As they approached an abandoned building near the preserve they caught sight of two red "reflectors" on the road in front of them. At first they thought this to be the car lights of some of their friends. However, as they got closer they could make out the form of a large grey figure with wings standing near the roadside.

Deciding that this was no place to be, the couples, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Scarberry and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Mallette, made a fast U-turn and began to speed away from the area. Suddenly they saw the shadowy form of the "creature" as it paced above their car moving from one side of the road to the other. What followed was a 100 mile an hour chase which ended when the mysterious creature left them at the city limits.

In the weeks and months that followed, others in the same area reported having identical experiences.

Tracing his appearance through UFOlogical history we find that an identical type of creature was seen on many occasions.

In 1877 a W. H. Smith reported seeing a winged being with a hideous face over Brooklyn, New York.

About 15 years later an identical observation was made by thousands of persons at famed Coney Island as the creature was seen flying in the direction of New Jersey.

In February of 1922, a hunter named William C. Lamb saw a UFO from which an eight-foot-tall flying man emerged near Humble, Nebraska. The creature got out of the ship and walked across a field leaving foot prints behind.

A similar creature has appeared several times in England. In the late 1800s, he was seen to fly over roof tops and hedges, some at least 12 feet tall. In 1963 four teenagers were going home from a dance when they observed a UFO landing nearby. A giant winged creature got out of the object and stumbled toward them.

Having been a resident of the Garden State all my life, this writer is quite familiar with the various "myths" and "legends" concerning such creatures seen in New Jersey.

In fact we have our own "demon" who has been blamed for almost every disaster to strike the state. He is known as the Jersey Devil and is said to lurk in caves along Leeds Point, not far from Atlantic City - home of the Miss America beauty contest. We cannot claim, however, that this is a classical example of Beauty and the Beast. For our Jersey Devil is no contest winner - at least to residents of this area, who tell of his prankish deeds which include killing farm animals, tearing freshly washed clothing from lines and wrecking havoc on the total populace. According to historian Bill Augustine, the "Devil" is said to appear "When the Atlantic Ocean churns wildly and heavy fogs shroud the coastline."

In the later part of the 1890s several businessmen offered a reward of \$10,000 for the capture of this creature - dead or alive. Many taking part in the monster hunt reportedly observed the Jersey Devil and said that it had horns, hooves and a tail. During winter his glowing eyes could be seen plainly against the new fallen snow, and his cloven footprints visible evidence he was no figment of the imagination. On a number of occasions he would greet a lovely miss on a deserted road, only to have her flee in fright. Around 1910 he was seen by two news reporters in the mountains near West Orange. Once a favorite spot for young lovers and picnickers, it was soon deserted.

From existing records, apparently the "Devil" did not reappear in the state until 1952, when weird "animal" tracks, thought to be the result of his prowling, were found in Berlington County. Authorities later stated that a prankster using a "bear's foot on the end of a stick" had confessed that he had caused the tracks. But those who knew the myths and legends surrounding the "Devil" still uphold the belief that he was the culprit.

As one old timer put it: "When he is out on the war path there can be no question as to who did it...his mark is all too identifiable. And he is due to return SOON." Source: Winter 1969 issue.

### **1970 - SAUCER FRAGMENTS FROM THE PAST - Rick Hilberg**

In the early days of UFO research, there were many claims of persons having recovered parts of the mysterious flying saucers. Most, of not all of these reports, later turned out to be clever - and sometimes not so clever - hoaxes. Everything from old saw blades to paper plates were found with newspapers giving full coverage to these silly events. But even though the published reports were skeptical regarding the validity of the "evidence", who is to say that behind the screen of joking sarcasm erected by the newspapers of that time there was some truth to the stories?

Early in the saucer era, on July 6, 1947, a jeweler named Norman Hargraves found an aluminum disk floating in the water on a beach near Trinity Bay, Texas. At first the papers gave little space to the find, Hargraves later saying the whole incident "...was all a joke." However, *The Houston Chronicle* said, "There are some mysterious facts contained in Hargraves' first report that lend credence to the tale." Supposedly, the following was written on the disk: "Military secret of the United

States of America, Army Air Forces M4339658. Anyone damaging or revealing description or whereabouts of this missile subject to prosecution by the U. S. Government. Call collect at once, LD 446, Army Air Forces Depot, Spokane, Washington."

Supposedly, Hargraves told a reporter from the same paper that a "Col. Voyce" from the Spokane Depot had cautioned him about revealing information about the disk. Hargraves also said the officer instructed him to turn the find over to the local police. The police in nearby Pelly denied that they had the disk in their possession. At this time, Col. R. W. Warren, Commanding Officer of Ellington Field, said his office would investigate the matter.

The following report was carried in the *Houston Press* of July 8<sup>th</sup>: "Norman Hargraves, former Boy Scout executive, admitted today it was he who perpetrated a flying saucer hoax that even Army authorities took seriously.

"A disk that made a crash landing near his home bore lettering and directions to notify an Army Air Forces officer in Spokane, Washington, Mr. Hargraves told newspapermen.

"Wellington Field officers investigated the report late yesterday and pronounced it as false."

An aluminum disk twenty inches in diameter ... quite an expensive hoax! Possibly Norman Hargraves indeed did find a crashed airfoil on the beach and, from his description, it seems hardly like a machine from outer space. It seems to me quite possible that Hargraves found some sort of Army test "saucer", as rumors from all parts of the country at that time told of secret U. S. tests to duplicate the saucers' flight. Assuming that he did find a crashed American flying saucer, it would seem logical that the authorities would want the whole story squelched - hence the "confession" made by Hargraves.

While the Hargraves incident was being written off as a hoax, a man in Hillsboro, Texas found some mysterious "stuff" in his garden that just melted away when he touched it.

Bob Scott said that he found pieces of a four-inch saucer-shaped object in his garden. It appeared "spidery and dusty" and gave off a light so bright he could not look directly at it. The object was about as thick as four pieces of tinfoil or silver, but was translucent when examined on its side.

When Scott picked it up, it seemed to dissolve slowly in his hand without any heat being felt. Again, a strange object found, this time with some sort of built-in "self-destruct" mechanism. Was the Army playing with its little saucer prototypes that week?

Other saucer fragments were claimed found in October of 1948 by cattlemen near Montrose, Colorado. In April of the following year, a Noah L. Clubb told he was requested to turn the fragment he had in his possession over to Air Force intelligence men. The Air Force men were reported to have spent two days searching a mile square section of rugged country some 15 miles west of Delta, where a second and longer segment was reportedly found.

The original segment of the circular rim-shaped piece was found by cattlemen identified only as the Calhoun brothers. When the two finds were pieced together, they looked as if they were part of a wheel-shaped instrument about four feet in diameter. The aluminum appearing device was about two inches across and one inch thick.

On the outer edge of the wheel were tube-like wicks about two inches long and made of brass. Some said that these even numbered wicks may have been part of some fuel feeding system.

Clubb said that the Air Force intelligence men were taking the two segments, one 14 and the other 26 inches long, to Lawry Field near Denver for examination. No more was heard about the fragments.

On December 18, 1950, The University of New Mexico announced that they were investigating, without success, an 18-inch sphere that was found by deer hunters a month previous. Dr. Lincoln LaPaz was unable to come up with any answer as to what the object was or who made it.

The find included the sphere, built of a light material - possibly duralumin weighing seven pounds two ounces, an object resembling a large flower pot made of plastic imbedded with nylon fibers, a cheap alarm clock equipped with an expensive micro switch, and three packages of photographic film of a type used in nuclear research. LaPaz suspected that the object was aloft on November 29, as the number 29 was written in ink with a ditto mark on a segment of the film. The film was manufactured by Ilford Limited of London, England and dated November 14, 1949.

Dr. LaPaz stated that only a few days after November 29, he received two reports of green fireballs in the general area of where the sphere was found. When asked whether he thought the find could be a hoax, he stated, "You could hardly find a place to leave a hoax where it would be less likely to be found."

In all of the mentioned reports, the finds seemed to be more than quickly fabricated hoaxes. They were all parts of some sort of real, operating object. From examination, all the finds were identified as terrestrial material, in some cases, common material. Then, may we not speculate that in the first few years after the increase in UFO reports following the war, the government built and flew small craft in an attempt to duplicate the saucers? From the evidence at hand, we may also speculate that these primitive devices crashed on several occasions - their parts being found by civilians.

What happened to the "mini saucer" project, if it existed, and what did they find about the design and flight of the mysterious UFOs? Source: Fall 1970 issue.

### **1971 - THE UFOs OF 1942 - Paul T. Collins**

Five years before Kenneth Arnold reported seeing something which a too-clever journalist dubbed "flying saucers," a brief but strange skirmish took place on the Pacific Coast, in the area between Santa Monica and Long Beach, Calif.

If any two cabinet members, any two high ranking military authorities, or any two field commanders, had agreed upon what happened on the Pacific coast between Santa Monica and Long Beach in the early morning of a winter's day in 1942, the whole show would undoubtedly have sunk into oblivion as a relatively minor "engagement" in 1942, in the opening months of our participation in World War II. However, there was no such concurrence. Their conflicting testimonies, bewildered reactions, and contradictory news releases at that time, coupled with a recent statement from the Department of Defense that they had *no record of the event*, only deepened the mystery.

Furthermore, all evidence, notwithstanding censorship, points to a conspiracy of silence on the part of those who were in a position to know what really happened. It therefore appears that the recording of this unmentionable episode in the history of our country is going to be left to such ordinary folk as cowboys and mechanics, and to the "gee-whiz, look!" element of society, as a certain very prominent college professor calls us. *One of us*, I thought, should piece together the story within the story before it is too late to exhume eye-witness accounts, and the real significance of it is overlooked.

It was five years before Kenneth Arnold's historical sighting of UFOs in the Pacific northwest.

Wednesday, February 25, 1942, at least a million southern Californians wakened to the scream of air raid sirens as Los Angeles County cities blacked out at 2:25 a.m. Many dozed off again as 12,000 air raid wardens reported faithfully to their posts, most of them expecting nothing more than a dress rehearsal for a future event we all hoped would never happen. At 3:16 a.m., however, they were shocked, and their slumbering families rudely roused again, this time by sounds unfamiliar to most Americans outside the military services.

The roar of the 37<sup>th</sup> Coast Artillery Brigade's anti-aircraft batteries jolted them out of bed, and before they could get to the windows the flashing 12.8 lb. shells were detonating with a heavy, ominous boomp - boomp - boomp, and the rain of steel was already falling. All radio stations were ordered off the air at 3:08 a.m. We didn't need them; the news was being written with fingers of light three miles high on a clear, star-studded blackboard 30 miles long for all to see and hear - and feel.

Intermittently the firing continued till 4:14 a.m. Pavement was pierced and several homes and public buildings were hit by unexploded shells. The damage was intensive on these direct hits, but was limited to a relatively few structures. Three people were killed and three died of heart attacks directly attributable to the one hour barrage. Shrapnel injuries were sustained by a few people, one of whom was released from an emergency hospital after he had his scalp sewed up. A dairy herd suffered a direct hit with but few casualties. The blackout was lifted and sirens screamed all-clear at 7:21 a.m., followed by the worst traffic jam in the history of the whole metropolitan area as munitions workers fought office workers in another battle going to work. Radio came back at 8:23.

Meanwhile - back at headquarters - the boards were lighting up. The shooting was ended, but the

shouting hadn't yet begun. Military men who never flinched at the roar of guns now sweated at the prospect of facing the press. And while they probably could not be blamed for what had just happened, they did have some reason to be distressed. What was that Thing - that, well, let's face it - that unidentified object, caught by the searchlights and so beautifully posed for army and press photographers alike? Blinding beams of light from every direction pinpointed that - top? - balloon? - dirigible?

Amazement, written deep in the faces of experts scrutinizing the pictures, gave way to consternation as the truth of the matter dawned upon them. There, floating casually in a clear sky, was an object big enough to dwarf an apartment house. Experienced lighter-than-air (dirigible) experts doubted it could be a Japanese blimp, because the Japanese had no known source of helium, and hydrogen was much too dangerous to use in combat conditions. A glistening, polished target, it was a sitting duck for the guns of the 37<sup>th</sup>. There, in fact, for any casual observer to see were shells bursting all around it and against it. Frame after frame; a *Herald Express* staff writer said he was sure many shells burst directly in the middle of the object. He could not believe that it could not be shot down.

Was this what had triggered the air raid alarm and drawn 1430 rounds of ammo from the Coast Artillery? And they couldn't knock it down? Anyway, the fact was, they didn't. When it had moved at all, the Thing had proceeded at a very leisurely and unworried pace, considering the reception it got, over the coastal cities between Santa Monica and Long Beach, taking about 30 minutes of actual "flight time" to move 20 miles; then disappeared from view into the unknown. Impossible!

