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Don't forget that TUFOIC's first meeting for 1973 will be on
February 9th at 8pm. It will be held at the Adult Education Centre,
Argyle St.

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Don't let a report slip past, let the Sightings Officers know of any
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Cover Picture.....Sighting at Scamander

DON'T FORGET TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT TUFOIC.

TUFOIC's MEETING DATES 1973

TUFOIC is a non profit, non political, and non-religious organisation formed in the year 1965 by persons interested in the UFO mystery. The objectives of the Centre are to collect and examine information on the UFO problem, especially Tasmanian sightings. The purpose of our Report is to record reports investigated by the Centre, to exchange this information with fellow UFO groups and where possible make our publication available to the public.

Subscriptions to TUFOIC have remained at \$2.50 (\$1.25 Students) per annum since its inception. Members meetings are held every two months, there being a library available to members at the meetings, plus of course a free copy of our years report. TUFOIC's library has many interesting copies of Flying Saucer Review from Britain, plus newsletters from other Australian States. We suggest you make use of these publications and keep up to date on local and overseas news.

Prospective members and persons with information or leads on UFO sightings are always welcome at meetings.

MEETING DATES 1973

February	9th
April	13th
June	8th
August	10th
October	12th
December	14th

ALL MEETINGS are to be held at the Adult Education Centre, Argyle St, 8pm.

A SUMMARY OF TUFOIC IN 1972

Readers of our 1971 Report will recall that for local UFO "Buffs" it was a vintage year with three or four possible landings alone, not to mention other cases which included cars paced, humming noises and to top it all a flurry of reports from the New Norfolk area to terminate the year.

It's not surprising to report that 1972 has been of quieter vein, only three or four low level reports in all for the year and a smattering of unidentified lights cases.

The year commenced with a good low level report from Scamander, it was interesting to note that there was also a good sighting in the same area in 1969, and earlier near Binalong Bay in 1967.

The period mid February to May brought a number of puzzling lights sighting, in some cases TUFOIC were able to discover an explanation but a few are still unidentified.

May saw the "Great Balloon Hoax", it created a great deal of interest both good and bad. Attendance at meetings has been the best for some considerable time, whilst the number of reports in the later half of the year has fallen?

The second half of the year has seen three low level cases, one from Queenstown in June, here again it is interesting to check the files and recall the possible landing and lights at Lynchford in May 1971.(just South of Queenstown).

Also an earlier report from the same area in September, 1970. September saw the other two reports one from Cygnet and the third from New Norfolk. At the time of writing a sighting from Swansea has just come to hand.

On the debit side we have learnt that the Launceston based publication "UFO Observer" has gone out of print due to lack of interest. Doubtless this will mean that a large number of sightings in the north of the state will pass unreported and uninvestigated, unless they are printed by the press.

TUFOIC also held a Sightings come barbecue evening at Lachlan in January, our thanks are due to Mr. A. de Blas. Also we thank 7HO for their assistance in respect of reports made to them during the year.

INVESTIGATION IN 1972

THE SCAMANDER SIGHTING

The early hours of Saturday January 8th 1972 were warm and cloudy, so warm that Mr. P. Long on holiday at Scamander decided to get up to open the bedroom window to let in some fresh air. Mr. Long noticed what he first took to be the light on a ship out at sea (to his East). He then realised that the bright orange light was too high for a ship, in fact he estimated it was 20° to 30° above the horizon.

Mr. Long called his wife to the window to see the light which was moving around a confined area of the sky, our witness could not recall the exact pattern of the lights movements.

Mr. Long then decided to go outside for a better look at the light which had the apparent size of the full moon. He could hear no sound from the UFO possibly because of the noise of the waves on the beach.

With its increase in size the object seemed to tilt over and instead of appearing round it took on the disc shape illustrated on our cover, still being a very bright orange with a dome on top and dark squares like portholes. The witness could see orange light from the disc reflected on the power lines and pole across the road, he felt the object was close at this stage, about 800 to 1000yds distant.

