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This Society's Publication, though small by some standards, has for many years included an Editorial which is expected to reflect the views of our 'platform' on a variety of subjects and/or to give a somewhat new aspect to an old subject.

It is known that many of our members cannot subscribe to quite a number of foreign publications, therefore we endeavour to give the readership a mixture of articles, news items and as much information as we can attractively present within the cover of the BULLETIN.

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Most of the best UFO reports are now coming in from the country and representatives in those areas are investigating a number of these reports.

See the excellent reports from Jim and Mary-Lou Owen, Wendy Wolfe and Dan Haylock on Australian UFO activity and a major 'flap' which occurred in Sweden.

The UFO Enigma is global so why not keep abreast of the activity and also encourage your friends to subscribe to the AUSTRALIAN U.F.O. BULLETIN.

**Have You Seen A Press Cutting That
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Betty Hill has written her own book titled *A COMMONSENSE APPROACH TO UFO'S*.

The experience of Betty and her husband Barney is portrayed as the first known UFO abduction. At least, it is the first Abduction Case to receive such an amount of publicity. John Fuller, wrote a book about the case, entitled *The Interrupted Journey* and since then several documentaries have been televised and most people interested in the subject know about the case. It may be a surprise to some to learn that this experience motivated Betty's own research into the phenomenon herself.

Betty Hill has been accused of seeing too many UFO'S, but nobody to my knowledge, has spent more time looking for them. True, there must have been many mistaken identities, but Betty has reported but one abduction. Although she has had many dreams similar to what some individuals interpret as abductions.

Much can be learned from Betty, even psychologists have discussed the subject with her to gain knowledge in the field of hypnosis.

I was invited to her home in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, for a few days in 1981 and again in 1982 and can confirm some of the information she reveals in her book, especially the close association with officers from the Peace Air Force Base, near Portsmouth. It was the radar located at Peace Air Force Base that detected an unknown flying object in the White Mountains of New Hampshire the same night, September 1961, when Betty and her late husband experienced this unusual incident. It was at the request of the U.S. Air Force that Dr. Benjamin Simon, their own psychiatrist, commenced sessions with the Hills, at his office in Boston, Massachusetts.

During the two visits with Betty, I have accompanied her to two of her sighting areas without any results. The only lights seen were reflections of aircraft lights. However, over the

years, many people, including police and other law enforcement officers at all levels as well as former CIA, FBI and Pentagon agents, had witnessed unexplainable lights and objects from these areas, and were all eager to sit down and discuss UFO'S.

Betty has lectured to Air Force Personnel at a number of Air Force installations. One of her brightest moments was when she approached the local base to give a lecture, a banner over the gate read "Peace Air Force Base Welcomes Betty Hill".

One night Betty was on her way to investigate a sighting, accompanied by a Sheriff and his wife in the front seat, Betty was in the back seat, when the three saw what they thought was a big trailer truck on an overpass. It looked like an eighteen wheeler pulling a second trailer. In New Hampshire, this is illegal. The Sheriff sped up so he could radio to police to stop this trailer. When they got closer, there was no underpass! SHOCK! All three saw the trailer truck go above the turnpike. Since no overpass existed, the trailer truck had to be airborne. Since that time she has had two other reports of trucks flying over rivers without bridges. On another night, she was driving with a UFO investigator, when they saw a UFO coming up behind the car, then it shot ahead of the car and stopped over a field. It began blinking its lights in different patterns. Each time it did this, Betty blinked her car lights, duplicating the patterns. The UFO investigator became frightened, but Betty was laughing at his reaction. There were times before she had what she called "blinking sessions" with the UFO'S, but this was the first time the investigator had witnessed such reaction.

Betty became acquainted with many of the people who claimed abductions. In 1972, when Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker reported their experience at Pascagoula, Mississippi. In 1975 Travis Walton reported that he had been taken aboard a UFO in Snowflake, Arizona, then in September 1975 Betty's movie, *THE UFO INCIDENT* was shown on TV. So many people

were reporting abductions to her that she became interested in sorting out those she thought were factual cases and those who lived with fantasies. It is her opinion that most cases are from people who live in a world of fantasy.

She needed to develop the criteria for real abductions so used Dr. Simons formula to separate those who did or did not require hypnosis; whether when telling their stories they were lying, dreaming, hallucinating, reality or psychological cases. Many were only fantasies (me too cases), so much so, they could not discern between reality and imagination. Some were taken to where they thought aircraft flying near by, were space craft. Another was hallucinating so severely she had to be kept on lithium.

Some who reported to Betty did not require hypnosis, by a doctor, while others appeared to be sincere and genuinely believed they had been abducted or at least were endeavouring to determine if they have been abducted.

Betty's book is not limited to abduction stories; there are plenty of 'nuts and bolts' cases. One interesting period of activity occurred in the Spring of 1966 in the vicinity of the Piscataqua River.

Sightings were occurring every night and groups of people were going out to watch them. Coral Lorenzen, (now deceased) of APRO (Aerial Phenomenon Research Organisation) was also receiving reports from the same area and sent Betty names and addresses for her to check out. The UFO's were not only flying along the river, but throughout the whole general area.

In one area, every night a family heard loud beeping sounds coming from the field behind their home. This was reported to the Air Force Base. The Military arrived and camped out, closed off the area to everyone including the owners, they stayed five nights and then left. No one ever learned if they had any results. The book is valuable for people who think they are having strange experiences and it can be obtained from **Betty Hill, PO Box 55, Greenland, NH 03840 USA. \$US15.95 plus \$4.00 US Postage and handling.**

Strange cases continue to be reported to VUFORS and because of dangers in mental health, we have professional assistance available. These reports are confidential unless individuals wish to go public.



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UFO museum to check out metal

The Associated Press

ROSWELL, N.M. - A mysterious piece of metal marked with intricate lines has been brought to Roswell's UFO Museum, where administrators say it may be proof that an alien space ship crashed nearby almost 50 years ago.

The piece, which is framed, was brought to the museum Sunday by a local resident whose identity has not been made public.

"From the information we have, this is from a man who was stationed here and was part of the crew that helped pick it up," said Max Littell of the museum. "We are not saying one way or another that this is what it is, but we are going to do everything we can to find out."

For nearly half a century, a mysterious crash has fueled speculation about aliens in the New Mexico desert, Cold War secrecy and a government cover-up.

The Air Force has said the crash was probably a balloon launched as part of Project Mogul, a highly classified effort to detect Soviet nuclear weapons, using balloons that carried radar reflectors and sensors.

But a General Accounting Office report on the incident released last summer triggered new speculation, not because it shed new light on the 1947 crash, but because it showed that documents about the crash were destroyed.

Museum officials said photos of the piece of metal will be sent to a man who said he saw debris from the crash when he was 12 years old. Afterward, Littell said, the museum plans to take a piece of the material to a metallurgist to determine what it is.

"If some metallurgist says there is nothing in the book like this, and he has got all of his degrees and is an expert source, then we are home free. That is it," said Littell.

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AFU Newsletter

It is a popular belief that UFOs have "gone with the wind" and that "the UFO phenomenon" has been reduced to identifiable natural phenomena, or to too-strange-to believe stories of American abductions, document cover-ups and crashes. At least, it may seem so if we study the national Swedish newspapers.

Despite this, we still find a great deal of seemingly unsolved cases in the small provincial papers, and also in the report archives of UFO-Sweden, the national organization. In 1989 UFO-Sweden's annual meeting decided to place its wealthy report archives under the management of AFU. This means that reports from most Swedish researchers and groups are centralized in one place, where they are kept chronologically and are available to anyone. This also concerns (non-secret) military reports which are routinely copied and added to the archives.

In this article I intend to review some of the best cases reported in 1988, which has been considered a "wave" year here in Sweden. With limited space it becomes a necessity to shorten some very long and detailed reports.

Much of the activity happened - as in previous years - in the provinces of Dalarna (Dalecarlia) and Varmland, in the western part of Sweden. "Project Dalarna" collected hundreds of strange sightings in the winters of 1986 and 1987, in similar vein to the well known Project Hessdalen.

A new enthusiast group, headed by Paul Hellberg and UFO book writer Boris Jungkvist, acted on the Dalarna scene in 1988. The group, that works mostly as sky watches, claim they received 235-240 sightings in the July-December 1988 period alone. A number of these cases are referenced in this article, gleaned from Boris Jungkvist's recent book. The balance of the data from that new group seem rather questionable, or lacking of information, as it is known only through newspaper stories.

The main portion of our cases, however, are from

better UFO-Sweden investigations and/or from reliable newspapers and magazines. Only about a dozen cases were filed with FDA (The National Defence Research Institute) only one of these seemed interesting enough to be mentioned in this report. Special thanks to the UFO-Sweden report centre headed by Stig Vasterbergslagens UFO-forening (VBU) for their untiring efforts.

Hovering luminous ball

The luminous ball that doesn't move, or displays very little movement, is a tricky case for the ufologist. In most such cases it is, in reality, one of the well known heavenly bodies observed on the horizon, in dizzy weather, or with clouds passing in front, to make it appear like the object was moving. The 1988 wave had many such cases that were easily identified as the moon or one of the planets, but at least one remains unidentified. It occurred in the last twenty four hours of 1987:

The case happened on Dec. 31, 1987 (New Year's Eve). A woman in Bispberg (a mining community in Dalarna) noticed that the family's house animals became restless late in the night. At 3 o'clock the woman went out and saw her dog standing stiff with its jaws rattling. An ice blue metallic sphere, about 6 x 8 meters, hovered only 150 meters away. The sphere was surrounded by a grey-orange mist.

From openings in the bottom came, now and then, lightning flashes that reached for miles, that seemingly hit the ground. The woman was paralyzed and unable to call her husband for help. She had an oppressive feeling and thought she was going to die. She got an awful headache (this lasted for five days) and was seemingly hit by something in her back that burnt a hole in her jumper. After five minutes the sphere disappeared. There was a terrible smell of sulphur and creosote in the area.

Moving Luminous balls

The most common type of UFO in Sweden is the nightly, luminous ball that moves rather quickly in the sky. Typically appearing in a bright colour (red,

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orange, yellow, white, blue, green, or any other) They are a recurrent feature of UFOlore. As with most other types, those light-balls have a very strange affection for our Swedish lakes, but then of course almost any Swede lives near one of our thousands of lakes, or has his summer cottage by one! Two of the better light-ball cases, each sighted for more than one minute, started off the new year of 1988:

On Jan 2, Aina Ohman from Rattvik (province of Dalarna) went up in the night for a cup of coffee. At 02.57 she saw two white-orange luminous balls flying, one after the other, out over lake Siljan. They were round, larger than the full moon, and had luminous coronas. Their light was constant and blinding. Before disappearing they made an S-turn, increasing their speed and height.