This was the world premiere - Hollywood style - of a baffling and dramatic show that took place on a night all government officials and military men would like to forget. At that time not one person could have imagined that the strangely timed appearance of this mysterious invader prestaged a program of expenditures of untold billions of dollars for probing into the space from which that eerie monster and many others like it came. Now, billions to try to learn where they come from, what they are, how they operate, and above all - who "flies" them.

It can well be imagined with what chagrin public information officers answered the queries of the press. Many things looked embarrassing; nevertheless the Pasadena Office of the Southern California Sector of the Army Western Defense Command parried the first round in their battle with reporters by announcing: 1. *No enemy aircraft had been identified.* 2. *No craft was shot down.* 3. *No bombs were dropped.* 4. *None of our interceptors had left the ground in pursuit of the invader, either to attempt identification of, or engage in combat with, it.*

Warily they avoided saying whether or not any airplanes had been seen! During the night, however, some experienced, sober, trained eyes had been searching the zenith for approaching aircraft, the logical supposition under the circumstances! What they saw - as well as what they did not see - was carefully noted; this intelligence was promptly communicated to the authorities in Washington, where U. S. Navy Secretary Knox announced that no planes had been sighted, and the coastal firing had been triggered by a false alarm and jittery nerves. He also suggested that some coastwise war industries might have to be moved inland to points invulnerable to attacks from enemy subs and carrier-based planes.

The reaction was instant and thunderous as the big guns of the press let the navy have it, broadside, dead center, page one in scathing editorials calling attention to the loss of life and denouncing the use of the coast artillery to fire at phantoms. The *Times* demanded a full explanation from Washington, while Representative LeLand Ford of Santa Monica alluded to the event as a political raid. The *Long Beach Press Telegram* fired the next salvo, hinting this was a rigged show, referring to the affair as a studied propaganda barrage by government officials who wanted to move industries inland. The *Long Beach Independent* followed with this blast: "There is a mysterious reticence about the whole affair and it appears some form of censorship is trying to halt discussion of the matter. Although it was red hot news not one national radio commentator gave it more than passing mention. This is the kind of reticence that is making the American people gravely suspect the motives and the competence of those whom they have charged with the conduct of the war."

The *Independent* has good reason to question the competence of some of the personnel

responsible for our coastal defense operations, as well as the integrity and motives of our government officials at that time. The stench of Pearl Harbor was still biting our nostrils when, only 36 hours before the Long Beach air raid, a gigantic Japanese submarine had surfaced close to shore 12 miles north of Santa Barbara and in 25 minutes of deliberate and unchallenged firing lobbed 25 5-inch shells at the refinery in the Elwood Oil Field. The 4<sup>th</sup> Interceptor Command was fully aware of the sub's attack, and ordered a blackout from Ventura to Goleta, but sent no planes out to sink it. Not one shot was fired at the sub, and if the coast guard sent any ships against it they had arrived too late for the party.

Now it should be acknowledged that after the Elwood incident had alerted all the West Coast defense units to possible repeat attacks in the near future, these units were pretty sensitive to anticipated invasion attempts. By Wednesday morning in the Los Angeles area they were ready to shoot at a boys' kite if it had resembled a small plane or a balloon. Secretary of War Stimson praised the 37<sup>th</sup> Coast Artillery for this attitude and its resultant action that morning when he stated, "It is better to be a little too alert than not alert enough." At the same time, he hinted that it might have been advisable to have sent some of our planes up to identify the invading aircraft before shooting at them.

Planes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Interceptor Command were, in fact, warming up on the runways waiting for orders to go up and "interview" the unknown visitors. Why, everybody was asking, were they not ordered to go into action during the 51 minute period between the first air raid alert at 2:25 a. m. and the first artillery firing at 3:16 a.m.? There had been plenty of time to get up there and identify the enemy planes, if any, and persuade them to take a powder.

Against this background of embarrassing indecision and confusion that seemed to hold everyone in its grip AWDC obviously had to say something real quick. So the next reports were headlines, FROM ONE TO FIFTY PLANES, sighted. (*Los Angeles Evening Herald & Express*). Thereby AWDC public information officers gave themselves ample latitude in which to adjust future stories to fit whatever propaganda requirements might arise in the next few days. When eye-witness reports from thousands searching the skies with binoculars under the bright lights of the coast artillery verified the presence of one enormous, unidentifiable, indestructible object, but not the presence of large numbers of planes, the press releases were gradually scaled downwards. A week later, General Mark Clark wrapped it all up by admitting that army listening posts had detected what they thought were five light planes approaching the coast on the night of the Long Beach air raid. No interceptors, he said, had been sent out to engage them because there had been no mass attack. Some observers thought the general would have come even closer to the truth if he had omitted the word "mass" from his communique'.

This is no reflection on the integrity of individuals on the scene who reported aircraft sightings that night; no one person could have seen everything, and no one has complete knowledge of the event. Believing an aerial bombardment was in progress, some people thought they saw formations of warplanes, dog-fights between enemy craft and our fighter planes, and other things they assumed were evidence of such an attack. Obviously, there were no dog-fights, because none of our interceptors were in the air. Tracer bullets were fired from military ground stations, and some people mistook the fire pattern made by those projectiles for aerial combat. Other lighted objects, variously described as : Roman candles, or, red and white flares in groups of three-red and three-white, fired alternately, or, chain-like strings of red lights, looking something like an illuminated kite, were observed.

It was assumed that some of these lights were caused by Japanese-Americans signaling approaching Japanese aircraft with flares to guide them onto selected targets, but as no bombs were dropped this theory wilted. Such assumptions fitted in perfectly with a terrific press campaign to round up all residents of Japanese descent and put them in concentration camps, and during the week of the Japanese submarine attack on the Elwood Oil Field and the air raid on Los Angeles County the press took full advantage of the made-to-order situation. Arrests of suspects were quickly made, and the F.B.I. was called in, but the *Long Beach-Press Telegram* stated, "All investigations indicated nobody was signaling the enemy from the ground."

It is impossible for anyone to deny that enemy planes might have been over our cities, or that they were being signaled by their spies from prearranged locations that night. It cannot be denied that there was some evidence of both. In fact I was among the million or more people who at that time assumed we were under aerial attack. Not until later did any of us question the origin and nature of the phenomenal "show".

My own personal testimony would be of little significance if I had not noticed a strange pattern of movement in certain bright red spots of light in the sky over Long Beach. It was a pattern which could not possibly have been made by any man-made object, or by beams of light, either from the ground or from aircraft.

A few days before the "raid" I had been put on the swing shift at the Long Beach plant of the Douglas Aircraft Co. When I left the plant the night of the raid, there was no alert in effect. Driving north on Rosemead Boulevard I was unaware when the alert sounded, as I did not hear any sirens, and the little towns I passed through had been darkened already for many hours. In Temple City just as I passed a private residence somebody dashed out of the front door, waving a flashlight. Alone, and a little sleepy from my unaccustomed night hours and the long drive, I paid no attention to it, and drove on, not wishing to risk becoming involved in something I was not concerned with. A few minutes later, however, as I drove north on what was then called North Foothill Boulevard, in Pasadena, I was confronted and stopped by three people with flashlights in the street near St. Luke's Hospital. One, an air raid warden, told me there was an alert and I must turn out my lights and stay parked beside the road until the all-clear sounded.

I got out of my car and chatted with the little group as other motorists approached and were stopped. One of these was an Air Force pilot. At that moment I don't believe any of us was aware that the alert was anything but a practice. The wind whistled down out of Eaton Canyon from the icy heights of Mt. Wilson. I was shivering with cold, and rather impatient at being detained for what seemed like a long period just for practice. Pacing back and forth across the street trying to keep warm, I suddenly saw bright spots of light low on the horizon to the south. "What's that?" I exclaimed pointing toward Long Beach. Everybody saw them. The eerie lights were behaving strangely. They seemed to be "functioning" or navigating mostly on a level plane at that moment - that is, not rising up from the ground in an arc, or trajectory, or in a straight line and then falling back to earth, but appearing from nowhere and then zigzagging from side to side. Some disappeared, not diminishing in brilliance at all, but just vanishing into the night. Others remained pretty much on the same level and we could only guess their elevation to be about ten thousand feet.

In less than five minutes at least half a dozen angry red flashes rent the sky among the odd little spots of red light. This was followed in about 100 seconds by the dull, cushioned boomp - boomp - boomp of the bursting shells. Then I got the picture. One of the anti-aircraft batteries around the Douglas Aircraft plant, Dougherty Field, or the Signal Hill Oil Field had fired a salvo into the moving spots of red light in an effort to shoot down whatever "craft" made them. The 100-second delay in the sound transmission made my guess a good one, because where we stood in Pasadena was about 20 miles from the aircraft factory.

After the first exclamations of surprise had simmered down into a low, excited conversation I remarked to the Air Force pilot in the little group that I didn't think any man-made device could possibly maneuver in the manner shown by those strange spots of light. Following the shell bursts, they only seemed to revel in making great swoops around the area as though defying the gunners on the ground to shoot again! (Parenthetically I must say here that in two separate very clear sightings of small UFOs many years later this feeling of sheer playfulness on the part of these little objects as they flipped and frolicked among the clouds over Pasadena in some way struck a blithe and sympathetic chord in me, and I must confess that I believe there is conscious enjoyment of the experience by the intelligences guiding them). A quarter century ago, there in the shivering cold of early morning, none of us had ever heard of any such thing as a UFO.

The pilot agreed with me there were no missiles yet developed that could be controlled in such orbits as these sporty little Things were making at that very moment, while the gunners opened fire on them from several more, widely separated, batteries. In other words, we had no guided missiles at

that time. Later, in a press interview, a petroleum company executive whose Altadena home was high in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mts. above us, described the sight as a ring of fire around Long Beach. He, as well as many others, also saw the strange performance of those trajectory-defying red spots of light.

Taking into account our distance from Long Beach, the extensive pattern of firing from widely separated anti-aircraft batteries, and the movement of the unidentified red objects among and around the bursting shells in wide orbits, we estimated their top speed conservatively to be five miles per second. Whatever these Things were, it is my belief that the firing was directed at them, and not at conventional aircraft.

We did not see the enormous UFO seen by thousands of observers closer to the coast. Very likely it was below our horizon and a few miles farther up the coast at that time. I do not know if it was the "mother space ship" for those cavorting screwballs we saw over Long Beach, but it may well have been just that, and I doubt very much if the simultaneous appearance of both the big craft and the many little ones was a coincidence. Source: Issue # 19.

### **1979 - ON UFO CRASHES - Rick Hilberg**

Last summer it was announced that long time UFO researcher and writer Leonard H. Stringfield would reveal, in an address to the annual MUFON symposium in Dayton, Ohio, that he had final and totally substantiated proof that the government had crashed UFOs in its possession. And while many alleged crash stories had surfaced every several years in the UFO field, sadly the much needed physical proof and/or airtight testimony by credible witnesses never seemed to come forward. However, the entire UFO field was buzzing in anticipation of Stringfield's address because his reputation as an objective investigator was spotless, and therefore if he said he had the final proof it was almost a certainty that he really did have it. Most UFOlogists were willing to bet that the evidence Stringfield had would once and for all blow the lid off the saucer mystery, and thereby send shock waves all throughout the scientific community.

Well, something very strange happened. As soon as he stepped up to the podium in Dayton, he shocked everyone by saying that he really didn't have any final and conclusive proof, but that all he had was unsubstantiated testimony that was, at best, second or third hand. What followed was a rather long and sometimes tedious (many persons left the auditorium in frustration) series of case abstracts, none of which shed any new light on the mystery at all. It was almost like going back to square one, and reliving the Frank Scully yarn about a crashed UFO in Aztec, New Mexico back in 1948.

However, in all fairness to Mr. Stringfield, upon reading the published version of his report (Stringfield claims that the published version does not contain many last minute revisions and additions that he made; this is certain, as his speech ran over two hours, while the printed version can be read in about an hour) one can see some sort of pattern to almost all of the various claims. They all tell of some sort of military retrieval of a crashed circular airfoil, and in many instances the stories relate that small alien bodies were found on board or somewhere near the crash site. Also, some seemingly sinister element has crept into the story as well, because some people working very close to Stringfield claim that one or more threats were made to him, and that he may have been forced to "change his tune" when the time came for public disclosure of his evidence. One wonders, however, if any threats actually took place, and that maybe the story is "wishful thinking" to shift away from the fact that he really didn't have any worthwhile evidence? Unfortunately, Stringfield has said very little about anything since the MUFON Symposium, so this matter will have to remain a mystery for the time being.

