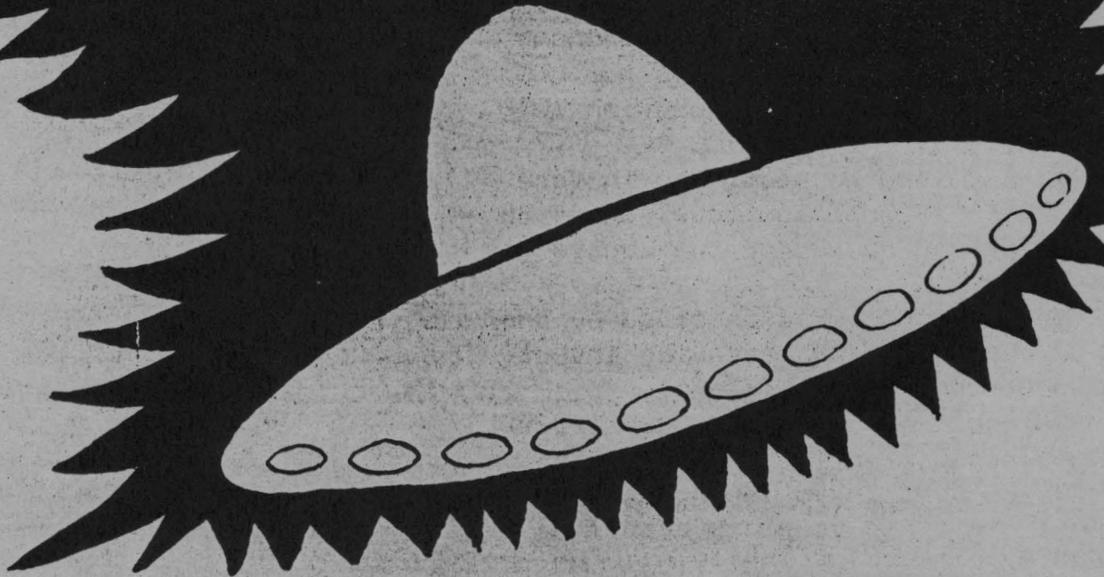


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# EDITORIAL.

Are the bad old days all over, is the UFO becoming more acceptable to the public and scientist alike, maybe there has been little change locally, but elsewhere overseas outlooks are altering.

Late in 1973 both the United States and Franco had big UFO flaps.

The official attitude is changing in these countries. We read from France that the Gendarmerie in collaboration with UFO groups are writing reports on sightings. The Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales in Paris in turn analyse the reports.

The French Minister for Defence admitted the existence of UFOs, stating because we do not understand the UFO phenomena this gives us no reason for denying its reality.

In the United States Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Head of North West University's Astronomy Department, has set up his Centre for UFO Studies, again there is collaboration with the Police Forces.

TUFOIC is involved in Australia in forwarding details of good low level cases to a central clearing house for the Centre for UFO Studies.

The Centre has been well received by the media this past year. We have also investigated reports by Police Officers.

We have widened our contacts both interstate and overseas, whilst internally we have established Northern Representatives.

Sightings wise this year has seen unprecedented numbers of low level UFO sightings. The first known cases of automobiles being stopped and after effects on a witness.

A general trend was for sightings early in the year to be from the North West and West, mid year the North East then a few cases from the Midlands.

The Centre will continue to pursue a responsible approach to the UFO Phenomena, trusting that official attitudes in Australia will alter in the near future, to one of interest in this puzzling phenomena.

## COVER SKETCH.....

Erratic UFO at Scamander (see this Report)  
Copy of the witnesses sketch of the UFO seen on August 30th 1974 off the coast near Scamander.

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## TUFOIC MEETING DATES 1975.

Meetings are currently held in the BP Lecture Room, CML Building, Collins St. Meetings commence at 8pm and all prospective members and persons with sighting information are welcome.

Make a note of the dates now.....

February 14th  
April 11th  
June 13th  
August 8th  
October 10th (Annual Meeting)  
December 12th

If you are interested in the UFO Phenomena why not join TUFOIC now. The Centre has a library available to Members, tape recordings and copies of all Newsheets and Annual Reports.

DON'T FORGET ALL UFO SIGHTINGS MAY BE REPORTED TO K. BENNETTO ON 28-5248.

At the time of our last Annual Report two sightings were under investigation. One from Cignet late last year(1973) was of a light phenomena seen over a period of hours, glowing yellow light at ground level and blue white light atop a TV aerial.