Mr. Long's wife had by now become concerned at the closeness of the UFO and called for her husband to return inside. However, before Mr. Long could move a small orange ball shot down from the sky and seemed to enter into the top of the disc, then, after a few seconds the UFO vanished out to sea in one or two seconds leaving a white dome shaped glow on the horizon. Mr. Long left a message at the St. Helens Police Station but it appeared there were no other reports of his sighting which had lasted some 8 minutes in all.

It is interesting to note two other sightings in the same area in previous years, the first being on August 29th, 1967. Six round objects with lights all around and a bright light in the middle underneath were seen by a hunting party of seven near Binalong Bay. One of the party, Mr. Singline, trained his spotlight onto the objects, his light had a range of about quarter of a mile. The objects which had been approaching low from the northwest seemed to go out when the spotlight was shined on them, then relighting after its beam was at a respectable distance. The UFO's then darted off to the east in formation.

The second report of an UFO also seen at low level was on October 28th 1969 near Paddy Island, some distance off the coast just north of Scamander. A saucer shaped UFO glowing red/orange was watched by 5 fishermen for over 3 hours. (see TUFOIC's 1970 Report). The UFO approached to within a miles distance at an estimated altitude of 500ft, it appeared to have two dim orange squares

on its side and a bright orange glow from its outer edges shining down below. The UFO finally rose up and disappeared in a flash to the north west.

LIGHTS AND MORE LIGHTS.

Lights seemed to be the vogue for reports in the first half of the year following on from the Scamander sighting, listed are some of the more puzzling cases received in the February to May period.

Our first report is from two witnesses (names on file) who reported seeing three lights from the Elwick Drive-In on February 19th at 9.20pm. Throughout the 30 minute sighting the lights remained stationary, a large central light with a honeycomb appearance flanked by a smaller light on either side, the colour was described as orange to dull red. The lights were estimated to be 30⁰ above the horizon, approximately due west of the witnesses. (South of Mt. Faulkner)

The lights disappeared whilst the witnesses were watching the film for a brief while, the possible explanation of Venus does not seem valid in this case, had it been the planet it would have shown some noticeable movement in 30mins: it was under observation.

Our next unidentified light came from the Hobart suburb of Windermere on February 23rd, the sighting commencing at 8.45pm and lasting 30minutes. On this occasion a bright white light was seen just north and about 5⁰ above Mt. Faulkner. At the time the light was first seen two small lights could be seen stationary on the mountainside below for a short while. This part of Mt. Faulkner is rough bush but there are tracks in the vicinity so there is a chance the two small lights had no connection with the report.

After half an hour the white light started to move upwards and towards the South or south west, the light went behind or into a belt of cloud, then reappeared above the cloud for a few seconds before being lost to view. Whilst there may be an explanation for the two small lights seen on Mt. Faulkner the larger white light is more puzzling, it was seen in the same area as our previous report, for the same length of time, and there were possibly three lights in all in each case.

Another yellow orange light was seen briefly from Kingston on March 14th at 7.35pm, this time it was noticed to the north west by Cathedral Rock near Longley. The glowing light appeared from behind the hills near the Rock, moved left then right before disappearing below the horizon where it left a glowing effect. This report brings to mind reports of lights over Mt. Wellington back in January 1969 which described a fan shaped light which went down behind the mountain, the explanation being offered that it was a passenger flight into Hobart Airport?

TUFOIC had three reports of probably the same light seen about 7.45pm on the evening of April 19th. The light was described as being elliptical to headlight shaped and travelling down the Derwent River (south) in the Goodwood to Moonah area. Its size appeared from full moon to headlight to Venus.

The light was seen from Barunga Place, Glenorchy towards Mt. Direction (nth east) and moving south east. A Springfield Ave witness said the light was low over the Derwent Park area, whilst from Chesterman St. Moonah the headlight was at chimney pot level and was lost to view behind the trees at the school in Derwent Park Rd. The size of the object appeared largest to our most southerly witness (Chesterman St) it also seemed lower as well maybe indicating it had lost altitude since being first seen at Glenorchy?

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The last of our light reports came from a Mrs. Shudnat of Glebe who saw a light manouvering in an unusual manner over Mt. Wellington one Tuesday evening in mid May.