Regardless of the outcome in the Stringfield controversy, the whole matter has made me curious enough to do some historical research of my own into these crashed saucer reports. And I must state that what I have found on my own generally confirms what has been said in the past, that while many of the alleged incidents seem to have an eerie similarity to each other, there never seems to be any hard evidence to lend absolute credence to the report.

The following is a brief summary of details on a case I uncovered that allegedly happened on 19

August 1949. And while the sands of time have probably covered many of the details regarding what really happened that day near Death Valley, California, what remains sounds so similar to other alleged instances of crashed UFOs:

Two prospectors, Buck Fitzgerald and Mase Garney, told members of the news media about their experience. Said Fitzgerald, "This flying disk, which was about 24 feet in diameter, whizzed past us going about 300 miles per hour.

"It crash-landed and two little men jumped out and started running when they saw us. The men looked human but they were small - like dwarfs.

"We chased them over a sand dune but lost them. I don't know where they went."

Fitzgerald and Garney claim that because of the extreme heat that day, 138 degrees to be exact, they quickly tired of the chase in the inhospitable desert.

So here we are with yet another crash report. Unfortunately, nothing was said regarding the disposition of the crashed disk, so one wonders whether it was eventually carted away by some governmental agency, or whether the "dwarfs" later returned and were able to fly away. Maybe the whole thing was merely a tall tale, something to spice up the normally uneventful lives of two desert prospectors.

Somehow we have to get to the bottom of this whole mess. Can UFO researchers like Leonard Stringfield really come up with hard facts regarding crashed UFOs? Or has he too found a few scraps of fascinating testimony that may turn out to be more fancy than fact? I'm afraid that from where we stand right now, only time will tell. Source: July 1979 issue.

#### **1979 - AROUND AND ABOUT THE SAUCER WORLD - Rick Hilberg**

While there currently seems to be a slight lull in the amount of reports coming into the REPORT CENTER, we did receive word of a rather interesting case involving a police officer. It's been some time since we last had a UFO report involving a law enforcement officer from the area of Ohio covered by the REPORT CENTER, and maybe now that this recent witness made his report without any backlash of ridicule, other lawmen will cooperate with us in the future.

The witness, a police officer from the Cleveland suburb of University Heights, was driving eastbound on Euclid Avenue in a business section of Willoughby, Ohio after getting off duty for the day. At 1:05 a.m. on October 30, 1979 there was very little traffic on the street, allowing the witness to expect a quiet and uneventful drive to his destination.

Suddenly, the placid drive was interrupted by the sight of a large unlighted hemispherical object directly above and in front of the witness' car. The object seemed to be illuminated by the reflected light from the car and the street lights on the roadway, and looked to be a dull gray in color. The witness was sure that the UFO was definitely solid, and not any sort of atmospheric phenomenon or reflection.

Since the object was also traveling toward the east, the witness increased his speed to attempt to keep pace with it. He estimated that it was flying at a speed of 60 miles per hour, and that it was keeping a stable altitude.

After keeping pace for somewhat less than one minute, the witness was fast approaching a freeway intersection that had some amount of traffic, so he was forced to slow his car to a safer speed. It was at this time that he lost sight of the object due to his slower speed and the fact that the intersection was brightly illuminated, and seemed to "blot out" the object. All in all the witness said that he was quite shaken by his experience, and had never seen anything like it before.

Recently, after a television news report on the activities of a local UFO group, we received a phone call from a man who had a very strange and unusual experience some years ago. He told us that only his family knew of what happened to him and another man one spring morning in 1957. He said that he was now willing to share his experience because he knew that we could use the information, and that also his name would remain anonymous.

At the time in question the witness was just out of the service and working in a steel mill in the Detroit, Michigan area. He and another man from the plant would often rent a boat and go fishing on the Detroit River when they both got off work at 7:00 a.m.

One morning at about 9:30 a.m. they were drifting just off Elizabeth State Park near Trenton, Michigan when they saw an unusual object hovering over the water not far from the north bank of the river. Both witnesses later agreed that the UFO was between 20 and 30 feet above the river, and not more than half a mile from their boat. The object was football-shaped, metallic in color and completely noiseless. They estimated that it was quite large, no less than 100 feet long.

While they were watching in total amazement, the object suddenly began moving toward the opposite shore at a high rate of speed and made an "instant stop" 50 feet from shore. It remained there for what was estimated to be not more than ten seconds, when it suddenly went back near its original position on the north bank, this time with a small island visible to the witnesses behind the object.

After several more seconds both witnesses saw the object slowly seem to turn on edge, as if it were a "cardboard cutout". It turned until only a thin "edge" was visible, hardly more than six or seven inches thick. At this point the strange "two-dimensional" nature of the UFO struck the witnesses as being somewhat frightening in nature, and they both hurriedly brought in the fish lines and started the outboard motor to leave the area. At this same time the object, still looking flat as a pancake, sped off at a high speed. And, as the two frightened witnesses were leaving the area, they both observed a Coast Guard rescue boat heading toward the area where the UFO was hovering before it shot off into the distance. However, the witnesses decided not to turn back and see what the Coast Guard boat was up to, but rather head for shore and call it quits for the day. They both watched the newspapers for several days to read about the incident possibly being reported by the Coast Guard or other people on the river, but saw no mention of the incident. Source: December 1979 issue.

### **1981 - AROUND AND ABOUT THE SAUCER WORLD - Rick Hilberg**

#### **Landing Case Near San Francisco:**

Cindy Gaffney, of Richmond District, California, was awakened at about 4:00 a.m. on February 7, 1981 by "a deep, loud humming noise." She was quickly able to discern that its source was outside, and decided to wake her husband so they could both investigate.

While Mr. Gaffney was trying in vain to find his eyeglasses (he is quite nearsighted), Mrs. Gaffney looked out their second floor bedroom window and saw a strange object over their neighbor's cemented back yard.

"It was four feet high, approximately eight or ten feet long," she said. "It looked like coffee saucers, two of them, upside down and next to each other, the classic flying saucer shape.

"It was white and had a very slight florescent glow. No windows, no wheels, no gizmos, no nothing. Just a plain white, glowing saucer."

She said that the UFO landed in the neighbor's yard and remained on the ground for about ten minutes, when it suddenly took off as Mrs. Gaffney turned on the lights in their attached garage in an attempt to wake her brother.

Although Mr. Gaffney was unable to find his glasses, he did state that he saw the object's general outline, and heard the deep humming noise.

The witnesses investigated the landing area and were excited to find a round, whitish mark on the cemented patio, and speculated that it was caused by the UFO.

However, some hours later after he came home from work, the neighbor said that the spot was the result of some rose bushes in a large amount of soil being readied for planting, and said that that area had always been whiter than the rest of the cement as a result.

However, even without any material evidence, this landing report sounds like a very worthwhile case.

#### **Object Approaches Frightened Witness:**

The Grant County, Washington Sheriff's Office reported that on the evening of January 21, 1981 a motorist saw a strange object while he was driving on Highway 20 to Spokane.

According to the report, the motorist saw what he believed to be a jet aircraft coming in low for a landing at Spokane while he was near Edwall. However, the lights of the object remained in the same spot in the sky for two or three minutes, which seemed unusual to the witness.

The UFO was also completely silent, and when the witness got out of his car to investigate, the UFO began moving toward him, two streams of red lights being clearly visible.

The witness then became very frightened and quickly left the area, according to the Sheriff's report.

#### Mini-Flap in Irving, Texas:

The *Irving Daily News* reports that hundreds of persons called in to report a UFO on the night of February 6, 1981. Most of the calls described an unknown object in the sky flashing off and on and moving very fast.

Irving, with its proximity to the Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Airport, has a large amount of air traffic, and therefore area residents are accustomed to all kinds of aircraft, according to the *Daily News* and local UFO investigators.

Carolyn Cantero and her two sons were typical witnesses. They said that they saw the UFO at about 7:30 that night, and according to Ms. Cantero her television set was "messed up" at the same time that bright lights from the UFO poured through her patio door. When she and her sons rushed outside to investigate, they saw something in the sky going very fast with bright, flashing lights "like strobe lights."

The newspaper said that most of the callers saw the UFO around 7:15 - 7:30 p.m. One caller said he didn't see anything, but his TV was interfered with about that time. Another said that the thing looked "cigar-shaped."

Mrs. Kenneth Rivers said that she and her husband were driving south on Beltline Road when something that "looked long with several different lights" came into view.

"It was moving real, real fast - no planes I've seen go that fast. Some planes have lights but they aren't that bright or blink that way," said Mrs. Rivers.

Another witness saw the thing and reported, "It was going so extremely fast from north to south. The lights were bluish and flashed like disco lights."

Judy Antonetti was taking one of her three sons to basketball practice when the UFO came into her view. "We were going south on Story Road around Plymouth Park Shopping Center when I looked up and saw the thing. At first I thought the flashing came from a plane going in and out of the clouds. But it looked so strange. It seemed too high for a helicopter - I thought it might be one of those jet helicopters. I've never seen anything like it."

A check at Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth revealed that the three-week SAC (Strategic Air Command) exercise going on at that time did not involve aircraft which could have created the many UFO reports that night.

#### Low Level UFO Reported in Iowa:

A Center Point, Iowa woman on her way to work at a local hospital had a frightening experience with a UFO at about 6:30 a.m. on February 25, 1981.

She reported that she first noticed two slowly blinking white lights ahead of her.

"I thought it was weird when I went underneath it, it wasn't moving," she said. "I thought it was a jet. Then I thought, 'jets can't hover.'"

She reported that as she was rounding a curve in the highway, she was able to get a better look at the strange object, and that it appeared to be at about the same altitude as a water tower normally is. She also said that one end of the object was somewhat pointed, as on a normal jet aircraft. At this point she reported that the lights began to blink at a faster rate, and the object turned and disappeared.

Even though she was quite frightened by her experience, she did notice a man in a nearby parked car with his head out of the window looking in the general direction of where the UFO was.

A supervisor at the Cedar Rapids Airport reported that an unidentified man called at about 7:00 a. m. that morning to inquire about the same unusual object. However, the Airport Control Tower personnel said that they sighted nothing unusual. This led the Airport supervisor to issue a generally negative statement to the local press.

#### Nine see Huge UFO in Pennsylvania:

At 7:00 p.m. on the evening of February 5, 1981, nine people gathered at a farmhouse just outside

of Duncannon, Pennsylvania had an experience with a UFO they won't soon forget.

"I heard it coming," said Dan Barrick, one of the residents of the two family house. "The rumbling noise grew louder, and I thought for a while that the furnace was on fire."

He and his son, Butch, rushed to the kitchen door to see a huge object flying over the house. "It was shaped like a boomerang and had at least five lights on the back and several more on the front," Mr. Barrick related. "It was three or four times as big as any jet plane I've ever seen, and it was up pretty high."

Barrick told his son to tell the others what was going on, and to bring them all outside to have a look.

By the time the others made it outside, the object had already passed over the house and could only be seen from the rear. Said Jimmy Roush, "The thing looked like a flying saucer. It was egg-shaped with at least three lights on the back. I don't know what it was, but it wasn't a plane or a helicopter."

The witnesses all agreed that it was three to four times the size of a jet airliner, and was in sight for about 15 to 20 minutes before it was lost to sight beyond Cove Mountain. They also said that it moved much slower than a jet aircraft.

**More Multiple Witness Cases in Texas:**

Texas was once again the host for a spectacular multiple witness case, when at least 30 residents of La Vernia saw a triangular-shaped UFO on the evening of February 15, 1981. The object, which was reported from 10:00 to 10:30 p.m., also caused television interference and disrupted telephone service to the community.

Juan Saldina, along with his wife and 11 other relatives, got a good look at the object. "My brother-in-law and I and our families went outside into the front yard, looked up, and saw these two lights over Baumann's store," he said.

"They were real bright and far apart. As it got closer, the thing made a noise like the wind blowing, a sort of constant whirring sound. It came toward us and as we watched we could see it was sort of a triangle in shape. I didn't see any wings at all."

Paul Mattke, head of the Volunteer Fire Department, said that he received many phone calls from excited area residents about the object. Curiously, Mattke received several calls about "a smell like burning tar or insulation wiring," and also smoke or haze from persons living near the Baumann's Department Store, the spot where Juan Saldina and his family said the UFO was flying over. However, the Fire Department and the store management later found no evidence of a fire.

Mattke said that earlier that same day a retired Air Force mechanic reported seeing two "saucers" following a plane toward San Antonio. "He thought the plane was towing the objects. Then, all of a sudden, they passed the plane," Mattke said.