It seems that the report was due to the rare phenomena St.Elmo's Fire, a glowing luminescence that occurs around a sharp point.

It can appear ball shaped or with waving tongues of vari-coloured flame. Sometimes hissing or buzzing noises can be heard. The lifetime averages 10 minutes but other cases have lasted up to an hour. The phenomena occurs in thundery conditions, although it has been observed when skies were clear and no storms present.

LENAH VALLEY.

The second case in our stop press still remains unexplained. Mr.R.Gibson saw a fire red cylindrical object about 3am on Dec.22nd 1973.

The object rose up in the east changed direction to the north and assumed more of a half moon shape.

The witness was looking to the east when he first saw the object which appeared larger than moon sized, it rose in the sky then went down out of sight.

Mr.Gibson called his wife and son when the cylinder reappeared and rose higher to some 400 elevation. It was now it adopted more of a half moon shape, hesitated, then drifted north.

The object originally seen to the east finally was lost to view behind trees to the north-east. A couple of photographs were attempted but revealed nothing on being printed.

Satellite, aircraft, and astronomical explanations were ruled out and the Centre was left with an unexplained report.

SIGNS OF LIFE IN SPACE..Examiner 20/3/74

Canberra - Australian scientists have found new evidence which increases the likelihood that there is life in outer space.

They have shown that one of the components of "building blocks of life" - amino-acids- exists in a gas cloud many millions of kilometers from earth.

The discovery was made by a C.S.I.R.O. team at the 64m(210ft)radio telescope at Parkes in NSW last week.

# INVESTIGATIONS.

The past year has seen a sudden increase in the number of low level sightings reported to the Centre.

For the first time motor vehicles have apparently been stopped due to the presence of an unidentified object, the witnesses have been terrified on a number of occasions, some even suffering nervous reaction to the incidents.

Members of the Centre have spent considerable time and effort (at considerable personal expense) to track down reports, and follow up for full details of some of Tasmania's most puzzling cases recorded.

With low level reports and physical traces of the UFO's presence being noted one wonders if local scientific circles could one day be interested in this aspect of the phenomena.

Dr.J.A.Hynek's UFO Centre in the United States has been set up to look into the UFO mystery from a scientific point of view. The Centre will be sending full details of the past years reports to the UFO Centre, but it seems a long way to go for the reports to be looked at in a scientific light?

## DERWENT VALLEY PACING

Late February 1974 brought the first low level approach to a motor vehicle, the case taking place between Westerway and New Norfolk in the early hours of the 25th.

Our witness a policeman wishes to remain anonymous so we will call him Mr.M.

It was a calm starry night when M. approached the road junction at West-erway about 4.20 am. It was here he first noticed a large round light in the north eastern sky, at the time he took little interest in the light and turned at the intersection for Bushy Park.

The road heads roughly south-east along a lengthy straight past Kranja, it was near here that a yellow glow lit up the front of M's car.

The glow increased in brilliance and looking around for the source M.was surprised to see a mass of light above  
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Derwent Valley Pacing cont'd:

the car. With his attention off the road for a moment M found the car bumping along the edge; he pulled up and found the glow had faded. After checking the car for any damage he looked around again for the light.

Directly above M saw a brilliant white disc with a flat surface and an ill defined orange ring near the outer edge of the disc. M estimated the size of the UFO from this and later observations as being about 15ft across.

M decided to continue on home as there was little else he could do except find a further witness.

The UFO now moved ahead of his car taking up a position about 25 degrees up. It seemed to follow the light beams of the headlights, it would round some corners only after the headlight beams had swung around. A couple of times M was disturbed to find that on a long curve the object would go ahead and be waiting for him to catch up. At other times it gained elevation when there were roadside trees.

M stopped again at Glenora, but the UFO like cat and mouse just hung stationary in the sky some distance ahead.

Continuing on via the Salmon Ponds Road M noted that the UFO now seemed to be moving further ahead, being visible below distant hills and smaller in appearance.

Near Plenty it went behind a hill and reappeared as a large light over the hills. M saw a truck approaching and flagged down the driver to point out the light that had paced him for so long. The driver glanced at the light, said he thought it was only a star, then headed off towards Glenora.

M arrived home shortly after about 5.10pm, called out his wife and raced inside for his camera to take a photograph of the stationary light now high in the eastern sky. It wasn't M's night, he had no film in his camera and whilst inside briefly the object disappeared.