The time was just after 10pm, Mrs. Shudnat remembers hearing the ten o'clock news on the wireless as she went to her front door to put out the milk bottles. A small yellow star like light caught her attention as she looked across the city towards Mt. Wellington. The light was moving above the mountain top from left to right (north) and was visible during the next 7 minutes as it performed its puzzling manouvers.

The light manouvered in the area above the TV towers atop the mountain. Firstly, it gained height, paused, then resumed its northward movement, having passed to the north of the towers, it paused again before dropping almost to the skyline. It then reversed the process but returned at a higher altitude to its original sighting position, this method of horseshoe movement over the summit area was repeated a further two times, each time the light gained altitude. Finally the light disappeared near its original starting point to the south of the summit.

This report is to date the last in a series of unidentified light reports in the February to May period, possibly readers may know of or have a sighting of their own which they may wish to lodge with the Centre, if so, desired names and addresses of witnesses will be kept confidential.

THE GREAT BALLOON HOAX

As is often the case the most publicised UFO story of the year was in fact not an UFO at all but a number of balloons let off from Lenah Valley.

Reports on Friday night May 26th to Hobart Radio Stations and followed up by TUFOIC revealed descriptions of a dome or oval shaped object with flashing red lights below. The UFO had been seen travelling over Newtown towards Cornelian Bay where it startled a truck driver before heading off towards the Tasman Bridge.

TUFOIC learned that the possible explanation for the sightings had been balloons released from Lenah Valley. The Mercury ran a story on June 3rd headed "The Great Balloon Hoax" describing how the balloons had been released by Mr. Hugh Parish and his friends as a bit of a stir and a joke. The Mercury also ran a statement from our President regretting that a hoax had been carried out as it involved TUFOIC in a great deal of work and could hamper future reports to the Centre.

Surprisingly the following TUFOIC meetings have been well attended as a result of the publicity with the sightings. However, there has been a drop in reports to the Centre but this trend was evident prior to the Hoax so maybe TUFOIC have benefited in the final analysis?

FLOATING LIGHT AT QUEENSTOWN.

A strange floating light baffled a number of Queenstown residents on the evening of July 26th; TUFOIC is currently investigating this report of an upside down parachute shaped object with a yellow square halfway up the pyramid represented by the Cords of the parachute.

Mrs. P. Lengyel arrived home in Bowe St. at 6pm to see the object hovering over an area known as the Sandhills, several other people nearby saw the strange shaped light including workmen on the Sandhills. It seemed to be floating in the sky said Mrs. Lengyel.

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The object floated from the Sandhills towards the Queen River, the men on the sandhills attempted to run after the light as it neared the ground but couldn't keep it in sight. At this stage no explanation has been ascertained for the light.

THE HUMMING UFO and GLOWING CIGAR

The second half of the year saw a notable absence of reports of unidentified lights, instead they were replaced by sightings of glowing red low level objects. The first sighting was from the Cygnet area at the beginning of September followed a fortnight later by a report from New Norfolk, and as our Report was being compiled we learned of a further sighting in November in Swansea.

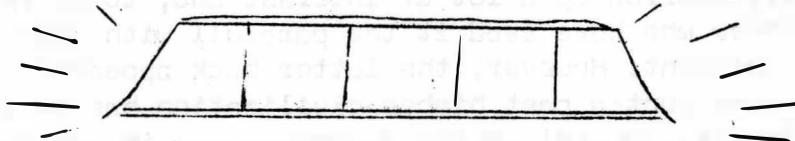
First details of Mr.A's (name on TUFOIC files) sighting from his home near Cygnet on the evening of September 5th at 11.50pm. Twice within five minutes Mr.A. scrambled out of bed to see a round orange glowing object glide past his house only 330yds distant and at an estimated height of 100ft.

Mr. A. had first noticed a red glow coming in his bedroom window, but on investigating the reason for the glow, which he thought was a car coming up to the house, he noticed what he took to be a meteorite crashing to earth. The object seemed to be gliding in from the west, then Mr.A. heard a vibrating type of hum and at the same time the object started to climb and execute a sharp turn heading back towards the west. Mr.A. recalls that the dogs at his neighbours about 300 yds away were all barking at the sound from the object.