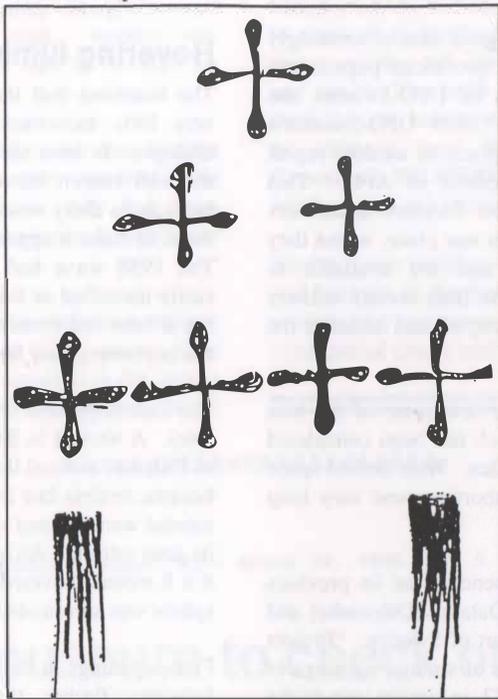
At 19.20, some 16-17 hours after the previous incident Patrik Eriksson from Ovanmyra (Dalarna) stopped his moped on a lonely road in the woods to watch a strange light in the distance. Then a blinding, fire-colored ball came at high speed over him. The big ball had a smaller, blinding ball in its tail. There was a rushing sound and trees were swinging when the phenomenon passed by slightly above the treetops, at an estimated height of only 15 meters. Case unidentified.

Deltas

Another distinct UFO-type that has been observed in Sweden, at least since the 1950's, is the triangle, or delta wing. This, too, is a tricky class for ufologists since Swedish air force mainly consists of delta winged Draken and Viggen fighters. 1988

displayed a few cases in this category that remain unexplained. Here's one:

Lars Ohlsson, a press photographer, saw a luminous ball over lake Helgasjon, as he drove towards his home in Rattne (Smaland) in the evening of March 14. Arriving at home he fetched a pair of binoculars to watch the light-ball. Suddenly he spotted another object, a strange delta-winged object that silently passed from horizon to horizon in about two minutes. This object had seven points



of lights in a triangular pattern, each point consisting of four small lights in a cross pattern. From the back of the object came, at intervals, cascades of light accompanied by powerful formations of sparks.

At the end of the sighting a dull noise was heard, unlike the sound of a jet. The triangle followed the course of a conventional airplane that had just passed, and flew in a northerly direction over lake Helgasjon. Reportedly, there were disturbances on the TV set. There is probably no connection, but a Viggen jet fighter crashed in the area earlier the same day, pulverized into small pieces not larger than a fist.

A formation of four Viggen jets was spotted on the same day, so there is still a chance that the triangular UFO may have been a formation of jets at high altitude (the UFO covered just 0.8 cm at arm's length), although civilian and military authorities denied that possibility. The observer lives near the Ojaby airport and is an experienced plane observer.

Police sighting

A white light-ball was seen moving and hovering over the northern outskirts of Bolange (Dalarna)

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between 22.30 and 23.10, on March 18. A couple driving on Road 70 discovered the ball which they tried to follow on a northwesterly course, but soon lost. Later they rediscovered the UFO and reported it to the police. The crew of a police car saw the ball and described it as brilliantly white and larger than a full moon. The policemen followed the ball towards St.Tana, but lost sight of it after three minutes behind some houses.

Another triangle

At 22.30 in the evening of April 8, Sven Sorgren and wife, of Lobo, 5 km east of Stode (Medelpad) saw what he first thought was an airplane coming towards him. They listened for some noise but heard none. The triangle object had three small, red lights in each of the corners and a very strong white light at the centre. "The lights were too far apart for an airplane", Sorgren stated. The object traveled at an altitude of 3-4000 meters and was at a distance of about 1,000 meters when it changed course towards south and disappeared. The sighting had lasted for three minutes.

On the next day Sven Sorgren discovered a similar triangle, hovering in the daylight over Stode at an altitude of some 200 meters. Three minutes later the object disappeared in a cloud of smoke.

Mini-discs

Two mini disc cases occurred about a month apart:

At 13.00 on May 13, two persons (names known) were drinking coffee in a garden near Enkoping (Uppland). Suddenly they saw something flashing in the area between the E-18 and the Stockholm roads. First it resembled a metallic band. As it came close to the Stockholm road it rose and passed over the roadway with a wobbling motion. It was at this moment that it was possible to discern the discoid shape of the object.

When it had passed the road the disc fell towards the ground with a jerking motion, but there was no dust so it seemingly didn't touch the dry ground. The object continued, wobbling, towards the witnesses but rose over trees behind a shed and, finally, disappeared against the blue summer sky. It

was traveling at the same velocity all the time and didn't wobble as it rose towards heaven. No sound was heard. It was seen for a total duration of about five minutes. A call in the local newspaper for further witnesses produced no result.

The second mini-disc: A married couple from Borlange was motoring near Amsberg (Dalarna) on June 15. On a straight stretch they spotted a small disc, like a lid, that came right over the treetops in front of them. It traveled slowly, like a cyclist would do. The wife turned around and managed to catch a last glimpse of the object as it disappeared between trees. The sighting lasted 18-20 seconds.

The disc held a straight course. The witnesses had a trailer on their car and traffic behind, so they were unable to stop. When they arrived home, 30 minutes later, they called the local UFO group who sent members to the spot, but nothing was seen. A local call for other witnesses gave no result.

Flying tubes

UFO reports in the files of the National Defence Research Institute (FDA) numbered just about a dozen for 1988 (AFU's Clas Svahn copied the complete, non-secret, file.) One of the FDA cases are worthy of mention, although it may have been a high altitude airplane:

A Mr. Soderberg from Jakkmoek (Lappland) phoned the local military staff at Boden on June 27. Four hours previous to his call, thus at 11.30, he had watched a silvery, oblong body moving towards northwest at high altitude with a contrail behind. The object was moving at high speed and with a strange humming sound, not at all like the sound from a jet. The sighting lasted about 20 seconds. Another man also heard the sound, but made no visual observation. The staff made checks with radar and aviation authorities with no positive solution.

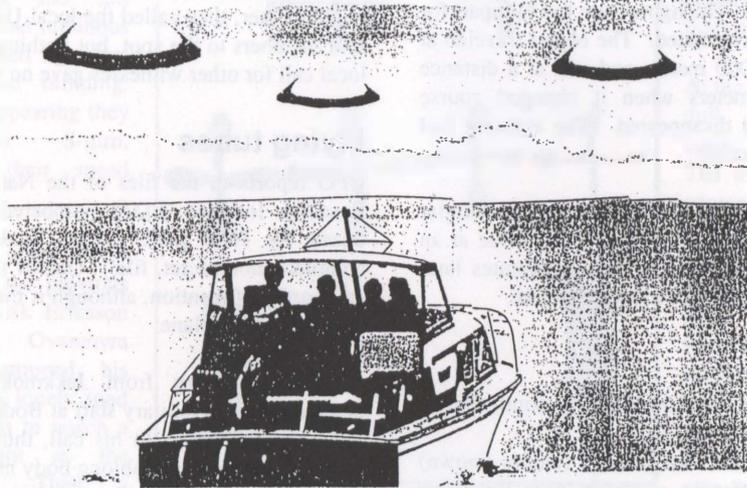
A rather similar object, this time a chalk-white tube, was spotted by a lady witness over Smedjebacken (Dalarna) two days later. The woman was on her balcony at 18.33 in the evening when she spotted the object traveling towards north on a straight course. It had the size of a small plane at

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low altitude. She called for her daughter who also saw the object, that was in sight for 20-30 seconds. The object was soundless and had the appearance a fluorescent tube.

Boats paced by objects

Around midnight on the night between July 13 and 14, Tommy Rapp and his sister were in a boat on lake Morra Sarksjon (Dalarna). A silvery, flat object moved leisurely for 20 minutes from SE to NW, close to the lake. The phenomenon was luminous like a sun. At the moment when they reached the shore, the disc rose with great speed to a higher altitude where it hovered for 3-4 minutes. Then it disappeared. One moment it was there, the other not.



Just ten days later (July 24) there was a similar case: Four people from Malung were in a motorboat on lake Ojesjon (Dalarna) on the early, beautiful summer morning of July 24, 1988. At 02.35 they discovered three luminous objects that reportedly started to follow them across the lake at a distance of about 400 meters. The objects were very bright, like 200 watt lamps, but still not blinding. Their upper edges were sharp against the morning sky. The boat was followed for more than five kilometers across the lake, to the small inlet where the witnesses have their summer cottages. When the witnesses made a 45 degree turn into the bay, the three objects did the same. The objects,

shaped like straw hats, started to hover at 300 meters altitude at the entrance of the bay. Each object was the length of a bus. There was an oppressive silence. The witnesses were very distressed by the incident and shut themselves in at about 03.30 (after a 55 minute uninterrupted sighting).

The white circle

On the late evening of August 1, three men were the percipients of a strange incident close to lake Venjasjon (Dalarna). They came walking along a road when all of a sudden they discovered a white circle on the ground. The circle was grey-white and dark at the centre. The witnesses thought that the circle was painted on the ground, but soon discovered this was not the case. The circle didn't

disappear when they kicked in the soil. There was no light-beam towards the ground, but at the base of the cloud cover they spotted a hovering luminous object.

The mutilated elk

On August 3 a dead and mutilated elk was found on the small mountain Hunneberg (Vastergotland). The elk was lying on an isolated moss with no roads or tracks leading to or from it. There were no damages to the body - except that all four legs were broken at the hip-joints and the joints were shattered. The impression was that the elk had

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somehow been lifted into the air and then released to fall and break all his legs. On a preceding night a light-ball was observed over the neighboring mountain, Halleberg, by a woman from Vargon.