There were no aircraft movements at the time, whilst Venus had not risen when the sighting commenced. The UFO seemed to follow the cars lights, something noted near St. Helens later in the year.

### 3. Something Strange on Moriarty Road.

Running east from Latrobe is the Moriarty Road, the road leaves the Bass Highway just outside the town, passes Staggs Hill and runs to the farming district of Moriarty some 4½ miles away.

On Wednesday evening February 27th something out of the ordinary appears to have occurred on this stretch of road. An UFO sighting was first reported to the Advocate Newspaper and in turn to the Tas UFO Investigation Centre.

A surprise was in store for Greg Thornton and his girlfriend Sally Lamprey as they returned home to Latrobe at 9.45pm along Moriarty Road.

Greg saw the object first when they were about a mile east of Latrobe. "What's that funny looking thing", he asked his girlfriend; having noticed a bright orange dot ahead. Roadside trees obscured the view and the light wasn't sighted for a further 150 yds. Thornton now pulled the car up and switched off the headlights.

There to the west over the Mersey General Hospital area and several hundred feet up was the bright orange light. Once the car lights had been turned off the object seemed to increase in size. The UFO was approaching rapidly but slowed as it neared the witnesses, no sound could be heard at any stage.

The UFO was now estimated to be only 250yds away above the roadside trees at some 80ft height, it was beaming brighter and surrounded by a shimmering effect. The UFO now had the apparent size of a tennis ball.

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#### LOW LEVEL CATALOGUE

Keith Basterfield, Director of UFO Research in South Australia visited Hobart in September to obtain details of low level Tasmanian sightings. Keith in conjunction with Bill Chalker of New England University is compiling an Australian Catalogue of low level reports.

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Low level catalogue..... 4.

Over thirty sightings were taken from the Centre's files, about a quarter of the cases being in the last year. Only reports investigated personally were considered for the catalogue.

It is hoped the final Australian list will appear in a future of the UK magazine Flying Saucer Review.

Moriarty Road cont'd.....

Sally Lamprey described it as looking like a triangle with rounded corners. The witnesses were now a little disturbed by the sudden close approach of the object so Thornton first started the car, then switched on the headlights. As if in response the UFO turned on its side. "It appeared as a straight orange line, like a pencil at a 45° angle", said Miss Lamprey.

The UFO accelerated to high speed too difficult to estimate under the conditions and vanished behind trees on a hill to the north. In all the sighting had lasted three minutes.

Another Car Paced.

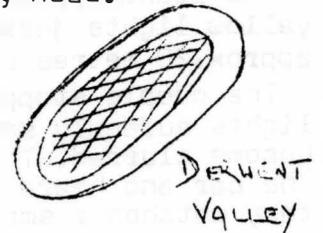
Minutes later 5 miles further east on the Moriarty Road the same or similar UFO appeared to the north of Mr. J as he travelled towards Latrobe, he noticed an orange light at low elevation keeping pace with him some distance from the road; wondering what it could be he stopped for a better look.

He could hear no sound, but noted that the light that had been moving west was now stationary; it had a resolved round shape which Mr. J estimated as being 20ft in actual diameter, (apparent size 6").

Unable to ascertain what the object was Mr. J. continued on his way to Latrobe, the UFO once again keeping him company as he travelled at 40-50 mph. The object remained to the north of the road at about 15° elevation, it seemed to brighten at times.

Mr. J kept glancing at the object but when he neared the Bass Highway at Latrobe (near Thornton/Lamprey sighting point) he looked for the UFO but it had disappeared. contd

No aircraft were in the area at the time, whilst the Launceston Airport weather balloon released earlier had travelled away to the east. Other reports investigated around this time by the Centre occurred in the early morning hours and were due to Venus and Jupiter rising in the east, no planets were involved however in the reports from Moriarty Road.



SIGHTINGS GALORE.....

Normally we have been able to cover all sightings in our Annual Report, however, this year (1974) has as already mentioned seen a "Flap" in the north of Tasmania so that we can only give a brief mention below to cases between February and October.

19.1.74..01.00 hrs. MORNINGTON: Two witnesses see white zig-zagging light going to the SE.

6.3.74..02.30..GLENORCHY: Witnesses see red blinking light moving north, changes colour to blue white.

4.4.74..22.30..RAILTON: Oval orange light seen at low elevation to north, emits flashes.