Mr. A. was in for a surprise when five minutes later his room was once again lit up by the glow and for a second time he watched the reddish orange glow like a bush fire repeat its earlier manouver. Mr.A. said it was hard to make out a definite shape as the object appeared to him as a large glowing area. The humming sound was heard again on the second occasion, it seemed to take 10 seconds or more for the object to gain speed after the humming noise became evident. Mr.A. said that as the object approached his house no sound could be heard. Mr.A. had hoped other people may have seen his UFO, but his contact with the "Mercury" proved negative.

The second report of a glowing red object came from a New Norfolk student on the evening of September 16th at 8.45pm. The student was returning to his home in North Crescent when he sighted an object which he described as cigar or bus shaped with five or six black window type frames, the object was giving off a red glow.

The UFO was to the north west of the witness just above the skyline on a nearby hill. The glowing UFO was moving behind the hill when first noticed. It then promptly reappeared into view slightly higher up in the sky. It had an apparent size of half a full moon. On its second appearance the object seemed to stop before it returned to the north west, being lost to sight once more behind the hill. The student's father who had been outside his house at the time confirmed that he also noticed a red glow in the same direction.



Glowing Cigar seen at New Norfolk, notice the black window frames.

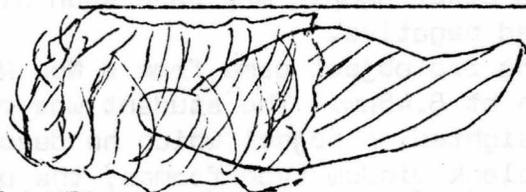
MYSTERY AT MAYFIELD

The latest in the series of glowing red UFO's occurred on the weekend of November 11th/12th when the Petersen family from Hobart were relaxing for the weekend at their camp by Mayfield Bay, near Buxton Point. (9 miles south of Swansea)

On the Saturday night Mr. Peterson recalls noticing what seemed like a fire over a rock area off Schouten Island some 12 miles SSE across the bay. The following day (Sunday) there was no sign of any fires on the Island. , On the Sunday evening the Petersens were sitting in their car looking out over the bay the time was about 11pm, the sighting that was to last 30 minutes commenced when "that fire" was noticed again over Schouten Island. The light appeared to be orange yellow and was moving in a triangular pattern above the Island stopping briefly at the apex of the triangle, this activity continued for the best part of 20 minutes.

At this point the UFO altered its pattern and suddenly approached the witnesses in a matter of seconds, increasing in size and brightness. The UFO now took on the appearance of a hat shaped object with a bright glow on its left side making the outline hazy on that edge, whilst the remainder of the object was quite clear. The object halted motionless some 1000ft up and about 1000yds off the beach, then, the UFO shot up into the clear starry sky above and was gone. What had the Petersens seen, their description of the UFO is very similar to the glowing red hat shaped UFO seen at Lachlan last December. At the time of writing TUFOIC is investigating a report 2 days earlier from Penguin on the North West Coast.

Two Penguin Sea Cadets saw a large oval shaped flashing yellow light over Mission Hill to the west of Penguin at 9.45pm on the 9th. Two smaller lights came up from the ground and seemed to disappear into the bottom of the parent light, the object then changed colour to silver and moved off slowly towards Ulverstone, passing to the north of the witnesses over the sea. We also have a second hand report of a further sighting from the North West Coast two days before the Penguin case.



The Mayfield UFO, glowing area to left.

THOUGHTS ON CHARIOTS OF THE GODS by Mrs. D. Burton

With his epoch-making treatise on the origin and history of the UFO entitled "Chariots of the Gods", Swiss author Erich von Daniken has fired the imagination of thousands of people throughout the world. But has he really gone far enough with his investigations? Ranelagh rock gardener, Mrs. Dora Burton, does not think so. Here is what she has to say on Von Daniken and his book.

This book has recently stirred up a lot of interest and, to my thinking, quite rightly so. To those who have read it the parallel with Velikovsky's "Atlantis" will be very evident. However, the latter book appeared a long time ago and in trying to reconstruct a past higher civilization has to rely on a vanished continent, Atlantis, to explain the discrepancies in the higher and lower cultural levels existing on earth in the long gone past. This is quite natural as at the time when Velikovsky wrote his book even a flight to the

moon seemed to be an unreachable dream. I am quite sure that thoughts of history far further back than the written history have crossed Von Danikan's mind when he collected the material and wrote the book, but these cannot be proved in any way and must remain assumptions. It's these or similar assumptions I would like to set out in the following.