Another witness, Jeff Pierdolle, said he saw what "appeared to be the body of a large aircraft. It had two bright white lights and a red light. We watched it for about ten minutes. It wasn't making any noise. It was barely moving. It had two bright lights." Source: June 1981 issue.

### **1981 - NOTES ON 34 YEARS OF SKYWATCHING - Allan Manak**

Over the years I must have been asked about a thousand times, "Have you ever seen a UFO?" I've never really elaborated on my sightings before, so maybe it's time I've shared my experiences with you:

June 18, 1953 -

Libya, North Africa. I was in the United States Air Force at the time, and had gone to Tripoli, Wheelus Air Force Base, with three fighter squadrons that were stationed in Germany at Landstuhl Air Base. We had gone there for gunnery practice.

My job, being an airman third class, was to make tow targets.

At 11:00 a.m. a close friend and myself went to the water tank for a drink. I noticed a very small pin point of silver in the sky. It was stationary. I had sun glasses on so I took them off. I could still see it although it was a little difficult. At this time I nudged my friend, Mike, and told him to look to the sky as I pointed. Two or three other men noticed the object and also stared up. We watched it for

about four minutes and all the while we were making checks. Such as wind, aircraft, balloons, birds and planets. Everything was negative. I immediately saw two officers coming past the tank (they both were flying officers). I asked them if they would mind looking up as I pointed to the spot in the sky. They looked up for about ten seconds when one of the officers took a quick glance at the other, and said to me, "Oh! It's just a balloon." They started to proceed on their way when I said, "But look, it's not moving; we've watched it for about five minutes now." One officer, who was doing all the talking, gave me a negative gesture with his hand. We started talking to ourselves again when Mike said, "Look, they just let a balloon go." (Meaning the tower, which was about three-fourths of a mile away, had just let a weather balloon aloft.) We then could make comparison checks. The balloon was drifting in a northerly direction. The UFO was still stationary. We watched it for about another two or three minutes. By this time the crowd had grown to about 15 airmen, when suddenly the UFO disappeared, without moving. Just disappeared.

The temperature was about 110 to 115 degrees, the sky was dull blue, no clouds, and no aircraft in the vicinity. At arm's length it was the size of a pin head, and about the same color. It was about 80 degrees due south, above the horizon. An estimate of the height would be about 20 to 30 thousand feet.

October 12, 1954 -

I was at Ramstein Air Base, which is about one-half mile from Landstuhl Air Base, Germany, where I was stationed. A friend and myself were waiting for a shuttle bus to get back to our base. The time was about 4:00 p.m. Looking toward Landstuhl Air Base we noticed an object stationary in the sky. This object was not as metallic as the Tripoli UFO. But one could see it very plainly. It was a little larger than a pin head at arm's length. There were two other people waiting for a bus also. They both watched the object with us for three to four minutes, before it disappeared. The UFO was about 35 to 40 degrees due south.

May 14, 1955 -

While in the service together, a close friend of mine had a strange experience. He, while on guard duty, noticed a strange light that appeared to look as if it was a searchlight on a cloud. There were no clouds that night. I later showed him a photo of a light which he described. Staring at the photo he exclaimed, "That was it exactly!" He had never seen or heard of this photo. The next night while on guard duty I noticed a similar object near the end of the eastern runway. It seemed to move up and down. The color was blue-green-white. It was the size of a pea at arm's length. The object was about 20 degrees above the eastern horizon and seemed to be within a half mile distance of me. I watched this object about five minutes, when as if someone had turned off a light, it suddenly went out. When I was relieved of duty I told various people. The next day I was told by another airman that I know, that they (meaning the control tower where he worked) were tracking the object on three different occasions that night, and also similar objects were seen for the past three nights. And strange as it may seem, the next day reports came from France about three children talking to a man who claimed to have come from another world. They said the ship he walked out of was round and silver-colored, with a weird glow about it.

July 5, 1961 -

Brookpark, Ohio. It was about 1:00 a.m. in the morning and I was standing in the backyard of a friend's house, which was across from mine (where I was living at the time). We were looking up at the sky, as usual. I was always talking to him about astronomy and the UFO subject. This man just did not believe in UFOs. We were also talking about the fireworks display that had been put on the past evening. When all of a sudden, directly overhead, this strange light appeared. The reason I say strange, this light was different from a meteor, and also different from a cloud light. Being one and one half miles from the Cleveland Hopkins Airport, I was accustomed to seeing the spotlight on clouds, or in hazy weather. Besides, the cloud light is stationary. It was a clear and beautiful evening. There were no aircraft in the area at that time. It was not a balloon, because the object was traveling northwest and the wind was coming from the west. It was not a bird or insect. It was definitely not fireworks.

The color was a dull hazy white, almost luminous. It traveled from 90 degrees to 45 degrees in

thirty seconds; this I timed, because I lifted my watch as soon as we saw it, and again when it disappeared, at about 45 degrees above the horizon. It was about one-half inch in diameter at arm's length, and was shaped like a half-moon with a tail protruding from its middle. This is confirmed because we both described it to each other. The object did not deviate from its course. There was no sound. It was not an aircraft because I am familiar with them after living so close to the airport and being a jet mechanic for four years. It definitely was not an after-burner or jet trail from some aircraft. The object did not appear transparent for we could see it as it passed beneath the stars. I could not even guess the height. Today, my friend is not so skeptical about UFOs.

October 24, 1963 -

It was a beautiful warm night and I went outside in my backyard, with my favorite chair and my binoculars around my neck, and sat just looking at the sky. I do this most frequently. I sat facing west. The moon was at half phase, and about 25 degrees above the southwestern horizon. There were three small cirrus clouds near the moon. The sky was exceptionally clear. The temperature was 69 degrees. At 9:40 E.D.S.T., about 40 degrees due west, a string of objects, blue-white and very dull (could not have been seen had I not been looking right at it), in a formation of a large "J" in the sky about two inches long at arm's length was noticed. They were headed directly overhead and easterly when I put the binoculars on them. They looked as if they were attached to something. The whole sighting lasted about four to six seconds, timed later. As the string of lights passed stars it seemed as if there was a body to one object, because the stars would disappear. The binoculars did not reveal anything different than the unaided eye.

July 5, 1981 -

Parma, Ohio. At approximately 10:33 p.m. I was sitting on my front porch stoop, listening to the radio and staring at the stars - something which I do on most evenings to relax and observe meteors. When, at this time, while looking approximately directly overhead, about 15 to 20 degrees west of the star Vega, I saw a star-like object which was approximately third magnitude in intensity, moving in a southern direction very slowly.

My first thought was that it was a small plane, which I see many of. However, I immediately dismissed that idea because of the object's very slow motion. My next thought was that it was a satellite, which I again over-ruled due to its extremely slow speed.

After viewing the object for approximately three minutes, I called the UAPA UFO REPORT CENTER, where I talked to Rick Hilberg, who said he would step outside from his location in Berea, Ohio, to try and see the object.

Upon returning outside, I immediately observed that the object was now moving in a westerly direction, toward the star Arcturus.

Mr. Hilberg then called stating that he could not locate the moving object. I said, "Let me go outside one more time to view the object and I'll call you right back." By the time I got outside, the object had disappeared from view.

The approximate time of the entire sighting, including the phone calls, was from five and one-half to six minutes. The night sky was very hazy, although first, second and third magnitude stars could be seen quite easily.

I have never seen a star-like object like this before. I am familiar with all objects in the sky because of spending four years in the Air Force and thirty-six years as an amateur astronomer. Source: August 1981 issue.

### **1983 - AROUND AND ABOUT THE SAUCER WORLD - Rick Hilberg**

The recent decline in interest regarding the UFO topic on the part of the news media and the general public has many in the field in a state of depression, if what has been discussed in the UFO press is any accurate gauge of feeling. Probably the most often mentioned manifestation of this malaise is the ten year "dry spell" since the last significant flap. Many UFOlogists of note lament this decade long dearth of media attention, and somehow manage to spell gloom and doom for this UFOlogical movement in general.

However, this "flap mentality" fails to take into consideration exactly why the news media has

shunned coverage of UFO reports and findings. To me the lack of "interest" stems from several attitudes on the part of the news media and general public, namely that there's nothing "new" to be told about UFOs that hasn't already been covered countless times already, and that even though there's "something" to the whole UFO business, the UFO proponents haven't "solved" the mystery yet. Therefore people are still seeing strange things in the sky, but the UFO chasers still can't make heads or tails out of the whole mess.

Also, flap coverage in past years seemed to be a novelty reserved for the "silly season" when hard news items were scarce. You know, something like coverage of the birth of a two-headed dog down in Podunk or something.

But in actuality there has been no let-up on high strangeness cases in this period. There does indeed seem to be a very constant flow of good UFO cases from the public at large. This has become clearly evident to the UAPA since the inception of the UFOCOM Project some three years ago. Just ask Allan Manak or Ted Sauppe' about any lack of good cases!

Rather, it appears as if the old "flap mentality" held by many of the current members of the UFO fraternity has been our great downfall. Rather than pushing ahead to make the discoveries needed to come up with answers to the why of UFOs, we've all been too concerned with playing games with the news media. We do need to inform the public about what we've been finding out about the elusive disks, but we're not going to solve the UFO riddle in this manner. Maybe it's time to take a good hard look at our collective 36 year quest to solve the mystery, and possibly ask ourselves some different questions.

Nocturnal Light in Mississippi:

The following nocturnal lights case of June 8, 1983 was first reported in the June 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the *Mississippi Press* of Pascagoula:

"A 36-year-old woman told the *Mississippi Press* she saw something, 'definitely not an airplane', which at one point hovered over the rear of her truck in the Big Point area late Wednesday night.

"Mrs. Kathy Wiggins said she left her mother's house, located next to a new power substation on Big Point Road just off Mississippi 613, about 10:45 p.m. Wednesday. She said she also saw lights which, she first thought, were reflections in the glass of her truck.

"She said the lights, two red ones and a white one, were from an object she saw hovering over the substation. She said she stopped the truck and turned off the engine, intending to get out of the vehicle and investigate the source of the lights. When she stopped the truck, she said, the lights moved from over the substation toward her truck where the object hovered over the rear of the vehicle.

"Mrs. Wiggins said her seven-year-old daughter, Denna, saw the lights and became hysterical. Instead of getting out of the truck, she said, she drove to the nearby home of her sister, Joan Hariel, to get the hysterical child into the house.

"She said that when she arrived at her sister's house, the lights were hovering over the pecan trees that were there. She said she took Denna into the house. Then, she and her sister went to look out the back door. She said the object 'swished' away and the lights went out.

"She said the lights very 'very bright' and were in sort of a circle.

"There was no sound there (while the lights were right over the rear of the truck) or at my sister's,' Mrs. Wiggins said. 'There was no shape visible, just the lights.'

"I wasn't scared at all but my daughter thought the thing was going to get her,' she said.

"Mrs. Wiggins said Charles Hester who lives near her mother's house was talking on the telephone about 11 p.m. when he heard 'such a horrible noise that he thought a plane had landed on his house.' Hester, she said, was unable to see anything that might have caused the noise which was so loud that he could not hear the person he was talking to on the telephone."

Triangular Object in Kentucky:

This July 11, 1983 case of an apparently triangular object was reported in the July 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the *Pikeville, Kentucky Appalachian News Express*:

"The strange sight over Pikeville Monday night was not the Goodyear Blimp, Superman or the Jaycees' fireworks display.

"That is what it was not but no one knows for sure what the sighting could have been.

"Spectators at the Pikeville Cubs' ballgame saw it.

"Fifteen customers at the Log Cabin Restaurant saw it.

"Residents in Coon Creek saw it.

"Gene Davis saw it at the Cubs' game in the press box when shouts went up about an unidentified flying object.

"Spectators stood to watch and the players suspended play for awhile. According to Davis, the object was in the sky about five minutes.

"It was some sort of a vehicle. There were bright lights on it and it seemed to be very low. It moved slowly, almost like it had stopped to watch the game. The lights made it look triangular.'

"Davis said there was bound to be a plausible explanation for the craft but said it did not resemble anything he had ever seen before.

"Mr. and Mrs. Gary McCoy of Coon Creek saw it.

"Mr. McCoy and a friend, Hal Amos were riding in a convertible, listening to the Cubs' game on WPKE radio when the announcer said, 'Everyone stopped watching the game to see the UFO.'

"At that point McCoy pulled into the parking lot of the Log Cabin Restaurant to see if he could spot the UFO.

"Restaurant owner Jimmy Blair and several customers were outside.

"All of them sighted the craft. Descriptions of the craft matched Davis' account.