6.4.74..19.30..MAWBANNA: Four people see orange red light fading and reappearing in north.

16.4.74..20.15..BURNIE: Three witnesses watch manoeuvring lights for over two hours. The main light is rectangular blue white, with red flashing colours. Smaller light comes and goes from SE, main light goes away north.

Mid.4.74..06.00..LYELL HWAY: White light near road, goes up into sky and fades away to W.

2.5.74..03.00..LINDISFARNE: Two people see large orange bowl object low over hilltop. Flashing lights all round, red light below.

5.5.74..19.45..LILYDALE ROAD, Examiner of May 6th reports..

UFO SIGHTING SCARES COUPLE..  
a mysterious UFO sighting by a brother and sister travelling by car  
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UFO Sighting scares couple cont'd.....

along Lilydale Road only 5 miles from Launceston caused them to "go for their lives".

The couple individually reported the sighting to the Examiner. The couple reported that they saw 2 bright yellow lights close together and each about 1 metre in diameter.

"We looked up and saw two very bright yellow lights just in front and above us approx. 20 metres up."

The couple stopped their car and the lights suddenly seemed to vibrate and become blurred. They unwound a window of the car and heard a vibrating sound, as they watched a smaller red light appeared, became smaller then completely disappeared. "At that stage we took off" the woman said. "I was scared stiff".

7.5.74..22.30.. DEVONPORT: Witnesses see oval light with lines on it, changed bright white to red and green, moved off to the south.

9.5.74..21.00.. LINDA: Two motorists see pulsating large orange light 200 yards off roadside. Just above ground, pulses three times before witnesses hastily decide not to stop. Area rough scrubby hillside.

Late May..05.45..A lone motorist on an early morning paper run had a brief encounter with a light which he described as, "very bright just like driving into the sun and getting it directly in the eyes".

The light which was travelling fast from south to north was only in view for 10 seconds before being obscured by trees.

The witnesses Automatic Holden Van slowed down then stalled as the light went over, the headlights also went off for a few seconds. (Sighting near PORT LATTA).

The van has never cut out at speed before or since the incident. The sky was overcast at the time.

25.6.74..17.45..An overcast drizzly evening when two witnesses on the LYELL HWY see a bright white light come over hill 200ft up. Seen briefly as it goes to east.

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SUN.....17.4.74..FLIGHT OF UFO FANCY.

Its just about certain that Monday's sightings of flying lights across Victoria

and in NSW were Jupiter and Venus. But that won't be official until RAAF intelligence in Canberra makes a final analysis.

Whatever the cause of Monday's reports the RAAF since 1960 has explained more than 93% of UFO sightings by recent scientific knowledge.

Six percent could not be explained because not enough information was supplied. This leaves only 1% attributed to unknown causes a RAAF official said yesterday.

## "NORTH EAST FLAP"

### Introduction.

No definite date can be set for the start of the "North East Flap", but from old reports discovered during investigations it seems there have been quite a few sightings in the years following 1970.

For the purposes of this article the North East has been taken very roughly as the area north of a line taken from Launceston across to St. Mary's.

Sightings were made in the Gladstone district as long ago as Feb. 1970, when a pastoralist Mr. R.C. Tucker had to dive his light aircraft to 200ft to avoid collision with a helicopter type object.

A powerful blue light at only 50 ft elevation and lighting up the sand-dunes near Ringarooma Bay was seen in 1971. The following year a Derby resident came across a very bright light above the Gladstone to Mt. Cameron road. He could see an exhaust or vapour effect below the light. After following the light for a few miles it "zipped" off.

During 1973 the odd report came from the area, April at Targa, a red and white flashing light goes behind trees, a case the RAAF could not explain. In June two large round white lights low near the road to Lilydale. Seen by witnesses at separate locations as it moved slowly north.

A sighting by a fisherman, August cont'd...6

North East Flap cont'd..... 6.  
near Waterhouse Island of a white light that dropped down to almost sea level a few miles in front of his boat. After halting briefly it vanished to the north at fantastic speed.

#### Rumours of UFO near Gladstone.

A casual remark to Correspondence Officer Paul Jackson at the State Library one day gave the Centre its first hint that low level sightings had occurred somewhere in the North East. Efforts to follow up were slowing down when the Secretary's mother heard of a report by a Scottsdale radio announcer, a telephone call, and it was ascertained that Gladstone was the focal point of the rumoured reports.