Parts of the carcass was sent to Uppsala for a veterinary autopsy. Veterinary Margareta Steen, Sweden's foremost specialist on dead elk, was completely puzzled. There were small holes in the skin that could indicate the use of a high-speed weapon. The use of such weapons is forbidden in Sweden. Another theory was that the elk was hit by lightning, but the body was not burned in any way. A Swedish-American from Colorado, visiting the area, told newspapers that cattle had been found, in the U.S, in a similar way, with broken legs.

The months later vegetation was dead in an area of about three meters- around the place. There was a round brown area surrounding the remaining bones of the elk. Another dead elk, with mysterious injuries, was found in the area, but this elk was in a state of putrefaction and could no be examined. A third elk was, according to newspaper rumour, found in Dalarna with similar injuries and an extremely low bequerell count of 40.

Still, a 'natural' cause for the elk's death seems quite probable. That the elk had been standing in water when a lightning stroke hit him, was a popular theory. This may have produced the peculiar injuries to his bones. Critics also claimed that brown patches close to the bodies of dead animals are quite natural since vegetation is 'worn' by predators.

Formation or giant wing?

On Sept. 6, Manfred Holmberg from Berg (Ostergotland) was out at 23.10 hours, watching the night sky. Suddenly he caught sight of a half-circle formation of six round, dull lights that crossed the heavens. There was no sound. It seemed as if the lights were on a large object since they didn't change their relative distance to each other.

At about the same time another witness, Sonja Pash, saw what was probably the same formation over Ljungsbro (Ostergotland). Mrs. Posth said the lights were so blinding that she had dark spots

before her eyes afterwards. The Defence Staff know of nothing that could identify the sightings. A similar formation of lights, seen from several mid Swedish places at about 01.00 on Aug. 21, was probably a satellite re-entry.

In the autumn, a wave of sightings was reported in newspapers from the provinces of Dalarna and Varmland. Very little is known about these cases due to two reasons: 1) Most of them were reported to newspapers and to a new sky watching group that has published very little of their data (except for some short reports in Boris Jungkvist's most recent book) and 2) there was a transition in leadership of the UFO-Sweden report centre.

From a psychological viewpoint there may be obvious reasons for this west Swedish 'wave': the media reports of enthusiast ufologists sky watching from hilltops in the area, the case of the 'mutilated elk' in August, the appearance of several bright planets in the night sky, and finally, Whitley Strieber's appearance on TV and in dozens of articles, in October, to promote the Swedish edition of 'Communion'. After a heavy advertising campaign 'Communion' sold some 50,000 copies in Sweden, the best for any UFO book ever.

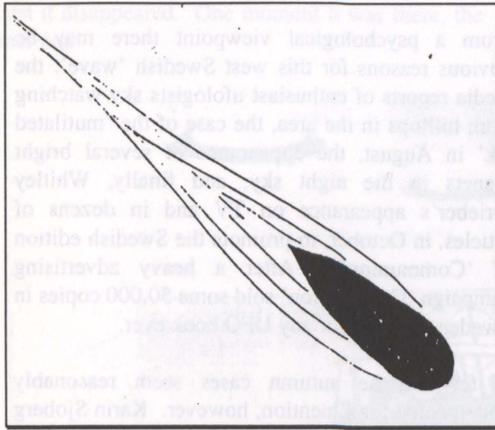
A few of the autumn cases seem reasonably documented for a mention, however. Karin Sjoberg was driving on road 71 near Dala-Floda (Dalarna) on Sept. 27, when she sighted a yellow ball for 5 minutes. At times she felt that she was followed by the phenomenon that flew at treetop level close to the car and at the same speed. She was blinded and had sore eyes. This was just one among numerous cases of light-balls during the autumn.

Ghost missile?

At least since 1939 Swedish citizens have observed unidentified missile-like objects, usually with small fins, particularly in 1946 (with some 160 clear-out cases for that year alone). In the typical case this type of sighting has a short duration of between 5 seconds and one minute, and occurs on a bright day near a lake. The object usually travels in a direction out over the water, sometimes crashing into the lake or river. We now have many hundreds of these cases in our files.

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One 1988 'borderline case' in these category described a black, oblong object, pointed at the rear (but with no wings) going over lake Torrojen (Jastland) on September 28. It was a bright day and the time was 13.20. The witnesses was watching the Olympic games on TV when there were disturbances (two black horizontal bands). At the same time a lamp started to go on and off. The witness thought a thunderstorm was coming up, so he shut off the TV. Suddenly, he saw the black object that headed towards the northwest at high speed and disappeared in two seconds behind the mountain Gronfjallet.



The roaring 'platform'

Another familiar category in Swedish UFO files is the roaring or rumbling, often huge object, seen at dusk or in the night. Usually it is triangular, or a square 'platform', that had a display of multicolored lights. It makes you think of the American 'Stealth' aircraft, but why would such constructions be tested over neutral Sweden? (But then, of course, one might also ask why Soviet submarines are tested along Swedish coasts?)

One of these roaring objects was seen, and heard, by many witnesses from Kristinehamn (Varmland) in the evening of Sept. 30. Windows were rattling and people thought a war had started. A bright, red object with three points of lights hovered over a power station, and then rose straight up into the air

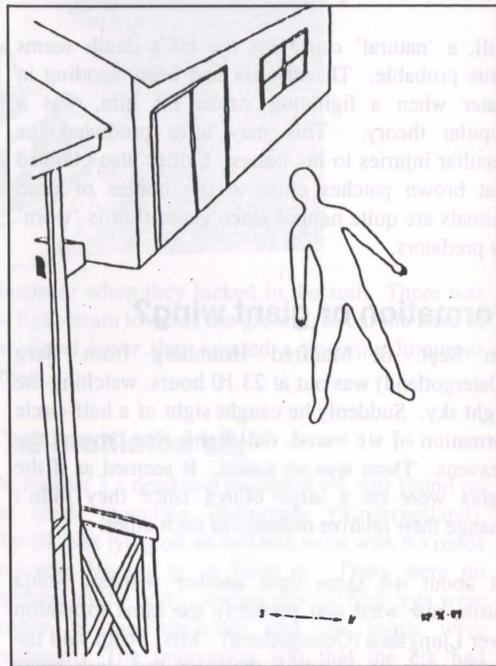
with a loud rumble leaving smoke behind. The object traveled to the south and headed for lake Varnern. Reportedly, there were no military or civilian aircraft in the area, but it is difficult to deliver a definite verdict on this case.

Humanoid

On Nov. 24, Rune Asplund from Doviken (Jomtland) was drinking coffee at his kitchen table. It was shortly past 21.00. Suddenly he caught sight of a humanoid creature in the yard outside, about six meters from the house. The creature was about 1.6 meters tall, stood straddle-legged with arms stretched out from the body.

He had a frogman's dress covering head, face and feet. The dress was of material like aluminum, with reflections. The creature stood in the same place, rocking to and fro. The witness saw it for about one minute, but when Rune Asplund opened the door the creature disappeared into nothing.

His three dogs were barking like when a stranger arrives. In the winter of 1987 Asplund's neighbour saw, at the same place, a small man (about 1 meter

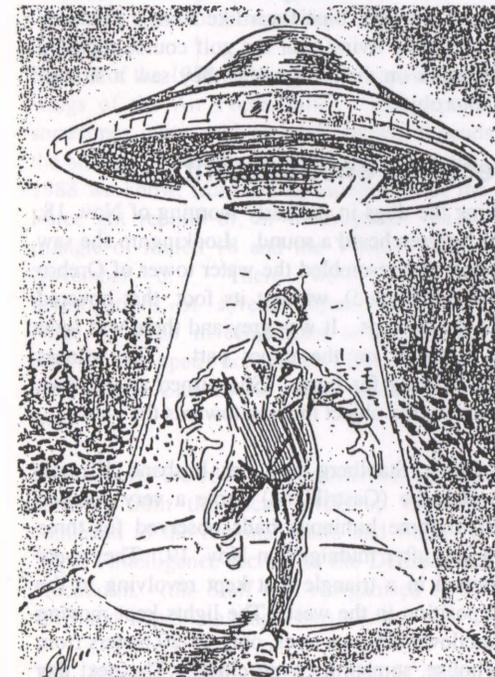


tall) disappear into nothing. According to Asplund a police car stopped inexplicably as an unidentified object passed by on the same evening. This happened at Hunge, about 10 kms from Doviken, but hasn't been confirmed.

Disc or satellite launch?

Tore Lundkvist from Aselet (Vasterbotten) was running in the woods on Nov., 26, when he encountered a disc-shaped object. The silvery object was over the woods to the east. It was about 25 meters in diameter and some 15 meters over the treetops, according to the first interviews with the witness. Lundkvist was so frightened that he threw himself on the ground, where he lay for two minutes. A while later the soundless object disappeared to the southeast.

Lundkvist embellished his story. He claimed that he was paralyzed by beams that shot out of the object, that the object had a cupola and windows, and that it was as low as five meters above the ground. When interviewed by Clas Svahn in August 1989, he retracted these statements. He obviously has alcohol problems that, combined with



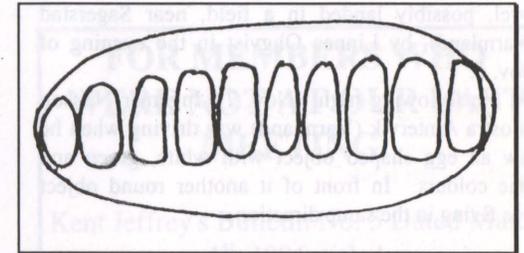
the fear he felt, made him overdo his first story.

The object hovered during two minutes, a fact that - combined with the easterly direction where it was seen - has started speculation that it was in fact the luminous tail of a Soviet satellite launch. No other witness, however, reported such a sight on Nov., 26. Rocket launches from western Russia are usually well-observed in northern Scandinavia.

Final cases of the year

A yellow-white light-ball was seen over Hammerdalsjon, the lake near Hammerdal (Jomtland) on Dec. 9. Three witnesses watched the ball traverse the frozen lake at an altitude of 6-10 meters. The ball moved very fast and took on an orange-red colour at the end of the 7-10 seconds long sighting. It disappeared behind trees.

On Dec. 27, Linnea Szabo, from Kristinehamn (Varmland) watched a clear, white light approach from the southwest. When it was above her house the light dimmed and Linnea, and her husband, could discern a baseball shaped object with windows.



After a duration of about 1.5 minutes there was a loud rumbling noise (like from 2 or 3 air force jets) and the object sped off, much faster than a jet. Shortly before the incident, TV reception was disturbed.