"The only difference in all the accounts was from Mrs. McCoy.

"She was at home when she saw the craft in the sky. She said it looked rectangular. 'It had two bright yellow lights at first, but as it got closer you could actually see four lights. There were two red lights, too.'

"She said about 15 people were at her home at the time.

"During the evening the craft circled, went up Coon Creek, and came back.

"According to Mrs. McCoy, the sight disappeared about 9 p.m. The excitement died down and the neighbors went home.

"About midnight Gary and I were sitting around the pool talking about the UFO or whatever, and it came back. It was 12:05. It finally just disappeared like it was going to West Virginia.'

"The main thing everyone mentioned in their description of the craft was the sound, or lack of sound.

"There just simply wasn't any noise at all." Source: Winter 1983 issue.

### **1988 - 1964 REVISITED - Rick Hilberg**

It's really hard to believe that it's been some 24 years since the Socorro, New Mexico sighting by Lonnie Zamora on April 24<sup>th</sup> of 1964. It was such a highly publicized incident, not to mention the first "landing" case to receive serious consideration by those more conservative UFOlogists, that many of us fail to realize that there was a very intense UFO flap going on at that time from just about all regions of the country. And while the sheer numbers of cases from the huge flap years of 1965 and 1966 tend to eclipse 1964, there were some very interesting cases from that year that have been pretty much forgotten in the passing years.

The following cases were first written up in my *UFO MAGAZINE ANNUAL - 1965*, and are just a sampling of the many interesting UFO reports from the "forgotten flap" of 24 years ago. It's been difficult to cull these reports from the original 14 page summary because of space limitations here, but you should get some idea as to the quality of these old cases.

Many residents of Del Norte County in California reported sighting a ball-shaped object on the evening of February 8<sup>th</sup>. The Sheriff's office and FAA reported a call from a person at Fort Dick Beach stating that he and a group of 17 others sighted the UFO flying from north to south over the beach. The object was reported to be glowing and changing in color from orange to gold to white and seemed to have a long tail which did not glow. A fisherman tried to catch the object with a flashlight beam, but the UFO sped off as the beam was pointed towards it.

Another witness at Ninth and L Streets in Crescent City reported to the FAA that he sighted a

similar object at about 8:55 p.m. over the nearby foothills. The FAA also stated that additional reports were received from the Cave Junction, Oregon area at about 8:00 p.m. of what may have been the same object sighted in California.

Hardly 48 hours after the Zamora encounter at Socorro, Orlando Gallegos and his family had just arrived at his father's house outside of Lamadera, New Mexico at about 12:30 a.m. On April 26<sup>th</sup>, when the younger Gallegos went outside to chase away some horses.

He was startled to see a strange object resting on the ground in a gravel area about 200 feet away. He reported that at this point he was afraid to approach any closer.

When he first sighted it, there was a ring of blue flame erupting from numerous jet-like openings around the bottom of the UFO, he said. There was no noise as he watched the thing, then the flames were suddenly turned off. He reported that he saw no signs of life or movement near the object.

Gallegos returned to the house and told his family, but no one ventured outside to have a look. His wife described him as being "badly shaken" when he entered the house. He returned outside twice more to have a look at the object he described as being a bright metal without windows, as long as a telephone pole and about 14 feet in circumference. He said it was egg-shaped and resembled a large butane tank, very similar to what Zamora reported two days before at Socorro.

He said that upon going outside after the sun had come up that morning the object was gone, but the ground was still smoldering. Gallegos said he stayed away from the landing site all day, and later in the afternoon as he was returning to his home in Sante Fe he stopped Espanola Police Officer Nick Naranso and told him about what he saw. "I just had to tell somebody," Gallegos said. Espanola Police notified the New Mexico State Police, who twice inspected the landing site over the next 24 hours. Said Capt. Martin Virgil, State Police District Commander, "The ground was still smoldering and was charred over a large area."

Virgil said what looked like paw prints were found at the scene and depressions, similar to those found at Socorro, were also found. Virgil further stated that he thought the depressions may have been made by some sort of landing gear, and that he was certain that Gallegos had seen something real.

"If you told me you saw it, I wouldn't believe it, but I saw it," said George Mitroplis of Albuquerque after his encounter with a UFO on the evening of April 26<sup>th</sup>.

"It was up ahead of me and to the right when I saw it come over the crest and then drop back behind the mountain," Mitroplis said. He said he was driving north on U.S. 85 one mile south of the New Mexico 180 junction about 10:30 p.m. when he sighted the UFO. "I wasn't just seeing things, because I stopped the car and after it went behind the mountain I could hear the noise like muffled jets. This thing was glowing like it was luminous. There were no lights," said Mitroplis. There was a glow underneath like exhaust fumes also.

He described the thing as appearing like an upside down bathtub. Mitroplis said he caught up with another car that had been ahead of him. "I caught up with them and stopped them because I wanted to know if they had seen it too. There were two young men but they denied seeing anything. . . But they were acting strangely."

He said he first reported his sighting to the Truth or Consequences Police but they just laughed at him. He said he then went to Socorro where he learned of the Zamora encounter, and felt better that he was not alone in his reporting a strange aerial object.

On Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, a UFO was seen to take off from the side of Route 90 near Ashtabula, Ohio. The Highway Patrol reported that a man from California called to report on the object. He said it was as big as a tractor truck. The caller said the object changed color, turning a bright orange color, hovered about eight feet off the ground and then took off and soared to about three or four hundred feet.

At this point the flame color became a blur and the object zoomed into the sky. This incident happened at about 11:30 p.m.

The motorist said a driver of a semi-trailer rig also saw the UFO and stopped to look. A source that had always been reliable told *UFO Magazine* that after the sighting, several Air Force cars were seen parked near the reported landing area with their lights on.

An orange-colored UFO was reported by an Industry, Pennsylvania woman and her son at 11:05 p.m. on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Helen Jones, an employee at Snyder Elementary School, told authorities that she and her son, Robert, 19, had seen the object for a period of from four to five minutes. Attracted by a flickering light in the sky at a great distance, Mrs. Jones said she got a pair of binoculars and focused on the slow-moving object, which appeared to be oval in shape and with lighted windows.

The UFO was bright orange in color and the windows reflected a pale yellow light. The object appeared to be rotating continually while it moved across the field of view of the two witnesses. "It seemed to be spinning around like a top and I could see little windows, two of them," said Mrs. Jones. "It made no noise. It was such a funny looking thing. It didn't move very fast. It didn't look like it had any wings. I knew it wasn't a plane, they go over our house all the time," she said.

Yes, there were some very good multiple witness UFO sightings in that "forgotten flap" of 1964. Source: Spring 1988 issue.

### **1990 - MASSACHUSETTS UFO ENCOUNTER - Rick Hilberg**

The following fascinating narrative is by staffer Peter Steele of the *Provincetown Advocate*, and was published in the March 15<sup>th</sup> edition:

Capt. Gerald Costa of Provincetown, a fisherman and owner of the whale-watcher *Ranger V*, never used to believe in unidentified flying objects, until he saw some on the night of March 4, 1990.

Costa maintains that when he was rounding Wood End in his 66-foot scalloped *Michelle* he saw an unidentifiable spherical craft sitting next to the Wood End lighthouse not more than 100 yards away.

His sighting was confirmed by Christopher Hatley of Provincetown, who was at the wheel of the *Michelle* next to Costa in the pilot house. Both men said they saw several UFOs flying around between Wood End and Corn Hill in Truro.

Costa, Hatley and two other men aboard the *Michelle* were returning from a two-day fishing trip when they encountered the UFOs.

As they were approaching Wood End Light from Race Point at about 11:30 p.m., Costa said he couldn't see the familiar red light from the lighthouse. At first Costa said he thought the light was out, but upon closer inspection, he said he saw a "ship" on the beach whose mass was blocking the view of the light.

Costa described the craft as "completely round," - gray in color, "about 30 feet high by 30 feet wide," with "a lot of windows" that ringed the top half of the craft.

He said he could see the top of the object, but not the bottom half, which he said was obscured by a dune.

"It was not a helicopter," he said, adding that the craft had no wings.

"I stopped at Wood End to look for the red light," Costa said. "I happened to look up and saw the ship."

He said there were "a lot of windows, but no people, I don't know if there were any people in it or if they got out or what."

Costa said the *Michelle* got to within 300 feet of the strange object before passing it. As the *Michelle* approached Long Point, Costa said he then heard four booms, and saw what he thought were four more objects taking off from Long Point straight up in the air.

He said the UFOs were not clearly visible to him, but he saw a yellowish tinge of light from each of them as they shot skyward at "a thousand miles an hour."

Costa said the UFOs ascended faster than anything he had ever seen before. "It was some fast," he said. "You wouldn't believe."

Costa said the UFOs showed no white lights when they took off, just "a tinge of yellow." But then they stopped suddenly in the air and flashed "bright, bright white lights," Costa said.

He said he saw three or four more of them buzzing around between Wood End, Long Point and Corn Hill in Truro, each of them stopping occasionally to flash the bright white lights.

"It was really strange," Costa said. "They all left as I came around the point."

He said the experience was scary. "I wondered what the hell was going on here. I don't believe in

those things. I've been at sea for 50 years, and I never saw something like that in my life," Costa said.

Hatley said he has been around that corner "a million times," but "what I saw was what I saw, and it was big."

"It was definitely a craft right by Wood End Light," he said. Hatley said he agreed with Costa's account of what happened.

He said he and Costa were about to radio the Coast Guard to inform them the light was out at the lighthouse, when he saw the craft blocking it.

"We thought the light was out," Hatley said. "We had our faces glued to our windshield" trying to determine what the craft was, he said. He insisted that neither he nor Costa had been drinking alcoholic beverages or taking drugs before they saw the strange craft.

He said the object had an oval-shaped window from which light was emanating. Hatley said the craft looked like a vehicle that had its interior light on. He said he could only describe the window as "more or less oval, like a rounded glass."

As they passed the craft, Hatley said it didn't take off, but there were two or three other objects flying around over the water. He said the boat's radar did not pick up the flying objects, "but they were there," he said. "I saw them."

Fishing boat radars are surface search radars unsuitable for tracking or even discerning airborne targets, especially if they are fast.

He said he and Costa first thought the UFOs were helicopters, but "they moved too fast." The UFOs appeared to be "spotlighting" with white lights, he said.

"I have never been a UFO person," Hatley said. But "nothing I'm aware of can move like that."

The other two men aboard the *Michelle* had never been on a fishing boat before, Hatley said. He and Costa know them only by their first names, Mo and Ted, he said.

"We took them out for lack of help," he said. "We found them in a bar." He added, "it's been done before."

He said the two men also saw the lights, but since they had never been on a fishing boat before and never came around the point like that, they did not find the occurrence unusual.

"When they looked out the window, they didn't think it was unusual. They wouldn't have known different," Hatley said.

Costa said he did not report the sighting to anyone. But when a group called Cape Skywatchers found out about the sightings, it asked the Cape Cod National Seashore for permission to drive a vehicle to the Wood End Light to investigate.

The group was formed in the fall, when mysterious lights were repeatedly reported off Herring Cove Beach in Provincetown.

North District Ranger Irving Tubbs said the Seashore denied permission for the group to drive their own vehicle to the site, but he offered to take them there himself.

Tubbs said he took Carolyn Miller, founder of the Cape Skywatchers, Majorie Ullman and Catherine Steele, who are also Skywatchers, and Costa to the lighthouse on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Steele said Costa's daughter had called her to inquire about an article that described the lights at Herring Cove when she told of the sighting. Steele said Costa's daughter did not know she was a Skywatcher, but when she found out, she said Costa would be willing to tell his story to them.

Tubbs said the group did not find any sign of a landing. Costa said perhaps the craft was hovering and did not make any signs. He said it was snowing the day the group went to investigate, which may have covered any sign.

Miller said there was "nothing on the ground. It was snowing." But she said Costa "was convinced it was right in front of the lighthouse." Source: Summer 1990 issue.

## **1995 - THE HORACE BURNS ENCOUNTER - Allan Manak**

What makes this encounter with an unknown object so unique is first: Nowhere in my personal files do I have a similar sighting or have I ever come across such a case in 48 years of reading and researching this enigma, and second: The way I came into possession of the actual documents from the eye witness account given to the news media.

The encounter: It occurred at approximately 5 p.m. on Monday December 21, 1964. Mr. Horace Burns, living in Grottoes, VA, and conducting a small gun shop business on North Main Street in Harrisburg, VA, was driving his 1958 Mercury station wagon a few miles east of Staunton, VA, on Route 250 toward Waynesboro, VA, when he observed a huge metallic object coming out of the sky north of the highway. As the object crossed Route 250 about 200 feet ahead of him, his engine stopped dead, "conked out," as he tells it, and his car seemed to come to an unnaturally quick stop.