The original bible story of how the world was formed shows that in the very nebulous past there must have been some scientific knowledge of this. Then following this we have life in Paradise and the expulsion from Eden of man. Paradise was once referred to as being in heaven. Was it on the planet of another star? The expulsion from Paradise can be explained in many different ways as for instance that earth was a penal colony (like Australia later) not necessarily for criminals but for dissenters and non-conformists who were given the choice of emigrating or conforming. This theme recurs throughout our history from continent to continent. Or was there a war between stars and one part of the losing fleet went astray and landed on earth which was similar to the original planet with only a stone age population sprinkled very thinly over it? Or did their sun go super nova (explode, heating up the planets in the process and thus making life on them impossible) and the peoples living on its planets fled. Then again a small part of the fleet went astray? In every one of these cases the angel with the flaming sword guarding Paradise would be explained. A guard with an atomic weapon driving the rebels on board their ships, atomic bursts in a war, an exploding sun.

Whatever the original cause may have been I assume that a small fleet from other planets landed on earth and settled here. These may possibly have come from different planets, even different star systems, thus explaining the difference in races on earth. Each of them would have chosen a part of earth nearest to its original home in climate (i.e. the negroes, the tropical regions in Africa, the Indians, those in America, the Mongols, Eastern Asia and the whites, Western Asia and the Mediterranean regions. Assuming they then still had global transport.) Being only small scattered groups, possibly originally only a few families of each race, they would gradually have lost their culture. If an atomic war exterminated the peoples of the earth with the exception of a few hundred people or even a few thousand we too would lose all cultural advancement. If you or I and our families were left could we harness electricity, build a simple electric cooker, let alone a car (with the added trouble of having to drill for fuel and refining it) or a space rocket?

Throughout history white people have spread from the East through Europe. Nobody knows where the Cro-Magnon man came from who supplanted the Neanderthal man who was far more primitive. Could the latter have been one of the original stone-age men from earth? However, later influxes from the East are well documented. The Franks, Goths, Wends, Slavs, Huns, Hungarians etc. to name just a few. Where did they come from. At the turn of the century scientists believed the so-called cradle of humanity to lie somewhere near or in the Gobi desert but no traces of primitive man have been found there, just as the link between primitive man and civilised man is still missing to a certain extent.

Could it be that some of the rockets landed somewhere on the fringes of the Gobi with the mongols spreading first East and North and the white west as the increase of population forced them to spread. The various tribes could originally have been families. The Chinese culture far precedes the European one. Maybe they, remaining nearer to their original landing place, preserved more

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of the ancient knowledge they brought from the stars. According to one of the very much disputed books by Lobsang Rampa, "The Cave of the Ancients", there is a cave in Tibet the description of which closely resembles a memory bank, activated by entry. Could this - if it is true - have been established by the first settlers or their guards to help them and then been forgotten and later became unexplainable to those who found it again?

If we assume that earth was a penal colony two things would be explained. First the nature of man who would have descended from rebels; second the visits of unidentified flying objects (UFO's) which have been recorded for at least centuries if not millenia. Guards checking up?

On the other hand if the original settlement was caused by some catastrophe, be it war or super nova or something else, it would explain the long time gap between the original settlement and the second visit by space men. They would have had to find another or some other habitable planets and then would have had to reconstruct life as they had known it before they could search for any strays, though the search might have been helped by their sending out an SOS and giving their location on landing.

Another explanation could be that it was an experiment with volunteers on how a civilisation evolves; again the check-ups would be explained and the landings in biblical times to warn the relatively primitive earth inhabitants of the impending catastrophe of the floods which they, with their advanced knowledge could foresee.

We will probably never know what the true answer is but these thoughts and ideas which I have had for many years have been brought up again by von Danikens book which handles the historical and provable part of my theory so well.

A TASMANIAN LANDINGS CATALOGUE by K. Roberts.

Noticing articles in overseas UFO magazines on landing reports (Type One Sightings), I thought it would prove interesting to check TUFOIC's files for any Tasmanian landing cases.