Huge disc over airfield

Evert Karlsson from Karlskoga (Närke), a private pilot, had just landed on the Karlskoga airfield, at noon on Oct.1, when he reportedly saw a gigantic disc come out of the cloud cover at an altitude of about 1,000 meters. The disc was 50-100 meters in diameter, grey, flat and round. The upper part was

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shaped like a parachute. Before disappearing into the woods south of Gellerasen the disc made several circles over the area. Two similar saucers were seen near the airfield on Nov. 1, 1971 by two young boys.

A triangle with clearly defined contours and a light in each corner (two yellow and one red) was seen late in the evening of Oct. 31, by Sonja Eriksson of Ivarsbjörke (Varmland). The object was larger than the moon and traveled slowly in an westerly direction. After half a minute she went to fetch a pair of binoculars but as she returned the object was gone.

In the dark evening of Nov. 2, a luminous ball circled the home of Borje Johansson, Orlinge, Moklinta (Vastmanland) when he was out walking the dog. In 30 seconds the small (about 20 cm diameter), hissing, and very strong light made three circles before disappearing.

Vibration in car

A blue, luminous object with a network of green, blue and white coloured lights was seen at low level, possibly landed in a field, near Sagerstad (Varmland), by Linnea Ohgvist in the evening of Nov. 6.

On the following night (Nov. 7), Ingemar Nilsson of ostra Amtervik (Varmland) was driving when he saw an egg shaped object with white, green and blue colours. In front of it another round object was flying in the same direction.

In the next moment the objects changed their course and came towards the witness. The car started to vibrate and the witness decided to drive off. He was followed by the objects that finally stopped, hovering over lake Fryken. The sighting lasted for two hours.

Huge 'bomber'

Susanne Hansson and Mikael Olofsson from Vittsjo (Skane), in southern Sweden, were frightened by yet another UFO incident later in the evening of Nov. 6. A huge plane-like structure with strong lights, absolutely noiseless, was seen by the couple (and Mikeal's father). The object disappeared on

the horizon after about 30 seconds.

Susanne and Mikeal decided to drive in the direction where the object had disappeared and had another sighting of a mushroom-shaped object surrounded by bright lights. Later on, they spotted a huge (75-100 meters) object that hovered over a golf-course. "I will never forget the scene" said Susanne. "The object was rather flat but equipped with many lights. It shone lights in several colours: red, yellow, and green. The green light was very intense."

When they returned to the golf course later in the evening the object was gone. There were no traces when Mikael searched the area on the following morning. Dozens of other witnesses called the local newspaper to report similar observations during that same evening. One farmer called the police, since he was sure an airplane was about to crash.

Another farmer said the object was unbelievably huge, like the American bombers that landed in south-Sweden during the end of the war. A third farmer and his wife saw a slow-moving object only 50 meters over the treetops. Every other second it produced a bright, blue flash like from a lightning bolt. A family living near the golf course reported disturbances on their TV set as they saw a strange luminous object.

Effects on environment

Walking the dogs in the early morning of Nov. 18, Brigit Lofgren heard a sound. Looking up she saw an object that resembled the water tower of Orebro (mushroom-shaped), without its foot, that hovered above the treetops. It was grey and there was light from windows on the upper part. The witness started running for home. She turned around two times to see the object moving towards the west.

Rose-Marie Stanlberg and her husband Kimeal, from Ockelbo (Gastrikland) wrote a very detailed report of three luminous balls observed for three hours just after midnight on Nov. 19. They were positioned in a triangle that kept revolving in the same position in the west. The lights kept moving up and down between trees, only 15-20 meters from their house, sometimes even closer. The next day

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they went to the area to look for traces but none was found.

Defence secrets

By 'normal' standards 1988 was an unusually rich year for UFO reports in Sweden. Especially the western provinces of Varmland and Dalarna, close to the Norwegian border, were affected. This compilation has only covered a few dozen of the best cases, reports that seem reasonably well documented. I cannot guarantee, of course, that each case is a genuine, unidentified UFO.

In almost every one of these cases there were vague notes in the newspapers of other sightings. Since, in many instances, the quality of investigation seem rather poor, we must refrain from making claims of a substantial 'wave'. It may, to some extent, be a wave of public fear produced by unsubstantiated claims of 'elk mutilation' and 'strieberism'...

One fact stands clear, however: the 'wave' produced further evidence that UFO investigation, on the official military level, is not carried out by FDA (the Research Institute of National Defence) as is often claimed in the media.

Several of the 1988 sightings were reported to local wings of the Air Force, where UFO reports are sometimes quite well received (much depends on the attitude of the officer answering the phone). In 1988 we know, from the newspapers, that the Air Force got reports of, or investigated, the Rottne triangle of March 18 and the Vittsja 'bomber' of November 6. There were also rumored investigations of several reports on Varmland. None of these investigations or documents had reached the open, non-secret FDA files by early 1989, when Clas Svahn made copies from these files.

UFO reports are routinely transferred, by Swedish defence, from the local level, up the chain-of-command to the regional staffs and finally to the "Op-5" intelligence section of the Defence Staff in Stockholm. (the Staff was reorganised in July 1, 1989 and "Op-5" no longer exists.)

The dozen, or so, 1988 reports that were

transferred from intelligence, and that are now found in the open, official files of FDA are only a watered-down sample of the 'worst' cases that came to military attention. It is quite apparent that most 'hot' cases reported to military sources (such as the air force wings) are kept in secrecy in the Defence Staff.

At least the better reports (mainly those with military implications) are probably logged into the Staffs intelligence computer system where they mix up with notes of military tests, rocket launchings, and aircraft and submarine violations. A few classes of UFO phenomena, such as the "roaring platform", or the RPV-like missiles, definitely must have defence implications.

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**FOR MEMBERS WHO
WERE NOT AT OUR LAST
MEETING.**

Kent Jeffrey's Bulletin No. 5 Dated March 1st, 1996. titled

**SANTILLI'S CONTROVERSIAL
AUTOPSY MOVIE
- A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW**

- was distributed to members who attended our March 4th Discussion Night.

For those who couldn't attend the VUFORS meeting we have retained a number for those sufficiently interested to forward 4 (four) 45c stamps to cover cost of handling and postage.

Our UFO investigations started early this year. On January 8th we had several calls regarding strange lights in the skies over Loughborough in Leicestershire. The following day we received a call from Loughborough's local newspaper, the reporter informed us that they had received over twenty calls to their office about the previous nights sightings.

The following night the sightings were a bit closer to home. Colleen and David Harrison had just pulled onto Colleen's parents driveway in the Mapperly Plains area, when they noticed two large strange balls of white lights hanging in the sky.

Colleen's parents, Mr John Ward and his wife Dorothy all watched for a total of thirty five minutes, during which time both spheres of light changed in appearance. The sphere on the left changed into what was described as a string of pearls in a circle, each glowing a different colour. This particular craft then began to rotate in a counter clockwise direction getting faster and faster, all that could be seen from this was a streak of light spinning and giving off a green glow. This is how the craft remained for the rest of the sighting.

Meanwhile the other sphere of light shot out two small balls of light in opposite directions, which disappeared flying horizontally across the sky. Several minutes later both small lights came back from opposite directions at the same time and appeared to go back into the main light. The large light then took on a green tinge. The craft then either moved it's position or changed shape, giving the appearance that the body of the craft was that of a huge letter "T". The craft then seemed to back up slightly with it's tail down, showing that the main colour of the structure was grey. As it backed up the whole thing seemed to roll over in the sky and again remained stationary

for a while, until cloud came over and obscured their view.

All four witnesses watched these objects through binoculars at some time during the sighting. They also noticed two small aeroplanes flying around at the time. Mr John Ward, an ex-RAF officer stated categorically that neither object was either a balloon or conventional aircraft. Their sighting took place between 5.15pm until 5.50pm.

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MORE WITNESSES

Forty minutes later as employees were leaving work from Chalfont Drive Government buildings, many people saw a huge bright white light hovering in the sky. several people were scared but most of the witnesses were in awe.

Radcliffe-on-Trent sighting

Later on the same night at 10.40pm an electricity power failure blacked out part of Radcliffe-on Trent. Mr Philip Ringrose was upstairs in his bedroom watching TV when the power went off. He takes up the report as follows :

"I was startled as the lights went out, I looked out of the window to see what had happened, everything was so dark. To my surprise I saw a string of lights like a bracelet through the trees at the back of my house. They were

so strange in formation, I thought they might be a reflection in the double glazing. Moving position and approaching the window I realised that there were no other outside lights it could reflect from.

Then I thought that they might be helicopters, but I realised this could not be the case, although these lights were stationary , helicopters could not fly so close to each other. I knew that they couldn't be trainer planes from RAF Newton, because even if the lights were coming towards us, they weren't moving quick enough for planes.

I watched fascinated for a short while until I heard a commotion downstairs from the family looking for flashlights and candles. Reluctantly I left the window and went downstairs. Having found enough candles and positioned them around the house, I suddenly remembered the strange lights in the sky. Approximately ten minutes had passed, and not thinking that they would still be there, I told my family what I'd seen and asked them if they would come and look if they were still there. We went upstairs into my eldest son's room which also overlooks the back garden, but his window is not double glazed.

Looking across the Trent Valley no other lights were visible. My youngest son said " There they are dad!" pointing high in the window. To my utter astonishment, there they were! They were so beautiful, and positioned above the house. I remember remarking that I'd never seen any planes like them before. They looked like christmas trees flying in formation. They seemed to be so close they were almost touching, and their relative position to each other never varied.

I thought they might be Stealth fighters, but having since looked

into the shape of the Stealth, I realise that they aren't the same shape, and also bearing in mind that they were travelling too slow to be Stealth.

My eldest son remarked that he couldn't hear any sound, so I opened the window, we then heard a very soft sound similar to a gas ring, but this was only audible because the evening was so quiet and still. On investigation I realised that the reported incident in the local paper had occurred on the same night as I saw the objects.

Looking back I realised unusual things had happened before this sighting, as we have had four power cuts that the Electricity Board couldn't explain, they put them down to PHANTOM FAULTS.

In daylight I studied the position of where the object would have been. It was fairly low in the sky, and would have been directly over the power lines at Stoke Bardolph as the power failure occurred."

BMUFORA investigators checked with the East Midlands airport and RAF Newton. According to them nothing unusual had happened during that day and that aircraft were not responsible for these sightings. We then checked with the MoD, who checked their files and informed us that they had received no UFO reports for that date.