Gladstone being 200 miles from Hobart meant that a lot of investigating work had to be by medium of the telephone, plus a trip later in the year to obtain some idea of the local geography.

#### The UFO Pays it's First Call.

The first apparent visit to the Gladstone area of an UFO occurred on Quakers Rd one Sunday night early in December (1973) around 11pm.

Martin Riley was staying in the family caravan on Quakers Road about 14 miles north of Gladstone. He was helping his father with bulldozing work.

Something over a mile from the caravan when returning home he first noticed the light. Riley could see a yellow headlight type light above a new tractor parked by the road. When 300 yds off the light started to move on ahead of Riley.

He estimated its size as a couple of feet across and only 8ft above the ground. Riley was travelling at 40mph but the light somehow kept the same distance ahead.

A Sandbank roughly 2ft high now lay in the lights path, however, it just cleared it and was lost to view. The road swung around the end of the bank, but the light was still there stationary as if waiting for the car. Almost at once the light was on the move again, this time though Riley had to negotiate a gate and on looking back

North East Flap cont'd.....  
for the light found it had gone.

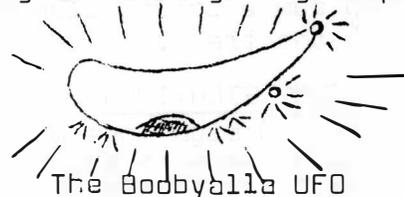
The witness said he found the experience of following the light a disturbing one.

#### THE BOOBYALLA SIGHTINGS

Nothing appears to have occurred until the end of May when a series of sightings that was to last for a number of months commenced at the Boobyalla Estate about 5 miles NW of Gladstone.

It all started on the evening of May 25th around 7.30 to 8pm when 3 witnesses were a mile from home on the road running north from Boobyalla. It was a dark cloudy evening when what looked something like the moon was noticed low over the paddocks to the west. The witnesses soon realised it couldn't be the moon so they stopped for a closer look at the object, (the moon didn't rise until about 11pm).

The UFO was shaped roughly like a large banana, bright orange below to more of a fire-red above to bright yellow on top. The UFO was a mere 20ft above the ground and stationary to begin with, a minute after they stopped the object started a slow movement towards the car. It now seemed very low as it passed in front of fencing and a large log heap.



With the UFO now within a couple of hundred yards the witnesses felt it was time to leave. They thought it was about 100ft in length.

The UFO was last seen in the paddocks but when others returned to the location soon after there was nothing to be seen.

#### Sighting from Houses.

The same or a remarkably similar object was back again two nights later on the 27th, this time being seen from the houses on the Estate at 10pm.

Mr. N. Richards had gone out to lock up the fowls when he noticed a bright object in the north eastern sky. ctd..

The Boobyalla Sightings cont'd.....

He called out his family and the O'Neil family also, about 10 witnesses in all saw the UFO for almost an hour.

Once again the object was described as slow moving, varying its height from fence top to some 30ft. It moved towards the houses at Boobyalla passing roughly a ¼ to ½ mile to the north.

Its shape was banana or half moon and very bright yellowish orange with a dark patch below. All agreed on the glare that was hard on the eyes, its light was so bright the paddocks, fences and cows could clearly be seen.

Estimates put its size at 20ft to moon sized (apparent), it could be the size of the object seen two nights earlier could be closer.

The UFO now started to move away from the witnesses brightening and fading as it went towards the west. The UFO now neared some trees and a red flashing light came on under the right hand side, then as it passed behind the trees four yellow lights came on - two either side of the dark area below. The UFO now faded and was lost to view into a valley.

Two groups went out in search for the UFO, some adults went along the road, but saw nothing. However, the second group of six children went to the west and saw a bright glow fading away through the trees.

#### JUNE SIGHTINGS

During June UFO sightings were made in the Gladstone area on four occasions one week, the first in the series being on June 11th at 10pm.

A party of shooters including a Police Officer were shooting near Rushy Lagoon; they noticed three star coloured headlight type lights low over the track ahead. An estimate of 40ft was given for the area they covered. The hunters followed the lights along the track for 15 mins. but could not close on them. They accordingly gave up the chase and left the area.

Mystery Lights at Mayfield

The very next night at around 9pm (12th) once again a party of 5 hunters sighted an UFO. The sighting was in the Rushy Lagoon area near Mayfield Flat.