Research proved that since the early 1950s there have been a number of landings and some 40 or 50 low level sightings in the same period. However, I have only concerned myself with cases which specifically mention ground level or landed objects, this reduces our list to some 19 reports. The balance of the sightings excluded are of course still of great interest, ranging from cars being paced to a variety of UFO's seen at heights estimated at 100ft to a 1000ft. Possible in further Reports we will be able to analyse some of these cases.

In the catalogue below reading from left to right you will find first the case number, date, year, time and a symbol to describe the type of sighting—:

A.....UFO seen to touch ground.

*.....Seen at ground level.

T.....Existence of landing traces.

N.....Sound heard.

xxx.....Witnesses name withheld.

Finally I have listed the location of the report and witnesses name.

Cases number 1,3 and 4 are taken from newspaper articles, in two of these cases (3 & 4) we do not have any other source for the sightings. The remaining reports have all been recorded in TUFOICs files. The only symbol missing from our list is for an occupant sighting, something which to date does not appear to have occurred in the local scene. It seems that only in recent years have

A TASMANIAN LANDINGS CATALOGUE.

low level sightings increased in Tasmania, it may be only a matter of time before TUFOIC has its first occupant case to investigate.

LANDING CATALOGUE

1		31 May	1954	15.30	*	Elizabeth Town	Lovell, Stevens
2		8 Jan	1959	09.20	*A	Risdon	xxx
3			1962		*	Broadmarsh	
4			1962		AT	Brighton	
5		Oct	1965	04.00	*	Granton	Gunton
6	Mon	14 Feb	1966	21.30	A	Woodbridge	Miller
7	Tues	29 Aug	1967	20.15	*	The Gardens	Singline
8	Wed	7 May	1969	19.30	A	Kelvedon	Moore
9	Thur	22 May	1969	23.30	AT	Glenorchy	Longey
10	Fri	23 May	1969	19.30	*A	Mount Lloyd	xxx
11	Sun	24 Aug	1969	05.00	*	Chigwell	Lodge
12	Fri	11 Dec	1970	23.45	A	Mt. Wellington	xxx
13	Sat	22 May	1971	20.30	AT	Norwood	xxx
14	Tues	25 May	1971	02.00	TN	Lynchford	Archer
15	Thur	24 June	1971	22.45	A	Wilmot	Dawkins
16	Fri	9 July	1971	19.30	A	Narrawa	Williams
17	Thurs	14 Dec	1971	21.45	*	New Norfolk	xxx
18	Wed	15 Dec	1971	06.20	*	Bridgewater	xxx
19	Wed	26 July	1972	18.00	*	Queenstown	Lengyel

Summary of Landings

- 31 May 1954 Elizabeth Town. Dark object seen by two witnesses, seems to come from ground level. Travelled straight up at terrific speed leaving white vapour.
- 8 Jan 1959 Risdon. Two HEC employees see 9ft long object disappear between buildings at EZ Co, three other objects seen in sky, fourth like inverted skittle with ball on end of handle eventually dives into Derwent River.
- 3 & 4. 1962 Broadmarsh and Brighton. Letters to Editor "Mercury", claims 20ft black object seen just above ground and long UFO which touches down and causes fire in a paddock at Brighton.
- Oct 1965 Granton. Dark object with flashing colours seems to come from ground, goes straight up into sky and disappears. Dogs disturbed.
- 14 Feb 1966 Woodbridge. Large orange/red glow on ground near empty house, rose in shallow climb and crosses to land on beach on Bruny Island. Now appears as large central light and smaller light to each side.
- 29 Aug 1967 The Gardens. Party of seven hunters see six round saucer like objects appear out of gully, little lights all round, bright light underneath. Darted off to east after shone spotlight on them.
- 7 May 1969 Kelvedon. Two boys see red glowing object with lights on centre on ground near Swansea. Glowing object takes off departs across bay towards Freycinet Pen:
- 22 May 1969 Glenorchy. Witness sees glowing elliptical shaped object with brightly lit windows make vertical ascent from back lawn. Burnt ring discovered measuring 18 x 12ft, oily smell noticed.
- 23 May 1969 Mt. Lloyd. Half dozen people see red light like spotlight in paddock, floated away about 15ft up, later returned to same place in paddock.
- 24 Aug 1969 Chigwell. Two witnesses see round orange/red object descend atop hill disappears behind trees.