The object landed "like a bubble" in a small meadow at a spot about 100 yards from the highway. Mr. Burns guided his car to the side of the road, got out and stood beside his car and stared in amazement at the spectacle. What he saw resembled in shape to an upside-down toy top, but the size of the unknown thing was astounding. "It was about 250 feet in diameter, at least, and 80 to 90 feet high," he said. And besides being generally cone-shaped, its circular, sloping sides rose in about 6 large concentric convolutions that decreased in diameter to a dome at the top.

Although Burns could not be sure of the exact nature of the material of which it was made, it appeared to be metallic. He noted that around the base of the object there was a "bluish glow" in a band of about a foot or 18 inches wide. He could see no windows, doors, portholes, or even seams anywhere on the object. Or did there seem to be any sort of landing gear; the vehicle had gently settled flat on its bottom. Although he noticed that the object's underside was slightly curved.

The unknown object rested on the ground for from 60 to 90 seconds and then with a "whoosh," the craft suddenly rose straight up for several hundred feet and immediately took off in a northeasterly direction at a speed much greater than when the object seemed to land.

After it was out of sight, Mr. Burns got into his car and was surprised to find when he pressed the starter button the car started at once. As he drove away he was evidently very excited, for he could not recall seeing other vehicles coming or going on Route 250.

Horace Burns went home and told his wife what he had seen, but said he would not tell anyone else. "They'd think I'm crazy," he said.

Mrs. Burns convinced her husband that he should report his experience.

He told his story to a Mr. Shipp, an announcer of radio station WSVA, seven days later. Mr. Shipp informed a UFO investigation group from Indiana and a Prof. Ernest Gehman at Eastern Mennonite College in Harrisonburg, VA.

Professor Gehman, a Mr. Harry Cook, a Dupont research engineer, and a Mr. Funk, a fellow engineer, along with the Indiana UFO Group conducted an investigation at the site of the supposed landing with a Geiger counter, now nine days later.

The Geiger counter used by Professor Gehman was a Model 2616 Portable Survey Meter with a Model P15 probe. The counter's ranges are 0.2, 2, and 20 mr/hr coinciding with 600; 6,000; and 60,000 counts per minute full scale with the P15 probe.

The several times radioactive particles were picked up, the range was set on 0.2, but the needle stayed off the dial even set at 2 or 20 range.

Gehman got "tremendously high readings" of radiation and his findings were verified by Mr. Cook. Gehman "was having a tizzy because the needle was all the way off the dial," said Cook who has had considerable experience with Geiger counters in his work. "It was a hot area," Cook said.

22 days after the encounter, on January 12, 1965, Technical Sergeant David Moody and Staff Sergeant Harold Jones of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (Project Blue Book) arrived to investigate the landing site. In a statement to a Mr. Dallas Kersey, a reporter for the *Richmond Times - Dispatch*, Sergeant Moody said, "This is an unusual sighting. It's not routine. If it was routine, we wouldn't be here." But the quote in the same newspaper of Sunday January 17, 1965, states, "There was no evidence that a UFO had been there."

Here is how I came into possession of these papers and articles of this fantastic encounter.

I first heard of this case by radio in early January of 1965. I then read of this encounter in local papers and eventually in world wide UFO magazine articles. But in October of 1989, Mr. Robert Easley, a one-time UFO researcher, turned over to me a package of papers on this subject. It starts with the Universal Research Society of America, which was the UFO organization from LaPorte, Indiana doing some of the research on the site of the so-called landing.

In turn the URSA submitted its papers on the sighting, along with other information it had obtained to Professor Charles A. Maney of Defiance, Ohio. At this particular time, Professor Maney was one of the board members of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

After Professor Maney's untimely death in 1966, the same researcher, Mr. Easley, also of Defiance, Ohio, obtained these papers from Mrs. Maney, approximately three years after the good Professor's death.

After all these years, the UFO encounter of Horace Burns, along with the actual radiation counts, which I may state were never published, are now finally brought to light. So, when Project Blue Book stated "there was no evidence that a UFO had been there," maybe they were right. Perhaps the object was identified. Source: Summer 1995 issue.

### **1997 - WEIRDNESS IN UTAH - Rick Hilberg**

Research scientists who took control of a Uintah County ranch last fall will remain on the property even though they haven't seen the UFOs and other phenomena they were expecting, they announced in April of 1997.

A spokesman for the Las Vegas-based National Institute of Discovery Science said the researchers have yet to see the flying craft, cattle mutilations and dog-killing "balls of light" that Terry and Gwen Sherman said they experienced while they owned the 480-acre property near Randlett.

"There have been some minor observations, but nothing you would stand behind," said John Alexander, the institute's director for scientific liaison, who would not elaborate. "Those of us who are familiar with phenomenology know they tend to be very fragile. It's like a watched pot."

Robert Bigelow, a Las Vegas real estate magnate who founded the institute, bought the ranch last September, three months after the Shermans first told their bizarre story publicly in the *Deseret News*.

The Shermans reported seeing several types of UFOs, some of which emerged from circular "doorways" that seemed to appear in midair. Three of their cattle were found dead and partially mutilated and at least seven other cattle "disappeared" from the ranch.

The couple put up with the activity for a while but decided to sell after their three dogs vanished one night last summer. The pets were last seen chasing a strange, flying "ball of light," which had approached the family's house and appeared to be monitoring the area. The Shermans reported hearing a yelp shortly after the dogs chased the baseball-size object into the woods and the next morning found three burned circles on the ground in the same area.

Alexander, former director of nonlethal weapons testing at New Mexico's Los Alamos National Laboratories, said nothing like that has been observed since at least two scientists and a veterinarian set up an observation post on the ranch.

"Definitely no craft. No, we haven't had any dog-zappers...Nobody has landed," Alexander said. "There has not been anything of significance...We don't have anything to work with."

Ryan Layton, a Davis County UFO researcher who met with the Shermans several times before they sold the ranch, said he "seriously doubts" the reported phenomena have ceased.

"The question is how much are they filming, how much are their sensors monitoring, how much are they learning? We don't know," Layton said. "Has it slowed up because of their presence, or are the phenomena putting on a display for them?"

Layton, Colorado researcher and author Chris O'Brien, Illinois investigator Gary Hart and others continue to be frustrated that Bigelow and the National Institute of Discovery Science staff have not released details of their research on the ranch.

Other UFO researchers "don't want any information that might be breakthrough information to be

privatized and not brought forth to the public," Layton said.

Uintah County Sheriff's Sgt. Steve Hatzidakis said no one has reported UFOs, unusual animal deaths or any other strange activity since Bigelow bought the ranch. He said two cattle mutilations on a neighboring ranch were reported last summer.

Sherman gave new information to Colorado writer and cattle mutilation researcher David Perkins for a story in *Spirit* magazine.

According to Perkins' article, the Shermans had a bizarre experience the last night they spent on the ranch: They woke up to find their bed sheets "covered" with blood and one-eighth inch deep "scoop marks" on their right thumbs. Source: Zack Van Eyck, *Deseret News* Salt Lake City, April 27, 1997 in the Fall 1997 issue.

### **2001 - FALL 2000 INCIDENTS IN THE "MYSTERIOUS VALLEY" - Carol Hilberg**

For the past few years Rick and I have been keeping a close watch on writer Christopher O'Brien's investigations of UFO and other paranormal activities in the San Luis Valley of southern Colorado and northern New Mexico. While apparently in the past year or so reports have been somewhat sparse, O'Brien reports that in the late fall of 2000 several good UFO reports found their way to his local hotline.

Here is Christopher O'Brien's rundown on recent activity as published in the January issue of the *Crestone, Colorado Eagle* :

Monday, December 18, at 7:10 p.m., two women, while driving west on CR-X, towards Sagauche, caught sight of a "big yellowish-white light," traveling slowly north to south of Moffat. They watched the light for two to three minutes and then called a relative back in Moffat to run outside and confirm their sighting. The witnesses reported the light was moving too slowly to be a low flying plane and that it did not exhibit normal FAA lighting. They estimated the object was flying at or under 500 feet in altitude. Their relative was unfortunately unable to spot the object.

A woman visiting the Baca, while out walking Sunday, December 17, at 10:35 a.m., heard what she thought was a "sonic boom." She looked up to locate the source of the sound and observed a hovering "pencil-shaped" object between her vantage point and the nearby Sangre de Cristo Mountains. She reported to a researcher friend of mine, "The object was a ruddy reddish color and she described it to me as being around 15 to 20 feet long and about 3 to 4 feet wide." Coincidentally, while watching TV, I happened to hear a "boom" sound at the exact time of her alleged sighting. I thought it was a hot-dogging F-16 pilot breaking the sound barrier and didn't bother to go outside and look for the source of the sound. I will next time!

December 13 may have been very active. A 9:35 p.m., I received a call from a puzzled witness, located just south of Alamosa, who called to say he was watching "a large, bright, white light" located 3/4s up the side of San Antonio Mountain. I immediately made a call to get confirmation of the sighting from a sky watcher near San Antonio, but by the time he went out to observe the light, it had faded out.

That same night there may have been additional sightings to the west. I am trying to get firsthand confirmation from witnesses. Persistent rumors of anomalous light activity the same night over the Del Norte area surfaced several days later with two separated second-hand reports. A night-shift Rio Grande County deputy and the SO log did not list any reports, but the deputy told me an interesting story relayed to him by a relative stationed at Ft. Carson involving NORAD detection capability of ground activity in the dark.

On Thursday November 2, at 9:15 p.m., a Baca resident happened to look out over the valley and observed a "large, iridescent green ball" that appeared to be low in the sky to the west over the Center area. Initially the ball was about 25 degrees above the horizon but seemed to slowly sink. She nonchalantly described the object as being "a lot larger than a full moon" and remarked that, "it appeared luminescent green at first, but as it slowly drifted down [toward the horizon], it turned pale yellow in color," She estimated her sighting lasted 3 to 4 minutes. Source: Spring 2001 issue.

### **2003 - ENCOUNTER WITH "BEING" IN SPRINGFIELD, IL**

"My wife arrived home from work late at 10:30 p.m. on June 10, 2003, in a state of panic and terror. She was pounding on the front door and was so shaken she was unable to get her key into

the lock. It was very disturbing for me to see my wife going through the fear she was experiencing and I assumed she had been assaulted or raped. As I was getting ready to call the police, she calmed down somewhat and she told me to put the phone down, that it would not do any good anyway. Confused and shaken, I asked why? She explained that as she was pulling in to our apartment complex, she notice what appeared to be a small child playing around a large steel waste dumpster in the corner of the parking lot about 15 feet from her. She got out of her car to get her brief case and saw movement out of her periphery. Her next concern was if this child was too young to be playing out in the dark late at night. She began to slowly walk towards the dumpster to ask where the child's parents were at.

"As she approached the dumpster she could make out the contrasting shape of a head peeking out from one corner as she calmly spoke. She approached to within 6-8 feet when she heard a loud banging noise and this 'child' suddenly had ability to high jump 5 feet. It was then standing on top of the dumpster's steel lid staring down at her. At this point she described feeling a pressure in her head, nausea and dizziness. She told me she strained to identify if it was a neighborhood child who was staring at her for about 20 - 30 seconds, a kind of 'standoff.' Just as she realized this was not a child, the 'being' produced a glowing-white orb of light about the size of a volleyball in its hands and held on to it at about chest height. The light cast off from the glowing orb illuminated its head for several seconds and she described a large almond-shaped head with big black eyes staring intently at her movements. She told me that she just stood there in stunned silence trying to understand, everything was happening in slow motion. The 'being' seemed to tighten its grasp on the glowing orb of light and it jumped feet first into the dumpster and disappeared without making any noise. Right after that is when she began to breakdown emotionally and ran to the apartment.

"Between the time she entered our apartment and calming her down and debriefing her was about an hour. With much reluctance, I'll admit I was really creeped-out to do this. I went back out to the exact spot she described with my metal softball bat and D-Cell Mag-Lite. I examined that whole area, even to the point of looking inside the dumpster and I did not see or notice anything. Over the past several years we have seen many electric-white blue streaks of light in the evening around this parking lot, and have had frequent, but brief power outages. My wife and I conclude that these may be related to what she experienced. This is going out on a limb here, but my wife thinks that the orb of light was some kind of device that gave this 'being' an ability to disappear, conceal or transport itself." Source: Summer 2003 issue.