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Mystery Lights at Mayfield cont'd....

Whilst swinging their spotlight around to the NW they saw a row of yellow/green lights light up near the ground. Unable to make out what the lights were the party moved off around the hill towards the flat.

They were amazed to see the same lights again, this time several hundred feet up in the sky. No sound could be heard. No shape could be discerned, just a row of lights estimated to be 10ft with a second smaller row above.

Puzzled by the lights the hunters turned back for the Cape Portland Rd, the lights seemed to follow them as they left but were soon lost to view.

Stopping just before they reached the road, they were disturbed to find that the lights were back, about 400 yds away just above the trees. On reaching the road all car lights and the engine were turned off but nothing could be seen or heard. Some of the lights had been a steady colour but others seemed to flash more the longer the witnesses had watched them.

#### THE UFO RESPONDS?

Again on the 14th our by now familiar UFO returned, this time R.Groves saw it just before midnight to the south of Gladstone.

He could see a round silver pulsing object low to the south and decided that by driving out on the 5th Mt. Cameron Rd, he would get a better look.

About 1½ miles out of the town the object was very low between him and Sugarloaf Mtn, it would have been closer than ½ a mile and maybe some 400ft up. The UFO appeared to be pacing Groves' car as he headed south.

After being paced for ½ a mile the object seemed huge and close so that Groves felt it was time to turn back. He did so and raced for Gladstone at high speed accompanied by the UFO. About a mile from the town the UFO shot over his car and was lost to view.

Calling at his uncle's in Gladstone Groves noticed the object now high and smaller in the east. They watched the object for around 10mins. as it pulsed and changed colours to red, green, orange then back to silver. They flashed the car lights at the object which seemed to pulse in response.

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~~The UFO responds cont'd~~

Groves then continued on home to Rushy Lagoon 8 miles north of the town, the light seemed to keep him company all the way. Once home he called out four members of his family to view the strange light. They watched for some 10 minutes but soon lost interest as the light faded away into the north east sky.

#### Final Report.

The final report in the series was on the 15th when the glow of the UFO lit up the rooms at the Boobyalla Estate. Mr. Richards and his wife watched the banana shaped UFO low to the NE towards the Rushy Lagoon direction.

The very bright yellow/orange object was around 70ft up but some distance off. It was travelling very slowly east and after half an hour the witnesses returned to bed. As the UFO moved away the shadows cast in the room lasted for quite a while. It was that bright it was glary on the eyes.

#### JULY SIGHTINGS

Our nocturnal visitor stayed away until mid-July when on the 20th two Police Officers between Sth Mt. Cameron and Gladstone sighted a flashing white and still blue light to the east. They stopped to watch the lights but lost sight of them when they moved on. Nearer to Gladstone the lights re-appeared low over a hill to their SE then shot off along the hill-line at fantastic speed.

On the 23rd at 11.30pm three residents returning to Gladstone sighted a round white ball to the north of the town. They watched from the roadside for 10mins. as the UFO went to orange as it moved very slowly east over the Rushy Lagoon area. They felt it was 200ft up as it silently went behind trees to the NE...Cont'd Page 11.....

walking a dog on the beach; the dog became excitable and they noticed a bright aircraft type light about 1/2 a mile to the east over the sea.

They contacted the Centre's Sighting Officer who gave hints on observing the strange light. The UFO darted around at angles in the sky, hovered, altered course and speed and flashed colours.

To date the UFO had been moving vaguely north but at 10.45pm it started to travel steadily south. The witnesses raced to their car and drove 8 miles south of Scamander keeping the UFO in sight. However, by 11.30pm it was fainter and looked like a moving star and by 12.15am it had disappeared into increasing cloud.

#### Description of UFO.

The UFO was mainly composed of lights, the brightest a pale yellow was shaped like a sharp dome, beneath that pink, green, and occasional white and pale blue light moved from left to right around what appeared to be a disc like an upturned plate. This lower part did not appear solid but rather an area of light.

From the apparent size of the UFO at 1/2 a mile could have been 20ft across.

#### Movements.

In relation with St. Patricks Head to the south the UFO appeared to be the same height of around 1600ft. The light was first seen to the south east and came northward at first.

When it was moving in a darting hovering pattern the witnesses set up a rectangle of sticks to follow its movements, there was no circular or curved flight noticed. When stationary it would halt for 10 to 20 seconds. When it travelled away to the south it did so steadily but at an increasing speed.