TASMANIAN LANDINGS CATALOGUE

12. 11 Dec 1970 Mt. Wellington. Three youths see lights moving above Mt. Wellington, drive to top and see dome shaped area of light with lights coming and going.
13. 22 May 1971, Norwood. Motorist sees 10ft object with dull white, blue and red lights touch down near roadside then disappear upwards. Flattened area found, bracken and undergrowth twisted to right over 10ft area.
14. 25 May 1971 Lynchford. Humming noise heard, dogs disturbed. Flattened area 25 yds in diameter found next day, twisted and crushed grass and blackberries. Three other areas found with 3 indentations each.
15. 24 June 1971 Wilmot. Dogs disturbed, witnesses see round bright object land in paddock 400 yds away. Surrounded by small lights, dims lights and disappears.
16. 9 Jul 1971 Narrawa. Oval white UFO 16 x 4ft seen in paddock only 300 yds from witness. Moves away as witness attempts to approach, sighting few miles from report No15.
17. 14 Dec 1971 New Norfolk. Saucer on edge with orange flashing dome and white lights on edge, humming noise, at rooftop height. Disappears over hill followed by explosion.
18. 15 Dec 1971 Bridgewater. Bright silver disc on hillside opposite Bridgewater, after three minutes it travels uphill and disappears over top.
19. 16 Jul 1972 Queenstown. Upside down parachute object with yellow square half way up pyramid, floating low, chased by workmen, lost to sight when it nears ground.

RECENT UFO THEORIES by E. Bantick.

We of TUFOIC are engaged in research on UFO's and some members may think we do not make much progress but actually I think that, taking into account the total effort all over the world of independent UFO groups, not forgetting the wonderful work of Flying Saucer Review Staff, we are discovering new knowledge. I think our function is to gather data, ask questions and, hopefully, answer them. For after all, this is what research is all about.

Perhaps it would be worthwhile here to ask a few of these questions. Certain peculiarities have been observed in the operation of UFO's or Flying Saucers. Saucer types have a peculiar skipping motion when not travelling fast and most types have a very high magnetic field. Higher than we can produce, in fact. Are these peculiarities connected with their principle of operation or have they some special purpose?

Curious anomalies are noted when we study large numbers of reports. Where UFO's have landed there are often oil marks or lumps of grease and slag, also landed UFO's have been seen with the occupants outside looking underneath as though something were wrong with the mechanism, even telling witnesses of the happening, that they were having trouble- so we have their craft exhibiting all the signs of bad engineering. Yet this is the same type of vehicle that we cannot catch or get near to, even with our fastest jet planes. It is the same one that crosses the vast distances of interstellar space from some distant planet of another sun. It is the same one of which we have never seen a single crashed specimen!

As those of you who have studied all the evidence available know, there has been some contact between witnesses of landings and the occupants of U.F.O's as indicated above. From this we find that notwithstanding science fiction

stories about weird types of beings on other planets in outer space the average UFO occupant is a humanoid, or in other words is very much like us. It is strange that life which has evolved in outer space should be like life here on Earth.

All this seems to indicate that they are having us on, that their total operation is a masterpiece of misdirection, and that they are really doing something quite different from what appears to be the case on the surface, or are they trying to teach us something, and if so, what is it?

These are the tantalizing questions. Where is the truth in all this? This is our task for the future.

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ANALYSIS OF UFO REPORTS FOR 1972

As at November 30th 1972 the total number of reports recorded in Tasmania had totalled 44, compared to 78 for the whole of last year.(1971). A breakdown for the reports is listed below. Since 1948 a growing total of 432 UFO reports have been made of which 43 remain classed as UFOs.

1972 ANALYSIS

UFO	6
Pos: UFO	8
Insufficient Info:	6
Astronomical	10
Satellite	1
Planes	4
Balloon	1
Meteorological	2
Car Lights	2
Reflection	1
Building and Lights	3
TOTAL	<u>44</u>

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