#### **2004 - IKE AND THE ALIENS? - Carol Hilberg**

*Rick informs me that the following story is hardly new. In fact, it was first touted in UFO 'zines in the late 1950s. Anyway, it's new to me, and look how the story has been brought up-to-date by the addition of modern UFO motifs.*

Fifty years ago - on Feb. 20, 1954 - President Dwight Eisenhower interrupted his vacation in Palm Springs, Calif., to make a secret nocturnal trip to a nearby Air Force base to meet two extraterrestrial aliens.

Or maybe not. Maybe Ike just went to the dentist. There's some dispute about this.

The Ike-met-with-ETs theory is advanced by Michael Salla, a former American University professor who now runs the Peace Ambassador Program at AUs Center for Global Peace.

The Ike-went-to-the-dentist theory is advanced by the folks at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library in Abilene, Kan. And by James M. Mixson, a dentist, professor of dentistry and historian of presidential dental work.

Just to make things more intriguing: On the night in question, the Associated Press reported this: "Pres. Eisenhower died tonight of a heart attack in Palm Springs."

Two minutes later, the AP retracted that bulletin and reported that Ike was still alive.

Indeed, Ike was alive. And he continued living until 1969. But in the decades since his death, his activities on the night of Feb. 20, 1954, have become fodder for strange theories about alien beings.

Some facts are beyond dispute: Eisenhower was on a golf vacation in Palm Springs on Feb. 20, 1954. After dinner that night, he made an unscheduled departure from the Smoking Tree Ranch,

where he was staying. The next morning, he attended a church service in Los Angeles. Also that morning, his spokesman announced to the press that Ike had visited a dentist the previous night because he'd chipped a tooth while eating a chicken wing at dinner.

Salla, who has a PhD in government from the University of Queensland in his native Australia, doesn't believe it. He figures the dentist trip is just a cover story. He believes Ike went to Edwards Air Force Base, where he met with two ETs with white hair, pale blue eyes and colorless lips.

These aliens - nicknamed "Nordics" in UFO circles because they resemble Scandinavian humans - traveled to Edwards from another solar system in a flying saucer and, Salla says, they spoke to Eisenhower.

"There was telepathic communication," says Salla, 45, as he sits in his suburban Falls Church, Va., living room. "It's as though you're hearing a person but they're not speaking."

The "Nordics" offered to share their superior technology and their spiritual wisdom with Ike if he would agree to eliminate America's nuclear weapons.

"They were afraid we might blow up some of our nuclear technology," Salla says, "and apparently that does something to time and space and it impacts on extraterrestrial races on other planets."

Ike declined the ETs' offer, Salla says, because he did not want to give up the nukes.

Sometime later in 1954, Ike reached a deal with another race of extraterrestrials, known as the "Greys" - allowing them to capture Earthling cattle and humans for medical experiments, provided that they returned the humans safely home. Since then, Salla says, the "Greys" have kidnapped "millions" of humans. Source: Peter Carlson, *The Washington Post* February 20, 2004 via Martin Piechota in the Spring 2004 issue.

#### **WELSH LEGENDS: "FAIRIES AND ALIENS?"**

*The following article by Richard Holland, published in the Liverpool Daily Post from the U. K., speculates on a subject that many writers have concentrated on in the past, namely that the "wee folk" of our collective legends and the "ufonauts" or space beings, are one and the same.*

There are many intriguing parallels between the old belief in fairies and the modern day belief in aliens and UFOs.

Take the following story, for example. The action takes place in the close neighborhood of Portmeirion and the time is one dark night one year in the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century - more than a century before the concept of a UFO was even thought of.

A young woman named Miss Jones was walking home from a neighbour's house and she had with her a servant known by the nickname of Dafydd Fawr, "because of his great strength and stature." Dafydd was carrying a joint of bacon on his back and walking rather slowly. Miss Jones hurried on her way through the night and Dafydd followed.

When she arrived home, however, Miss Jones was surprised to find that Dafydd was not with her - and it was another three hours before he finally turned up, the bacon still on his back.

The servant was amazed when he was told how late it was. He was sure he had been just a few minutes behind, but he explained that he had been briefly delayed by a strange sight.

"He observed," she said, "a brilliant meteor passing through the air, which was followed by a ring or hoop of fire, and within this hoop stood a man and woman of small size, handsomely dressed. With one arm they embraced each other, and with the other they took hold of the hoop, and their feet rested on the concave surface of the ring.

"When the hoop reaches the earth these two beings jumped out of it, and immediately proceeded to make a circle upon the ground. As soon as this was done, a large number of men and women instantly appeared, and to the sweetest music that ear ever heard commenced dancing round and round the circle."

The music was so entrancing the man stayed what he thought a few minutes to witness the scene. The ground all around was lit up by a kind of subdued light, and he observed every movement of these beings.

By and by the meteor which had at first attracted his attention appeared again, and then the fiery hoop came to view, and when it reached the spot where the dancing was, the lady and gentleman

who had arrived in it jumped into the hoop, and disappeared in the same manner in which they had reached the place.

"Immediately after their departure the fairies vanished, and the man found himself alone and in darkness, and then proceeded homewards. For this reason he accounted for his delay on the way."

The "meteor" and the strange beings arriving to earth in a glowing circular object are clearly reminiscent of UFO stories. It is also significant that the experience of missing time - hours, or even days or years, passing by in what seems but a few minutes - is equally common in fairy-lore and in accounts of alien abduction.

This begs the question: were fairies the aliens of our forefathers? Source: *The Liverpool Daily Post* April 15, 2004, in the Summer 2004 issue.

## **2005 - "FLYING HUMANOID" SEEN IN MEXICO**

June 24, 2005 - UFO incidents over Mexico continue causing surprises and concern. During the course of this investigation, a new sighting has just surfaced - but this time a bizarre and disturbing one in nature.

On Friday, June 17, Horacio Roquet left his apartment in Unidad Habitacional Lomas de Platero, Mexico City at 7:00 a.m. ready to go to work when something strange attracted his attention.

The morning was clear and Horacio noticed a dark suspicious object just above the front building's roof - not moving but static and looking like if it was floating.

Horacio got a bad feeling about this strange presence at such a low altitude. Because this dark object looked intriguing to him, he stopped and tried to make a better visual recognition. And that's when he realized the object was an actual body, very weirdly-shaped and "standing" just above the building's roof in a threatening position.

Horacio's first reaction was to go inside his home and grab his video camera, so he ran inside shouting to his sister to come outside with him to see this bizarre thing over the building.

Both of them went outside and the "thing" was still there, floating just a few feet above the front building's roof, and Horacio's sister reacted by saying "What is that?" Horacio immediately began taping the "thing" with his video camera.

When Horacio applied the camera's zoom and got a closer look through the viewfinder he received a major surprise which left a profound impression on him.

Horacio Roquet: "It looked like a human-shaped body, 'standing' vertical and just floating over the roof. I was just shocked. The figure was not facing me...I was looking straight at its right side. It was tall. No sound was heard and we both stood still, watching, while I continued recording.

"Then the dark body started moving to the right slowly, and rose several feet in the sky and then hovered again, completely still. I kept recording all the time. I was very nervous trying to control myself and I taped the thing the best I could.

"After several minutes the dark figure moved again to the left, disappearing behind the building's roof. The sighting lasted about ten minutes. I don't have any clue what this weird thing was. At the end, my sister said 'That was odd!'"

There have been other cases in the past where flying humanoid entities have been witnessed in Mexico. On January 16, 2004, a police officer from Guadalupe, N.L. was attacked by a mysterious flying being while on routine patrol in his police car in the Colonia Valles de la Silla neighborhood. The time was 3:15 a.m. and the dramatic incident caused a complete police mobilization and a serious commotion among the neighbors.

A month later, on February 14, 2004, Ana Luisa Cid along with two more witnesses videotaped in Mexico City a rare sighting of three flying entities interacting among each other and performing strange maneuvers while in the same spot in the sky.

The three dark beings seemed joined together...and then they separated. The big entity remained floating in the same spot, waving what seemed to be a huge cloak while above a kind of winged entity seemed to be vibrating.

During this sequence, a small dark entity arrived and was "absorbed" by the big one. Some minutes later, it was released and left the spot flying to the right.

This incident known as "The Entity Reunion in the Sky" remains as one of the most bizarre and disconcerting sightings that we have seen.

On March 5, 2000, Salvador Guerrero - a respected sky watcher - videotaped for several minutes a dark humanoid-shaped entity over his neighborhood in Colonia Agricola Oriental in Mexico City.

The humanoid entity was stationary in the sky, spinning on its axis, and you could see very well arms and legs. Then it moved, disappearing behind some buildings.

More weird sightings like this one followed in 2002, 2003 and 2004 in Mexico City and Cuernavaca where other respected sky watchers videotaped these absolutely bizarre humanoid figures in the sky.

These types of flying humanoid entity cases from Mexico have been the subject of a permanent investigation studying each case separately, analyzing the witness testimonials, and the videos provided. Due to the complex nature of this particular phenomena we still haven't been able to establish any plausible theory to explain or understand the whereabouts of these "people" in the sky. The cases remain an absolute mystery.

During my phone conversation with Horacio Roquet I asked how he felt about his experience and he said: "It was disturbing." Source: Santiago Yturria, "Rense.com" via Scott Santa in the Summer 2005 issue.

### **2005 - MAN IN ONTARIO, CANADA BUILDING "SPACESHIP"**

A little over three weeks ago, the weekly *Bancroft Times* did a story - front page, above the fold - of a local Coe Hill widower who snapped a picture of two UFOs that rose above some swamp land near his deep-in-the-bush cabin.

And, in that story, *Times'* reporter Barry Hendry credited me with having "scooped" his newspaper by being the first to publish details of Don O'Brien's close encounter of the third kind after my wife, Karen, scooped up O'Brien's picture after overhearing the 73-yr-old former gravel-truck driver talking to his friend about his extraterrestrial snapshot as he stood on the sidewalk on Bancroft's main drag.

But it was deep in Hendry's story that an attention-grabbing paragraph appeared, and had me traveling the other day to another ramshackle house south of Bancroft on Weslemkoon Lake Rd., where 80-year-old Dave Hamel has lived since his own close encounter back in 1975.

"In nearby Gilmour," Hendry's story read, "Dave Hamel continues to construct a craft capable of space travel that he plans to launch in the near future...a craft much larger than the (one) that rose over his (former) Vancouver Island home and disappeared into the sky."

Now that was something that demanded to be seen.

Dave Hamel's home was virtually impossible to find, so I stopped at a municipal hall to seek directions.

"He's past that barn up there, and down the dirt road on the right," the woman said.

And then she laughed. "Are you looking for a ride on his spaceship?" she asked.

"Maybe," I replied.

Dave Hamel looks like a grey-skinned gremlin, and he has little patience for disbelievers. In fact, he is quite profane when a dumb question is asked, such as, "What will propel your spaceship?"

"F - - - ing energy," he yells, frustrated by the questioner's obvious ignorance concerning the science that was provided to him, through telepathy, by the silver-suited aliens who abducted him 29 years ago when he was working as a carpenter in British Columbia.

And then he talks, at great length, about magnets and vibration working hand in hand to not only propel his stainless-steel craft but to also make it "weightless."

"Do you understand now?" he asks, tugging at his ball cap and rolling his eyes. "Or are you just stupid?"

The tour takes more than an hour. Behind his house, in a locked barn, is the epicentre of his craft - indescribable to those who lack Hamels' technological savvy. Out back are the craft's wings, octagonal steel structures that appear akin to science fiction's portrayals of such disks.

After almost three decades of work, however, it appears as if the craft is years away from completion.

"It will be done when it is done," says Hamel. "So what if I'm 80? Maybe I'll be 180. It doesn't

matter. The survival of the human race is at stake. That's what this is all about. It's about the survival of our species."

Hamel says the aliens who abducted him flew him to this place off Weslemkoon Lake, and told him to build his spaceship here, which, probably not coincidentally, is not far from the Coe Lake locale where Don O'Brien snapped his pictures of two UFOs rising above the swamp near his home.

Inside Hamel's home, his infirm wife, Nora, sits in a wheelchair and says nothing as her husband points to the blueprints he drew of his project and, if there is a genius in this far-out scenario, it is in these detailed drawings.

They look real. They look plausible.

"(The aliens) planted these drawings in my brain," he says. "They gave me all the instructions I needed.

"It is now up to me to make it work. The end of the world is not far off, and we need some of us to survive.

"Otherwise, all is lost." Source: Mark Bonokoski, *The Toronto Sun*, August 22, 2004, via Gene Duplantier in the October issue of *Delve Report* in the Winter 2005 issue.