#### Conclusion.

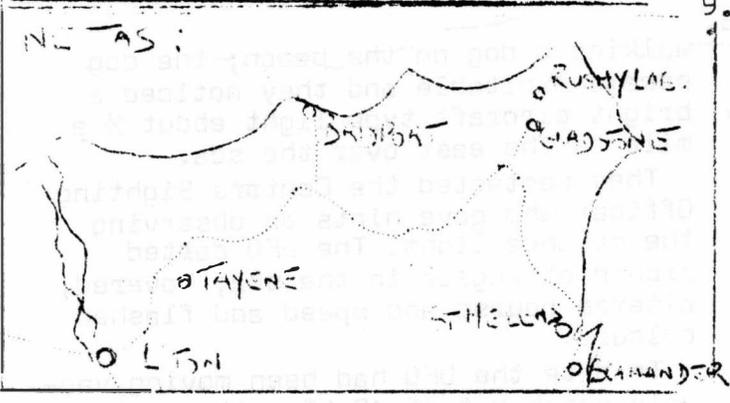
Checks showed no aircraft in the area, satellites were discounted, whilst Jupiter, the brightest object in the sky was noticed by the witnesses. The sighting is unexplained and seems to fit with other reports from NE Tasmania.

Reference map following page.....

## SCAMANDER CASE

It was a lucky for the Centre when senior English Master Roger Brooks and Gary Bensemann sighted an UFO at Scamander as their meticulous notes resulted in one of Tasmania's best documented sightings.

It was 10.20pm when they were out



# AUTO - STOP —

About 9.45pm Mrs. Richards and her children reached a house 2 miles from the car, the resident noticed Mrs. Richards alarm and returned to her car. There appeared to be nothing wrong except for a hot bonnet. Mrs. Richards finally continued home.

### Husband Second Witness?

Mr. Richards who was waiting at home saw lights in the sky and heard a distant roar. He thought it was his wife returning and was surprised when a car did not come over the hill.

### After Effects.

The car was checked at a St. Helens garage, but nothing seemed wrong, the radio and electrical system being in working order.

Mrs. Richards suffered from swollen arms and fingers the day after the event. She had a numb right-side face and a red mark above her right eyebrow. A doctor who saw Mrs. Richards said she was suffering from severe emotional reaction, the child -ren suffered no after effects.

TUFOIC's investigator felt that the witnesses had been genuinely frightened by something.

### The UFO Returns?

Two nights later on the 18th (Sep) Mr. Richards was returning home along a back road when he noticed a light apparently following some 1/2 mile behind his car. It was at a 45 deg. angle to the SE when first seen.

Mr. Richards could see an area of light but with no definite edge, it was a pale yellow colour. The object seemed to be attracted by his car lights; when he stopped it stopped; then he put his car lights onto park and it fell in behind.

It was half an hour before he arrived home. On arriving home he told his family about the light. His son Ricky (11) went outside and spotted the object.

It was shaped like an inverted banana and was a vibrant yellow. They all went back into the house and watched the object hover over the trees some 150yds away.

They were under the impression the light attracted the object and when they turned the lights out the crescent shape went further away.

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Since May, north east Tasmania has seen cars followed, hunters approached, and brilliant low level UFO's, but on the night of September 16th the UFO came south and stopped a car on the Ansons Bay Road, then "Buzzed" the witnesses home at the Marshes.

### Sequence of Events.

Mrs. A. Richards was returning home with her two children Janine (8) and Kathleen (5) about 9pm on the Ansons Bay Road, she was some 4 miles north of St. Helens.

It was dark with light drizzle when the car approached a bridge and she noticed that the car radio was going static, previously there had been good reception.

The sky marked by the witnesses field of vision ahead now lit up; the car meantime had crossed the bridge and lost power on a slight incline beyond, then it stopped dead. All the lights of the car went out, headlights, wireless, heater and dashboard. Total darkness except for the light in the sky.

Mrs. Richards tried to start the car but after 10secs a deafening vibrating noise enveloped the car. The noise forced her to cover her ears, Kathleen was still asleep but Janine said the sound was "deafening".

Almost at once quite painful electric shocks began penetrating their bodies, like electric vibrations, this all lasted about a minute.

Then the car filled with a choking smell, nothing recognisable. Janine smelt it too and both leapt from the car for fresh air, they dragged Kathleen half awake from the car, and fled down the road. By this time there was only light in the sky.