We also checked with Virgin Airship and Balloon Company, but were told that no airships were flying around this area, and hadn't been since mid December 1995, and that none were due to fly over Nottinghamshire until at least March 1996. The majority of airships at the time were in Ireland for a convention.

MORE SIGHTINGS

Just over a month later on 11th Feb 1996 at approximately 20.23hrs I (Tony James) was

driving our car with my wife and an EMUFORA staff member as passengers.

As we neared the Lord Nelson Pub on Sellarswood lane, we noticed a bright, white light - larger than Venus, travelling low in the sky. we all came to the same conclusion that it must be the front light on a small aeroplane, although we couldn't see any structure behind the light. The following day at work, a work colleague told me that she had seen something unusual in the sky on the previous night. At around 20.25hrs she and her husband were turning onto St Albans Rd when they noticed a large white light in the sky within a quarter of a mile away.

As they watched, the light jumped about 300 metres across the sky and then flew parallel with Park Lane towards Basford railway crossings and eventually disappearing from view. It is highly probable that this was the same light which we had seen and had dismissed as a light aircraft - now we can only wonder!

CHESTERFIELD DAYLIGHT DISC

We received a report from Mr J Knight of Chesterfield. He had been walking his dogs on the Moors near Brimington, he was about thirty miles away from Manchester airport, when he noticed a stationary disc shaped object with a clearly discernable bottom ring. The disc seemed to be wobbling like a plate spinning on the end of a long stick.

The object was metallic, and every now and then the Sun would reflect on it's underside. The object then moved in a slow triangular flight path returning to it's original position. The disc then became obscured by clouds. Mr Knight took a marker on the horizon directly in line with the UFO and waited for the clouds to pass, but alas when the clouds had passed, so had the UFO.

The duration of his sighting lasted approximately two minutes and

took place at 16.00hrs on the 12th Feb 1996.

We at BMUFORA would like to thank the members of the public for coming forward and reporting their sightings.

By Anthony James

PLANETS COULD SUPPORT LIFE

U.S. space scientists say they have discovered two new planets which might be able to support life.

The giant planets, 35 light years from Earth, are thought to have surface conditions that would allow the formation of water.

Geoffrey Marey, the San Fransico State University astrophysicist who made the discovery, said : " Life is now possible. There is a harbour, a site, on which life might form."

Marcy, with fellow researcher Paul Butler, discovered the new planets in the Virgo and Ursa Major constellations. Both are bigger than Jupiter, the biggest planet in the solar system. One of the planets is thought to have a surface temperature of 185F (85C).

Marcy said : " This planet could conceivably have rain or even oceans." The other appears to have a region in it's atmosphere where the as-yet unmeasured temperature might allow water.

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UFO museum to check out metal

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ROSWELL, N.M. - A mysterious piece of metal marked with intricate lines has been brought to Roswell's UFO Museum, where administrators say it may be proof that an alien space ship crashed nearby almost 50 years ago.

The piece, which is framed, was brought to the museum Sunday by a local resident whose identity has not been made public.

"From the information we have, this is from a man who was stationed here and was part of the crew that helped pick it up," said Max Littell of the museum. "We are not saying one way or another that this is what it is, but we are going to do everything we can to find out."

For nearly half a century, a mysterious crash has fueled speculation about aliens in the New Mexico desert, Cold War secrecy and a government cover-up

The Air Force has said the crash was probably a balloon launched as part of Project Mogul, a highly classified effort to detect Soviet nuclear weapons, using balloons that carried radar reflectors and sensors.

But a General Accounting Office report on the incident released last summer triggered new speculation, not because it shed new light on the 1947 crash, but because it showed that documents about the crash were destroyed.

Museum officials said photos of the piece of metal will be sent to a man who said he saw debris from the crash when he was 12 years old. Afterward, Littell said, the museum plans to take a piece of the material to a metallurgist to determine what it is.

"If some metallurgist says there is nothing in the book like this, and he has got all of his degrees and is an expert source, then we are home free. That is it," said Littell.



Above is a portion of an advertisement that Telstra has begun running in newspapers in Melbourne.

It is another example of the popularity of UFOs and the paranormal in our media

Hopes rekindled of life on Mars

By JOHN VON RADOWITZ, London, Wednesday

Life may exist deep beneath the surface of Mars and microbes could have colonised the Earth millions of years ago, Australian professors will tell a symposium of scientists this week.

Professor Malcolm Walter, from the School of Earth Sciences at Macquarie University in Sydney, believes life may have retreated deep into the planet's interior, sustained by the warmth of volcanic hot springs.

Scientists all but gave up any hope of finding life on Mars after the Viking probe that landed on the planet 20 years ago failed to find a single organic molecule.

Mars, which is dry and cold and bathed in ultraviolet radiation, is not a welcoming home for life. But about four billion years ago, Mars was warmer and wetter, and had liquid water which carved its surface.

Professor Walter's theory, being presented at the symposium in London, has rekindled hopes of finding life on Mars.

Forms of life that do not need the heat of the sun have been recently discovered on Earth living in volcanic hot springs and around ocean thermal vents.

The vents host a complex array of living organisms including giant white worms which graze on primitive bacteria.

Professor Walter, who is chairing the four-day meeting hosted by the Ciba Foundation, believes similar primitive organisms may live in Martian thermal springs.

The meeting will also be told of another startling theory by Professor Paul Davies, from the Department of Physics at the Adelaide University. He thinks microbes could hitch a ride through space on meteorites, thereby enabling Martian life to

find its way to the Earth, and vice versa. Rocks hurled into space by the impact of asteroids or comets billions of years ago may have carried the seeds of life through the solar system.

He believes that rocks containing micro-organisms may have blasted off Mars and fallen on Earth as meteorites.

In 1911 a lump of Martian rock known as the Nakhla meteorite landed in Egypt. Scientists estimate that more than 500 tonnes of Martian material falls on Earth each year.

This year the first of a series of US space probes will be launched to Mars to look for fossil evidence of ancient life.

Professor Walter said: "This search for life is part of a grand exploration program which I compare with the great European voyages of discovery in earlier centuries."

- Press Association

VUFORS Committee wishes to thank members who have contributed to this edition of the Bulletin by sending press clips etc.

Astronauts' sightings of UFOs

Here are some of the purported UFO sightings by NASA astronauts. This material comes from Internet sources, some of it stemming from astronauts themselves:

■ **Gordon Cooper:** On May 15, 1963, he was shot into orbit in a Mercury capsule, the last American to fly in space alone. During the final orbit, he told the tracking station at Muechea, in Australia, that he could see a glowing object ahead of him approaching his capsule.

It was picked up on ground radar. Cooper's sighting was reported by NBC, but when Cooper landed, reporters were not allowed to question him about the sighting.

■ **Ed White and James McDivitt:** In June 1965, astronauts White and McDivitt were passing over Hawaii in a Gemini spacecraft when they spotted a weird-looking metallic object with long arms

sticking out of it.

■ **Jim Lovell and Frank Borman:** In December 1965, Gemini astronauts Lovell and Borman say they saw a UFO during their second orbit. Lovell reported seeing a "bogey at 10 o'clock high." Flight control asked Lovell if it was the booster or "an actual sighting."

"We have several ... actual sightings," he said. "We also have the booster in sight."

■ **Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin:** During Apollo 11, they are said to have reported seeing a light in a crater, as well as alien craft on the moon.

■ **NASA's Maurice Chatelain:** In 1979, Chatelain, former chief of NASA Communications Systems, confirmed that Armstrong had seen two UFOs. "The encounter was common knowledge in NASA, but nobody has talked about it until now." Chatelain is quoted as saying.

Show sends Harvard's UFO prof into orbit

By MARK MUELLER

The strange and sordid world of alien abduction may inspire an earthly legal battle after a TV show airs tonight purportedly debunking the work of a Harvard professor immersed in the culture of the extraterrestrial.

Harvard Medical School psychiatrist John Mack, a longtime believer and investigator of alien abduction claims, calls the 8 p.m. "Nova" broadcast on WGBH an "unconscionable" and "terribly biased" attempt to examine stories of hijacked humans in general and his work in particular.

"The effect of this program is to try to discourage anybody from taking the reality of this phenomenon seriously," Mack said yesterday. "They try to dismiss it as hallucinations or distorted thinking or people being led by hypnotists, and in my view, having worked in this field, that is patently false."

"Alien abduction is not something that yields its se-

crets to conventional explanations."

Particularly galling to Mack - and what might trigger a defamation suit, according to his lawyer, Eric MacLeish - is Nova's use of Donna Bassett, a freelance writer who trashes Mack's work in front of the camera.

Bassett, dismissed by Mack and his lawyer as a "wacko" who latches on to a new cause every few years, says she went undercover into Mack's alien abduction subculture and paints the doctor's methods as fraudulent.

Mack has demanded that Nova cut out a four-minute interview with Bassett, a demand that a Nova producer

yesterday said had been denied.

Bassett, from her home in North Carolina, last night defended herself against Mack's attacks but said she wouldn't let them get under her skin.

"Being called a wacko by the Mackies is like being called a liberal by Pat Buchanan," she said.

Denise Dilanni, the producer of the hour-long Nova film, also mounted a vigorous defense of tonight's show, calling it a "thoughtful and considerate treatment of a complicated subject."

"We felt it was our job, however unpopular, to report whatever science said about the alien abduction phenomenon," she said.

How far is....

Far Out?

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Several UFO commentators, most recently Marc Davenport have put forward the theory that UFOs exhibit behavior that can be explained if we accept that *time* is being manipulated.

Can time be manipulated?

Our human scientists have actually reached a consensus (such is the nature of science) that time, like the other dimensions, can be bent. Just as gravity can bend the space component of space-time so too can it bend time, only when time is 'bent', it either slows down or speeds up. This raises the most intriguing questions and it is even more amazing to note that some UFOs are flashing the answers in our eyes.

What would be the effects of a time field surrounding a craft, a field where time runs at a different rate at the source than outside of its influence? To keep it simple let's just deal with a field where time at the craft is running *slower* than time some distance from the craft. Firstly, the speed of movement measured by the craft would be lower than the speed measured by an observer some distance away. "Impossible" speeds may be achievable quite easily if time can be slowed down at will. Secondly, the frequency of any radiation emitted by the craft would be 'red shifted' on its way to an observer at some distance, what may begin as a beam of white light might end up as a beam of infra-red radiation or at the very least the *color* of the light would change. These effects are not inconsistent with UFO data.