### **2006 - SPACE / TIME "WARP" IN NEW YORK?**

Date: July 10, 2006. Time: Between 10:00 - 10:40 p.m.

"Last night I experienced something very, very strange, yet nothing as exciting as seeing a flying object or anything like that. But first let me say how I came to find your site.

"I am visiting the Finger Lakes Region of NY for work this week. Today, immediately after I got back to my hotel, I searched Google to try to find possible answers as to what happened to me last night, and oddly enough, an article from your site appeared first, and more oddly, the article's subject had a similar experience to mine in the same location, Ontario County of NY.

"Here's the story. I am staying in Farmington, NY at a hotel on State Rte 96. I was bored last night, so I decided to head to a mall that I was told would be about 6 or so miles away heading north on 96. I got in my car at 8:30 and drove to the mall, despite a severe thunderstorm and torrential downpours. Sure enough, even with the horrible road conditions I was at the mall in 10 minutes, which was on Rte 96 ( I made no turns at all).

"At 10:00 p.m. the mall closed. The storm had let up, but a great lightning show was still visible. As soon as I got in my car I called my wife at home. I drove out of the parking lot and began my drive back to the hotel going back the way I had come (now heading south on Rte 96). My wife and I talked for about 2 minutes when my signal was lost (nothing new there). I immediately recalled her and began talking about something other than we had been talking about. Nothing unusual yet.

"However, about 5 minutes after I had left the mall parking lot (or so it seemed), I crossed a set of RR tracks. I commented to my wife that this was strange, as I didn't remember crossing any tracks on my way to the mall. However, I passed it off as a missed detail as I was trying to drive in terrible weather conditions. Soon, I crossed another set of RR tracks. I then realized I hadn't seen any of the landmarks I had remembered on my way going to the mall from the hotel (such as a large supermarket, the downtown of Victor, NY, and a major intersection with Rte 332 - which has multiple lanes and has traffic lights, among other landmarks I had noticed).

"By the time I reached a third set of tracks, I knew something was wrong, so I hung up with my wife so I could sort myself out. The time was now 10:40, thirty minutes longer than it should have taken me to get back, especially as now it was not raining and there was no traffic at all. I figured I must have somehow or other gone the wrong way out of the mall parking lot, especially as I was now entering Waterloo, NY ( I had no idea where Waterloo was in relation to Farmington, but I did know it was not near where my hotel was). So I turned around, figuring I had at least a 50 minute drive now to get back to my hotel, which upset me as I had to be at work early the next morning.

"Within a couple minutes it hit me that something amazing had just happened to me. I arrived at my hotel, but I was going north on 96.

"Let me clarify: I left point "A" and headed north on a single road to reach point "B". I then left point "B" to return to point "A" by traveling on the exact same route south. However, without ever

passing point "A" or any of the recognizable landmarks from about one minute after leaving point "B", I arrived at point "C" (my turnaround point). I then drove north again, this time reaching point "A" within a few short minutes.

"So somehow I managed to, for lack of a better term, warp through time and space, going directly from point "B" to point "C" while impossibly avoiding point "A" which was between the two.

"Let me now state that I don't drink or do any drugs. I was fully awake, and in fact, I was extra alert as I was looking for the Subway restaurant that is near my hotel for some food, and I had also seen a deer on the side of the road and had my eyes peeled as to not hit one crossing the road. It is absolutely beyond all reason that I could have driven through the town of Victor, passed the illuminated and large intersection of 96 and 332, and missed the large and well-lit sign for my hotel. But it happened. At first I thought I was just stupid for turning the wrong way out of the mall parking lot, but when my hotel was on my left instead of my right, I knew I wasn't stupid, but was scared. So much so that as soon as I checked the map that I had left in my hotel room (why would I need it to take one road to a mall and then straight back) and truly realized the incredibleness of what happened, I called my wife and woke her up to tell her what happened.

"Today after work I re-drove the route and confirmed that it was plain impossible that I had just 'zoned out' or something and drove through Victor and Farmingham without realizing it. I am very sane and logical, but this defies sanity or logic.

"And as far as looking for illogical possibilities such as a UFO abduction or something (yes, I believe they happen, but the chances of it are as good as getting eaten by a shark at the same time you win the lottery), there is no physical evidence at all, or any other evidence that anything at all had occurred out of the ordinary, except what I know to be fact, not so much missing time, but missing space.

"So, with that, any ideas what's going on here? I am very, very confused, and more curious than frightened. But a second time of this may lead me quickly to fear." Source: Brian Vike, "HBCC UFO Research" in the Summer 2006 issue.

## **2007 - MANY SIGHT ARIZONA UFO**

LEUPP - The possibility of life beyond Earth is indubitable. So, we all wait on Earth until that moment when something will attempt to make contact or visit this planet.

For residents in Leupp, the wait ended with the most recent incident of a UFO visiting the area, reportedly taking place at approximately 7:40 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007.

According to Sean and Deanna Dover, they were driving home from Flagstaff toward Leupp when Deanna spotted a curious looking object above their Honda Accord.

"I saw a bright light and told my brother to watch it," Deanna, 20, said. "Then it disappeared, then reappeared. I didn't see it as much as he did, because I had to concentrate on driving."

"We were about 10 miles out of Leupp and my sister said she saw something," Sean, a senior at Sinaagua High School, said. "It had a circle around it and was about one-and-a-half miles above us. It had three lights and was a triangular shape. We kept on driving and when we reached Leupp we saw it had four lights," Sean said.

The UFO then flew over the Church of the Nazarene and the Leupp Public School, they said.

"When it reached the edge of town it went into stealth mode and had only one dim light," Sean remembered.

The pair drove through Leupp and rushed home to tell their parents what they'd experienced.

"We went inside and got my dad's Night Vision," Sean said explaining that his father is a Navajo Nation Police Ranger equipped with the special device enabling the user to see clearly in the dark.

Sean, Deanna and their parents then went outside to watch the object.

"Then two jets intercepted it in the air. They came from the southwest," Sean said. "Then it headed east. Eight minutes later it lost them and circled back to Leupp. When it got here it started blinking its lights."

Sean explained his confidence in the identification of the object as a UFO and not any other type of aircraft.

"It was traveling too fast to be an airplane and not emitting any noises that a helicopter or plane would have made flying that high," Sean said.

As the family viewed the events, their mother Daisy, and her friend and colleague Denise Fredericks, a fifth grade teacher at the Leupp Elementary School was witnessing the same things from her nearby home.

"I was coming home from my son's basketball game in Dilkon. When I came inside the house my husband said, 'Daisy just called and said there was something in the sky,' then I saw a triangular thing go overhead," Fredericks said.

Fredericks and Daisy Scott-Dover then met in the center of Leupp near the gas station and watched the events with approximately 30 other stargazers.

"There were two other planes and another aircraft that it looked like was refueling them," Fredericks said.

"It was flying straight and then it turned. It went toward Bird Springs and then turned toward Tolani Lake and then it came back this way," she said.

Each of the witnesses described the object as triangular with three or four tiers. On the underside of the craft was a sphere with a pulsating light.

Fredericks and Scott-Dover said the UFO emitted a "yellowish" light and was about twice the size of the Leupp Elementary School gymnasium.

The UFO circled the area 15 times.

On the last turn, the craft's lights went dark, then suddenly and rapidly illuminated. Finally, the UFO headed southeast toward Winslow.

According to the viewers, several other witnesses attempted to snap shots of the events. However, due to the darkness and distance from the ground, capturing the aircrafts in a photo was not possible.

Each of those interviewed said the events were unique to the proximity of the UFO to the ground, as well as the fact that it was traveling alone. However, it was not the first time they had experienced the presence of a UFO.

"It was really interesting to watch. I believe that it really was a UFO because of my family's history. I've seen [UFOs] too many times to remember," Sean said. "Leupp is a hot spot for UFOs."

Sean said the "normally" there are numerous UFOs traveling together in a triangular formation.

"We see them, well, I don't want to say we see them all the time, but it's happened before," Deanna said. "When they had that big sighting in Phoenix back in 1997, we saw the same lights here the night before. I guess it's just that no one ever calls it in or reports it here. This was pretty cool. I've never seen anything that detailed before...because it was so close."

Scott-Dover and Fredericks agreed that Leupp residents are no strangers to such events and cited similar experiences 15 and 17 years ago.

"We get so excited about these things," Fredericks said. "It was unbelievable because you hear of sightings, but when it happens to you..."

"I guess people don't talk about it because it's kind of a mystery," Deanna offered. Source: Rebecca Schubert, *Navajo-Hopi Observer* Flagstaff, AZ January 31, 2007 in the Spring 2007 issue.

### **2009 - UFOs AT MUROC FIELD, CALIF. IN 1947**

On the same day in 1947 that officials at Roswell Army Air Field in New Mexico announced they were in possession of a "flying disk" an Air Force lieutenant was walking into an office at what was then Muroc Army Air Field when he heard an aircraft overhead and looked up.

He saw the plane, but to its left he saw two silvery objects of either spherical or disk-like shapes, moving about 300 m.p.h. at 8,000 feet altitude, heading northwest toward Mojave and glinting in the sunlight.

First Lt. Joseph McHenry called to his secretary and two sergeants inside the office.

When they stepped outside, the lieutenant pointed into the sky directly over them and said, "Tell me what you see up there."

The others said they saw the two objects as well, flying in a straight line one behind the other.

The objects weren't birds, because they glinted in the sunlight. They could not be weather balloons, because they were traveling against the prevailing wind, and at high speed, the four said.

"I have been flying in and have been around all types of aircraft since 1943 and never in my life have I seen anything such as this," Staff Sgt. Gerald Nauman told a Army Air Force counter-intelligence agent, who wrote a report classified "confidential."

"This was no hallucination," Staff Sgt. Joseph Ruvulo told the agent.

Both the Muroc and Roswell reports were part of a wave of sightings that introduced the term "flying saucer" to America.

The first widely publicized sighting came June 24, 1947, when an Idaho pilot and businessman reported nine bright metallic objects flying at tremendous speed near Mount Rainier in Washington.

Scores followed.

"People in widely separated places and from all walks of life began to report having seen shining, high-speed, strangely maneuvering objects in the sky," UFO researcher Ted Bloecher wrote in 1967.

"On July 4, the reports rose sharply and spontaneously, and for five days there was scarcely any part of the United States that had not been visited by these strangely elusive aerial objects," Bloecher added.

The number of sightings crested on July 7, and during the next few days reports began to diminish until, about a week later, only a handful were being made from scattered sections of the country.

The airmen at Muroc were aware of the reports.

Just minutes before the lieutenant spotted the mysterious objects in the sky, he had told other airmen in the post exchange: "Someone will have to show me one of these disks before I will believe it."

Others at Muroc saw the same objects, or ones like them, possibly on the day before, according to documents now posted by UFO enthusiasts on the Internet.

After the Muroc lieutenant got his office co-workers to look at the objects, he ran into the base dispensary and got a nurse and about seven other medical personnel.

By the time the others got outside, the objects had disappeared in the distance before the men got there.

However, three or four minutes after the two objects disappeared, the lieutenant and his secretary spotted another spherical or disk-like object traveling in circles at about 8,000 feet altitude over the north end of the airfield, turning too tightly to be a conventional airplane.

About two hours later, the base commander pointed out an object in the sky to Maj. R. R. Shoop.

"I observed between five and eight miles to the north what appeared to be a thin metallic object. It appeared to be metallic because the method in which it was flying caused the sun to reflect like an apparently aluminum-colored surface," Shoop said in an affidavit.

"The object moved from an intermediate altitude in an oscillating fashion, almost to the surface of the ground and then started climbing again.

"It climbed to a fairly high altitude and moved off slowly into the distance. The object appeared to be the size of a pursuit airplane but did not have the shape of a conventional plane.

"The time that the object was in view was approximately eight minutes."

Shoop added: "This same object was seen by my wife at the same time."

Five weeks after the July 8, 1947 sightings, an investigator talked to a test pilot, who said that he had seen a mysterious sphere on July 7, 1947, the day before the others.

Maj. J. C. Wise - who later became a brigadier general - said he was running an XP-84's engine on the ground when he noticed other people looking into the air.

In the sky about 10,000 to 12,000 feet altitude he said he saw a spherical object that he first assumed was a weather balloon.

"After looking at it for a while I noticed that it was oscillating in a whirling movement without losing altitude. It was traveling about 200 to 225 m.p.h. and heading from west to east," Wise said.

It looked to be five to ten feet in diameter and was yellowish-white.

He said he didn't have time to chase it in a P-80 jet. Source: Charles F. Bostwick, *Antelope Valley Press*, Palmdale, CA October 28, 2008 in the October 2009 issue.