Time is however intrinsically linked with space, it is probably false logic to consider either in isolation. If time is being bent then space is being bent also. (Funny how questions of science generate more questions than answers.)

What is time anyway? (and don't say money!)

The time of classical physicists like Newton was absolute; time here proceeded at the same

rate as time on the moon. Einstein's theories concluded that time proceeded *relative* to time elsewhere, dependent on factors like gravity and speed of motion; time here passes slower (albeit not much) than time on the moon.

Quantum physics goes further, some particles are thought of as moving *backwards* through time, time is a two way street in the nether world of sub-atomic particles and when you consider time measurements at the infinitesimal level it's debatable as to how time proceeds at all, smoothly or in 'little jumps'.

Space-time can be imagined as a *timescape*, much like a landscape except with one extra dimension, time, that can be experienced in the same manner as the others. It could be possible to move through the time aspect of the timescape just as you walk across, up and down the surface of a landscape. The big difference is that if you wanted to transcend the normal 'arrow of time' and move backwards or jump forwards, you would have to be operating in at least one extra dimension. Intriguingly, this is possible mathematically. One of the biggest cosmic mysteries is the fact that mathematics can be used *at all* to describe the physical world, but it enables us to describe and use the laws of physics with great accuracy. It would be rather peculiar logic to say that mathematics becomes false when taken to more than four dimensions and ceases to describe reality.

Further reading:

Visitors from Time by Marc Davenport

Superforce by Paul Davies

A Brief History Of Time, Stephen Hawking

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Australian Sighting Reports

REPORTS OF ENCOUNTERS BY AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINES

One or two decades ago many people had not heard of abductions by or encounters with non-humans, or aliens, but in recent years these terms have become rather more familiar.

In considering the abduction phenomenon our perceptions are opened to the possibility of new, alternative realities. Traditional stories of many cultures told of fairies, spirits, gods, angels or demons, but for the present-day Western society, abductions have given a new reality to the idea of contact with non-human beings.

UFO abductions have been reported from many countries of the world but most commonly in those of Western culture. Dr John Mack in "Abduction - Human Encounters With Aliens" reports that the United States leads the way in numbers of abductions, largely because of the availability of practicing hypnotists and therapists working with abductees there. After first working with abductees in the United States, John Mack continued his research by meeting abductees from different cultures including South Africa and Australia.

In my own research over many years I have recorded Aboriginal stories of different kinds, including encounters with "alternative realities" or strange events. Until recently I had only once heard an Aboriginal account of a story similar to the typical abduction case as described in John Mack's book.

Because of my interest and experience in this kind of recording John Mack asked me for help in making contact with traditionally oriented Aboriginal people. I was happy to oblige and began to plan for a visit to a community in northern Australia.

Aboriginal people have long watched the skies. They have names and roles for the planets and the main stars. The sun, moon and stars are very much part of their life. They also know about astral travel, although it is not something they would usually discuss.

Through the ages myths and legends from various cultures have told of humans who could travel to the heavens and return to Earth, and travel above the ground. There is a record of a Tibetan monk who was seen to travel along above the ground in a trance-like state, and early anthropologists have recorded that some Aboriginal men of High Degree, or Ungata, could also do this. These Ungata were also experts in hypnosis.

In northern Australia, John Mack, his associate Dominique Callimanopulos and I arrived at a remote Aboriginal village and began to converse with the people of this friendly and hospitable community. I noted that none of the persons telling us of an event had kept it secret to themselves, all were stories that had been told to others and shared.

Sometimes it was necessary to encourage the story teller. One young man began to talk but as he did so he edged away nervously, taking small sideways steps as if about to run from us. After reassurance he began to tell his tale. His father had gone fishing one night alone, then returned in distress to tell his family that as he was fishing a great light had suddenly appeared in front of him, had moved away and then come back again. His family never before or since saw him so shocked and horrified.

On another occasion a group of the men had been out hunting on the plain and saw lights moving around them. Lights for which there was no explanation had been seen on the same plain, over swampy areas, more than once.

Other stories reported strange shapes or beings seen in the bush at night. These box-like shapes glowed. As a result of this event that particular area in the bush had become a special place or site where the people were not permitted to go.

By comparison, a West Australian man of Aboriginal descent who was introduced to me by Paul Norman has given details of various encounters. He was usually alone and in a remote area when they occurred. This "encontrant" told of strange experiences since he was a small child, close-up encounters and abductions over many years.

There have been numerous written reports of abductees developing a new awareness of the need for humankind to live in greater harmony with the earth and natural world, and of becoming more conscious of the environmental crisis facing Earth. Further research may reveal whether people of other cultures also discover some kind of message from their encounters with aliens.★★

Wendy Wolfe

On Thursday, 2nd May, a small group of Gippsland Vufors members and friends met at the Port of Sale building.

Paul Norman showed us slides of various UFO events and encounters and his talk was followed by members' contributions and discussion.

We look forward to meeting again and hope that other Gippsland members will also be interested to attend.★★

Local Sightings

Over the past three months, many reports of lights in the sky have been received with insufficient details to warrant publication.

March 2, 1996 5.45pm Ardeer	Member Elizabeth and husband first thought an object was a glider out of control. Elizabeth was gardening when she first caught a glimpse of an object with sun reflecting off it then she called to her husband who was inside the workshop. For about 15 minutes they watched it come to a stop in the South East. A smaller object half circled the larger one and disappeared out of view. Many "ripply clouds" came into view shortly afterwards. During the sighting there was a very light southerly breeze. The object was last sighted to the North East.
July, 1995 7 pm Coburg	A report was received from June W. last month reporting a sighting on the above date. A rectangular shaped object with three rows of white lights. The object was soundless and was travelling westwards. It was very low, just above roof tops of houses. When it passed over witnesses saw the back of it which was just black with a red light on right hand side.

Mr. Dan Haylock, our Representative in South Eastern Victoria sent in this report.

February 6, 1995 9.30 pm Paynesville.

Witness and another lady left Paynesville at 9.30 pm and drove to Bairnsdale fifteen kms away. There they stopped for petrol, and then drove towards Sale which is a further 68 kms away. As they crossed the railway line which marks the western limit of Bairnsdale, the two women noticed a bright light to the Northwest, at an estimated distance of one km. Away. The stars in the background just weren't relevant, the lady said.

The next thing they were conscious of was that they were driving past a roadhouse 35 kms from Bairnsdale, but neither could remember driving there. Oncoming traffic worries the woman but she couldn't recall meeting any.

Over to the N.W was the bright white light which they had seen at Bairnsdale, and on seeing this the driver pulled the car over and stopped. Her dog was whining and very upset, visibly shaking. Puzzled over why she and her companion couldn't recall driving the previous 35 kms.; she began driving again, this time following a truck, looking out, she could see the white light still, but after driving a short distance she noticed that it had gone. Her dog was still upset when she reached Sale, but when she left later to return home it showed no sign of unease. The trip was completed without further event, except that Sale had been reached 15 minutes or thereabouts faster than she usually makes the trip, and overall had used less petrol.

I have known the lady for 10 years or more, and there is no way she would concoct a story such as this. Further notes are that on reaching Sale, it was noticed that little fuel had been used. When the driver started back on the road again at the roadhouse, she noticed that the headlights were off, but doesn't recall switching them off when she stopped.

If it had been just a simple report of a light in the sky, the lady wouldn't have minded her name being used, but she feels that this is much more than that and feels she would be ridiculed to some extent if her name was given.

The Planet Venus would have been where the light was observed, but would have set at that time. DH ★★

MYRRHEE UFO REPORT

James W.R. OWEN.
Mary-Lou OWEN.

LOCATION

The area in which the sighting took place is known as the Upper fifteen mile Creek Road, Myrrhee. The area is approximately five kilometres South West of Boggy Creek Road. The nearest township is Moyhu being 25 kilometres from the area. It is also approximately 55 kilometres South West of Wangaratta. The nearest airport is situated at Benalla 25 kilometres west of Myrrhee. The area is predominantly farming

SIGHTING 1

On the evening of Monday the 1st of January, 1996, G along with his wife R and daughter M were camping at the Upper Fifteen Mile Creek Road, Myrrhee in a Camper van. The property is managed by a Carl and Lorraine MONSHING who reside a short distance away. At approximately 2130 hours, G left the camper van and once outside his attention was drawn to an extremely bright object in the western sky. He instantly called for his wife and daughter to come outside and check on the object. G stated that the object was the size of the moon and on occasions the size of a 50 cent piece held at arms length.

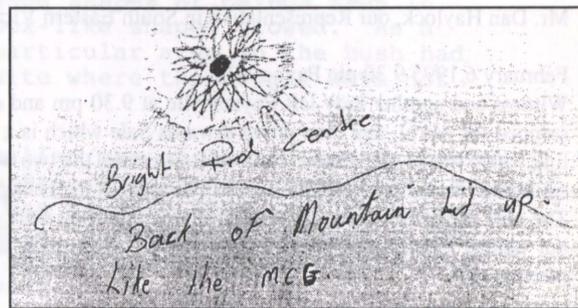
The object was observed for a period of 35 to 40 minutes and during this time witnesses stated that the object moved along a hill in a southerly direction following the contour. The object then returned to it's near original position when first sighted. This was approximately 60 degrees above the horizon. It was also stated by M that the object also moved some distance to the right being in a northerly direction at a very fast speed. She likened it to an X wing fighter from a STAR WARS Movie and stated that it was a blur. It then appears that the object set behind the hills and upon doing this lit the hills up like the M.C.G. It appeared like numerous spot lights. The object never re-appeared after this.

On this occasion the family never had a camera. They stated that the dogs at their camp were

uncontrollable and in the end had to be tied up. They also stated that the cattle in nearby paddocks, were or appeared to be in a distressed condition.

At the time of this sighting the weather was fine, warm and dry. There was no wind or cloud cover. It appears that after the object had moved behind the hills a light mist rolled in.

G on this occasion made diagrams of the object. It appears that the sighting had some effect on the family in relation to their behavioral moods in as much that G and M became moody and continually stirred each other up. As stated by R, this is out of the ordinary for her husband and daughter. G also stated that he had suffered two severe blood noses. He does suffer nose bleeds but never to this extent.



SIGHTING 2.

On this occasion, G, R and M were again alone at their camp site. At approximately 2100 hours they were outside and in the same approximate area observed an object similar to the evening before. This object was smaller than on the first sighting. Their attention was drawn to this object due to it's brightness. It was commented by the family that this object was much smaller than they had seen and it was not behaving in the same manner. It was stated that on the second and following sightings the object just set behind the hills. Again at the commencement of the sighting the dogs behaved irrationally, running about and barking. The object then set behind the hills at 2145 hours being much earlier than on the previous sighting.

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SIGHTING 3.

This sighting had a gathering of eight witnesses. They viewed this object from the same position as the family had on the previous occasions. The time was again 2100 hours. They observed the object appear and as the evening progressed the object grew brighter as in sighting two. It set behind the hills in the west at approximately 2145 hours as observed in sighting 2. There was no similar behaviour as in sighting one. On this occasion they had an instamatic camera and took photographs of the object.

SIGHTING 4.

On this occasion Lorraine MONSHING arrived with a Video camera to film this object. At this stage the Chronicle Newspaper had been notified and a Mr. David NEWPORT, a journalist for the paper was to attend but never arrived until after the sighting. The object again appeared around 2100 hours. Lorraine filmed the object on and off from different locations around the camp site until the setting of the object at 2145 hours.

Lorraine has stated that she is no expert with the Video Camera and that on this occasion the camera was hand held. During the filming the dogs can be heard barking. As this sighting progressed it appears that the Instamatic camera commenced to operate without any human intervention. On the first occasion it was being held by G who then placed it on the bonnet of the car. The camera then again switched itself on and extended the telephoto lens. It then switched off. G then placed it into the carry case and stated that he could hear it switch on and off again. He stated that the batteries were reasonably new and that the camera never played up after this. In the filming G mentioned that this object was similar to what he had seen. At 2145 hours the object that had been filmed, set behind the hills. This was not filmed. No comment was made that the setting was out of the ordinary.

SIGHTING 5.

On the evening prior to this sighting, myself and my wife, accompanied by Mr Robin KIRK a local pilot and an official observer for the Internationale

Federation Aeronautique (A.F.I.) attended at the camp site. We were greeted by the SIMPSON's and we obtained details of previous sightings. At this stage there was heavy rain with quite a lot of lightning. The visibility was poor. We all decided to follow it through on this evening and we attempted to take wet and dry temperature checks for inversion layers. During the evening we observed nothing out of the ordinary. We then returned to the MONSHING premises where we observed the Video. We left the area at about 2300 hours.

On the 6th of January, 1996, my wife and I attended at the camp site at the Upper Fifteen Mile Creek Road, arriving at 2000 hours. Other people were present, keen to see anything out of the ordinary. A short time later Lorraine arrived with her video camera and food for the visitors. Whilst at the site others arrived. The evening was clear with absolutely no cloud cover. It had been a warm day and as the evening progressed it cooled down. At approximately 2030 hours I noticed Venus appearing in the West sky. The sun had not long set and Venus was a light, the size of a pin head.

As the evening continued Venus grew brighter. I noticed that this became a talking point among the witnesses. I noticed that G was continually looking at Venus. I was conversing with him and during this he stated that this was not the same object that he had seen on the first occasion.

I had set up the telescope and Venus was viewed through this. I informed G that this object was Venus and spoke to him about the possibility of this being what he saw. He stated that this was not the object that he had seen on sighting one but agreed that it may have been similar to the other sightings. Lorraine stated that it was or looked like the object that she had videoed, but was not as red. Venus then set and nothing unforetold happened.

It was quite apparent that the family was becoming disheartened. Both my wife and I conversed with them. R was under the belief that everyone would think she was lying. At this stage we re-assured them that this was not so. At 2145 hours I recorded that Venus had set behind the hills. No glow or anything similar could be seen from the position it had set. During the evening I checked for inversion

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layers. There was no layer detectable. I also checked compass readings with a Prismatic Compass.

As Venus set the Moon could be seen rising behind the camp site in a north east direction. It was a full moon.

Just prior to 2200 hours, the moon had risen above the hills and the telescope was directed at the moon. The children present were using it. As it approached 2200 hours I was looking in the westerly sky as were others at intermittent periods. It was then that my attention along with the others in the group was drawn to the western sky. We observed an extremely bright white light approximate size of a quarter moon. At first it appeared to travel towards us at a slow speed and then moved to our right without changing shape or brightness. The light of the object was similar to numerous spot lights but were not blinding in any way. It was possible to look at the light without hurting your eyes. This cannot happen when looking at spotlights or similar. The object made no sounds nor was there any flashing lights. At first it travelled slowly and then at a fast speed ending up as a pin head light.

When the sighting occurred G exclaimed that this was what he saw on the first night. He also commented and to my surprise that this object would have landed if there had not been so many people in the area. I noticed that he was very excited and also in a way disappointed. During the sighting that lasted approximately fifteen (15) seconds, I had asked everyone to quieten down and listen and observe. When asked no one had heard any sound. They all seemed excited and could not explain what they had seen.

After the sighting Mr Carl MONSHING arrived at the camp site. He was also quite excited and informed us that he was driving up to the camp site when he observed an object travelling from the west towards him. He stated that it looked the size of a one cent coin and estimated the size as two .707 Jet planes. He stated that it was a white light and that it dropped behind the hills faster than anything he had ever seen before. I noticed that Mr MONSHING continually looked in the western sky once at the camp site.

We continued to watch the area for some time after. We observed satellites crossing the sky. Approximately 40 minutes prior to this sighting, a small plane had been seen travelling in a south westerly direction. It could be heard and the flashing lights easily observed. It was in a totally different area than the actual sighting and was not similar to the object seen. At the time of the sighting the temperature was 15 degrees C. It was still a calm night with no wind.

Information has since been received from an Independent person Mr B from Wangaratta, that he was camping at Middle Creek on Saturday the 6/1/96. This position is west of the family camp site on the opposite side of the ranges. He stated that he knows the area extremely well and knows where the MONSHING farm is situated from his camp site. He stated that he had read the article the day previous and decided to stay up and watch the sky. At 2200 hours he was watching the eastern sky when he observed a red glow coming through the trees. He stated that it was not flashing. He stated that it was not a plane or a fire and that he could not explain it. He never saw any object.

CONCLUSION.

I have examined the information collated at this stage and I will now detail my findings as per sighting.

SIGHTING 1. 1/1/96

The object was seen by three witnesses only. I have no doubt of their honesty in this matter. I believe that this sighting is not similar to sightings 2, 3 and 4. On this occasion the object behaved erratically in as much that it moved along the contours of the hills and then returned to the near same original position. This object was observed from 2130 hours and watched for 30 to 40 minutes which would have the object disappearing around 2200 hrs to 2210 hrs. The location of this object is in the area where Venus is observed and sets. I have checked the setting of Venus and it has set no later than 2145 hrs. This is earlier than the recorded setting due to the hilly terrain. This would then have Venus setting prior to the completion of the

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sighting by some 20 to 30 minutes. If in fact this object is as bright as the family say then VENUS would not have been noticed as much and if in fact at all. I have since observed VENUS (SEE SIGHTING REPORT SIGHTING 5.) and noticed that when it set that there was no observable light coming from behind the hills. (SEE SIGHTING REPORT 1.)

Bureau of Meteorology have no explanation as to the size of the object on this occasion. I have no explanation why the hills lit up as they did. On this sighting I believe that it should be considered a U.F.O.

SIGHTING 2. 2/1/96

I believe on this occasion the family were expecting to see the object and upon observing a very bright light believed that they were seeing the same object as the night before. Venus was very bright and as stated by the family the object was a lot smaller than that of the previous sighting.

On this occasion I believe that they observed Venus appear and set. On this occasion it cannot be classed as a U.F.O.

SIGHTING 3. 3/1/96

On this sighting the object appeared as it did the night previously and behaved the same as sighting 2. At no stage did it behave as in sighting 1. On this occasion photographs were taken. This object set at 2145 hours. I am again of the opinion that this object was Venus and thus cannot be classed as a U.F.O.

SIGHTING 4. 4/1/96

On this occasion the object appeared at the same time and was videoed by Lorraine MONSHING. It was in the same position as sighting 2 and 3. The object appeared to be in the same position as Venus and behaved as Venus did. The video is in and out of focus causing it to behave out of the ordinary. Lorraine commenced videoing at 2100 hours and during this she moved to other locations causing this object to appear to move in the sky. I believed that Lorraine was confident that she was filming something out of the ordinary and that she honestly believed in what she saw. At one stage

upon examining the tape we observed what appears to be a plane travelling from the left of the screen to above the object. It also appears that this plane was closer than the object. Flashing strobe lights were observable. During the video you can hear G mention that it was the same object that he had seen. I believe that he is indicating the 2nd and 3rd sighting as he stated that this object was not the same as in the first sighting. On this occasion the camera played up as stated in the report. You can also hear the dogs barking. The kookaburras were laughing but at this time of the evening it is normal. The object set at 2145 hours.

I believe that Venus was the object videoed. I am at a loss as to why the camera was playing up on this occasion. I am also at a loss why the dogs were behaving as they did. The only possibility is that due to the hills and terrain and the limited visibility of the surrounds, that an object may have been in close proximity.

SIGHTING 5. 6/1/96

On this occasion both my wife and I were present. We observed Venus appear and set. It set at 2145 hours approximate. I observed no other bright stars or planets that would attract attention. At 2200 hours we observed the object appear. I am of the opinion that this object was not a plane or any other terrestrial object due to its speed and behaviour. This object was observed by witnesses from different back grounds, and when asked no one could offer an explanation. No one could actually say from where the object appeared. Also on the same evening an independent person on the other side of the ranges observed a red glow. This is consistent with Carl MONSHING observing the object drop over the hills. This would have been in the vicinity of where this independent person was camping. Checks with local airports were unable to assist with planes in the area. I am of the opinion that this object is unexplainable and at this stage should be classed as a U.F.O.

James W.R. OWEN.
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Sightings Update December 1995

Keith Roberts, 28/11/95

In recent weeks the Centre has been following up and obtaining information on a variety of reports. The unexplained rate for the year has taken an upward curve during the months of September and October, although since early November all has gone quiet again. Cases from earlier years have also come to our notice so that the past weeks have been a busy time.

Reports to the Centre during 1995 have been encouraging with the levels from last year being maintained, 1994 saw 93 investigations, this year to date the figure stands at 86. The current White Pages telephone directory has three listings under the UFO heading, the UFO Connection Group, UFO Hotline (recorded contacts to the mainland), and the UFO Investigation Centre, we have no way of being sure how many calls are directed to these other sources.

RECENT CASES.

1994 (late) Melodale (Correct location name on file). Witnesses report encountering a black 2m high shape twice in the same evening. The shape moves at or just above ground level, despite being seen in the glare of house lights it still presents a black featureless shape. The area reported similar cases in the early eighties.

1981 2.20am South of Perth on Midland Hwy. Two witnesses travelling north see a bright white light mass approach their vehicle, it hovers above then disappears, witnesses have period of missing time.

1995 Apr 12th 6pm. Cambridge. Weather Observer sees dark shape at 200m elevation 4k to his west, the shape suddenly speeds up and disappears to the north in seconds.

1995 Aug 29th 9pm. Radnor. Witness reports that his car's electric's and motor failed when a white cigar shape hovered over the roads ahead. Able to restart the car when the cigar shape moves rapidly to the west.

1995 Sept 6th 6.35pm. Snug. Witnesses see two white flashing lights moving down from east towards Bruny Island hills. The lights change position, stop above the hills and blink out. No aircraft in area.

1995 Sept 22nd 11.43pm. Lonnvale. Orange oval object observed moving over valley, comes from east and goes away to the south west. Motorist pulls up and watches silent object.

1995 Oct 19th 4.32am. Devonport. Witness letting out dogs when he notices a bright white light to the north east, then the light moves overhead at high elevation and brightens. Check for satellites and aircraft proves negative.

1995 Oct 27th 8.40pm. Warrane. Family report watching a bright star like light in the northern sky, but then the star moves to the south before shooting up at speed and disappearing in a second.

1995 Oct 29th 4am. Warrane. Family woken by their dogs barking, area lit up by a flickering bright orange light. A high pitched whistling noise is also heard. The husband goes out to the front of the house and sees a streak of orange light disappearing to the west.

1995 Nov 9th 3am. Bellerive. Witness sees a large bright round red light stationary over houses on Rosny Hill. The light changes position over the houses on two occasions before just blinking out. ♦♦

Sighting at Glandore, South Australia

On the 8th August 1995 at 10:35pm, a 39 year old pilot, who wishes to remain anonymous, saw four bright yellow lights. The objects appeared as orbs of yellow and amber light and were three to five times as large as Venus appears. The sighting lasted for about ten minutes.

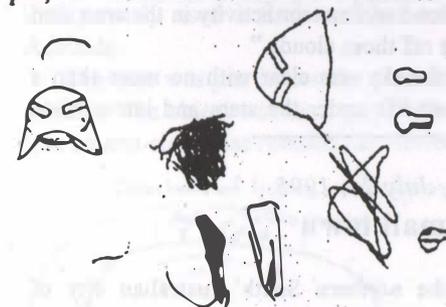
"I have an open mind about the UFO subject, but I have never seen a sighting like this. I can't explain what it was, ruling out; flares, Venus, birds, balloons, clouds, meteorites, space junk, aircraft and helicopters."

On a second look the 4th object had disappeared. "I started filming in the backyard approximately 2-3 minutes later. It was hard to say how high it was as I was unable to estimate the size of the object. I would guess it was anywhere between 15,000 ft to 25,000 ft or as low as 5,000 ft to 10,000 ft."

The objects faded from sight but the 3rd object was fading in and out, "as if turning out a light."

Sighting at Loxton, South Australia

On July first 1995 at Loxton South Australia, Mr Stephen Albrecht watched and photographed, with five other witnesses present, a single orange light in the sky. The sighting of the object, which was "fire orange" in colour, took place at 9:00 to 9:10 pm, and lasted for between 3-4 minutes.



"It appeared behind the house line on the horizon as a bright moving light in the sky. Between the two main observers (Darren & I) we have had 26 yrs of practical knowledge in the field of Astronomy, and have witnessed thousands of astronomical objects; such as meteors, fireballs, and satellites (including orbiting space crafts). We are familiar with all the planets and stars,

for Darren owns a 10 inch reflector telescope, and have observed many different forms of aircraft by night and day".

"The object we all observed was at a minus 5 magnitude, the size of a pea, which remained constant throughout the time of the sighting. It was fire orange in colour with no additional flashing lights or sound of any kind. In our view, this object was truly unidentified".

Sighting in Western Australian

C.R.Griffin

Mr C.R.Griffin has written to us saying:- I wish to leave a record of a UFO sighting before it is lost in a government department. It was a winter in the 1950's (probably 1957 - the correct date can be found from the Western Australian Bureau of Meteorology to whom my late father reported the sighting). Western Australian newspapers printed a similar sighting reported by the hospital staff and local police of a country town to the north of us in the early hours of the following day.

The maneuvering object was seen from Griffin's farm, ten miles west of the township of Lake Grace, by Charles R.Griffin (myself) and Charles Griffin (my father). I was doing a night shift on the tractor when my father brought me a thermos of coffee at about 9:45pm. We stood facing the southern boundary of the property, which adjoined the Damblyoung Lake Grace road. Dad said "someone must be in trouble out on the road I've been watching that light moving backwards and forwards". I replied "so have I, and it can't be a car light because of the swell in the terrain...you can't see a car from here, so what the hell is it?". The only thing I can think of is that there has been an accident, and a helicopter has been called down from Perth. After about two minutes the light suddenly changed to green and rose at an unbelievable speed to hover above us at an angle of 85 degrees, where it remained for a short time pulsating from green to amber to red and back again.

It then moved again at an enormous speed to 65 degrees and back again to 90 degrees. Father, who was a very staunch non believer in UFO's, said "is what I am seeing really happening?" (yes, and I don't let anybody try to talk me out of it).

The object then disappeared over the horizon to the southwest at a speed beyond human comprehension.

As to its height above us whilst hovering, I have no idea. It was too high to make out any shape other than a ball. We forgot time, but would say five minutes covered the whole episode. The people to the north of us observed exactly the same thing for seventeen minutes some six hours later.

Father wrote to the bureau, but I remember well the reply—"On the night concerned we note there was much scattered cloud and meteor activity in the area, and what you saw was in all probability reflections off those clouds."

There was a heavy frost settling in, and the sky was clear with no more than a shooting star or two. Old bushmen spend their life under the stars and know when they see something odd...

Herald Sun, Friday, July 21, 1995

UFOs spook small town

Unidentified flying objects have spooked the northern South Australian city of Whyalla.

Six police officers, a Metropolitan Fire Service crew and 100 Whyalla residents said they saw a four-hour "light show" of UFOs on Wednesday night.

The six night patrol officers saw a series of "very, very large red stars" hovering in the air and then rising 1.5km in the sky.

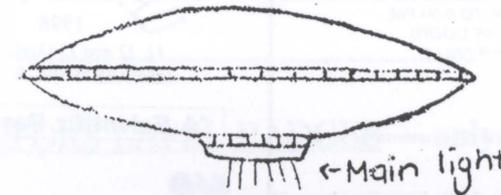
Police investigated the UFOs when more than 100 callers reported lights "coming together, flying in opposite directions and lifting off the ground".

"I wish I knew what it was," one officer said.

Sighting near Yorketown, South Australia

On the 15th of July, 1995, Ivan Tomic and his sister Ivana were travelling with their parents in the family car when, halfway between Yorketown and Port Giles in South Australia, they saw a UFO. The time was 7:15 pm, and the duration of the sighting lasted about 30 seconds.

The object was about the size of a small house and oval in shape. "It appeared above our car with blinding green lights."



It was about 200-300 metres above the car and was making a squeaking noise. When it veered away from the car it was only 50-100 metres above.

"It was spinning so fast, you could not count the lights. It followed our car for about half a minute and then left towards Edithburgh jetty".

About one hour later (8 pm), people fishing at Stansbury jetty saw the UFO so closely that they ran to their cars.

Later at 10pm, people met at the club and discussed the UFO sightings. "The light was blinding and the craft was spinning, the brightness and noise scared us, I thought they were going to take us away."

Sighting at Newton, South Australia.

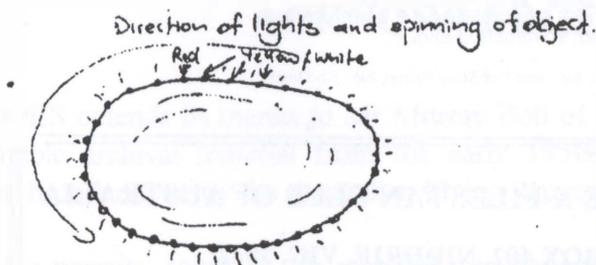
All television transmissions were affected by a UFO between 7:20pm and 8:25pm on the 12th September, 1995...every television station went blank.

Shouwn Oosting and Deborah Muthu saw and photographed the UFO, but unfortunately used a flash and lost true definition of the object, which was over Adelaide.

The area was just below the Adelaide Hills, and they watched the object for five minutes. The object was dark grey, with red, white and yellow lights spinning around it in an anti-clockwise rotation (as viewed looking up from below).

"The object seemed to 'shoot from nowhere'. It arrived quickly to the point where I first saw it, and then appeared to brake speed before moving at a constant motion. The object then stayed on a set course (ie straight ahead), and

passed right over where I was standing. The lights moved in an anti-clockwise direction in the shape of an oval. As the lights flashed around the object, the hull of the craft was lit up. It was here that we noticed that the craft was spinning."



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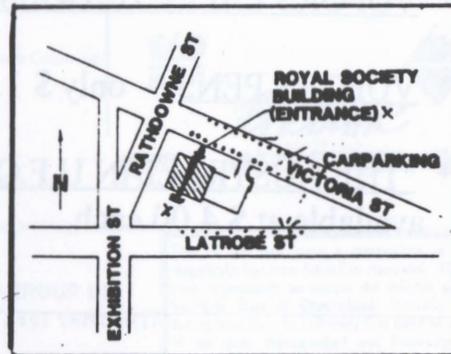
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At this point perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society.

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered – this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

In 1978, following the resignation of Mr. Peter Norris the current executive, Mrs. Judith Magee, Messrs. Paul Norman and Clive Yates, was placed in control, ensuring the continuing prosperity of V.U.F.O.R.S. The Society has held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in general meetings and discussion nights and maintained the largest U.F.O. library in the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, the loss of books, probably due to the high cost of postage has forced V.U.F.O.R.S. to discontinue this service to members.

Membership of this Society – which maintains the largest membership of any U.F.O. organisation in the Southern Hemisphere – is open to all who are genuinely interested in the subject.

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