Auto Stop case cont'd.

It remained near the house for 5 minutes before fading out.

TUFOIC JOINS CENTRE FOR UFO STUDIES.  
An organisation set up by Prof. J. Allen Hynek now has an Australian Clearing House. Prof. Hynek visited Australia during 1973 to investigate UFO reports. Computers will be used for comparison of UFO reports, whilst the Centre will have laboratories for sample tests.

## A SCARY MOMENT

It was raining with mist on the mountains when Mrs. W. (who wishes to remain anonymous) parked 200yds from the junction of the Tayene and Diddleum Plains roads late on the afternoon of Sept. 22nd.

She was waiting for a relation to arrive. Owing to the steep bank on the left side of the road she stopped on the wrong side to ensure that log trucks would be able to see her car.

Mrs. W. heard on the car radio that the time was 5.20pm, then all of a sudden the whole area lit up, the bright light penetrating the interior of the car, at the same time the radio emitted a high pitched whistle.

The witness leaned over intending to turn off the radio; in this position she could see up the hill on the left side of the road. Coming slowly down towards the road she noticed a glowing orange and silver object. It was moving between two trees. The object was about the size of a large car and some 15 to 20 meters up.

Mrs. W. was understandably disturbed by the approach of the strange object. She started her car and backed up the road. The UFO meanwhile kept approaching until it was in the middle of the road at only fence top height and 20 to 30 metres from the witness.

Mrs. W. ran off the road and the car stuck, she could do nothing but look at the UFO which became stationary for some 60 seconds. Mrs. W. was now very frightened. The UFO however now dipped over to the right and moved away from the road over a valley area. It then went straight up fairly fast

10. A Scary Moment cont.....

and was lost from the witnesses field of vision.

Mrs. W. jumped from the car and ran home. She looked back but could not see the object. Her husband and son went back as soon as she reached home but could find nothing.

Effects.

Mrs. W. was very shaken by the incident and was sick for a number of days after with nervous tension. Mrs. W. did not believe in UFO's prior to the sighting.

It would appear the presence of the UFO affected the cars radio, before it had been in perfect order but now it suffers from distortion.

The next day when the car was towed home it was noticed how exceptionally clean the front of the car was, although the rest was still dirty. Previously there had been cat footprints all over the bonnet, but the front was as clean as though given a cut and polish. Neither the witness or her husband felt it was possible for the bonnet to be cleaned by the rain of the previous day whilst the rest of the car was so dirty.

Description of UFO.

The UFO was domed on top but Mrs. W. found it hard to discern due to the intense orange yellow glow.

Beneath the dome the UFO was silvery grey, firstly with a wider brim on which the witness thought there could have been portholes. Below there 6 to 8 reversed stepped bands estimated to be about 5ft in depth, the object was some 12ft wide.

At the base in the centre was a small revolving disc and again below this a protruding box or tube of short length. The tube object appeared to split into four sections as the UFO sped off.

Conclusion.

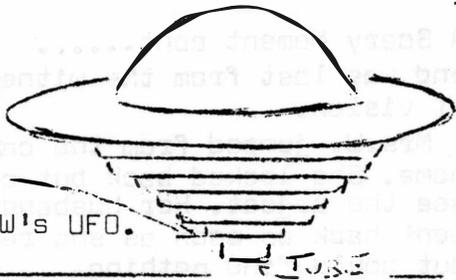
The sighting was investigated fully by our Northern Rep; Mr. John Dean. The sighting area was checked, and Mrs. W. interviewed, she was still shaken by the incident 2 weeks after the sighting. The RAAF also investigated the report but could find no explanation. With all phenomena ruled out we are left with a good low level UFO sighting.

Artists impression of Mrs. W's UFO

next page.....

Spinning Disc

Mrs. W's UFO.



SIGHTINGS GALORE CONT'D:

14.4.74..03.30..BRIDPORT..Two witnesses on the beach hear a muffled diesel sound with a constant hissing, two lights are then seen approaching from the NW. When closer the larger elliptical yellow disc shone a beam of light onto the beach. The smaller disc stayed just below and to the left of the large object. The two objects went away slowly to the NE.

16.9.74..18.20..ANTILL PONDS..It was just on dark when the Slater family travelling north through St. Peters Pass noticed lights in the sky to the east. They stopped their car and viewed a strange silver grey cigar for 10 minutes. A slight electric motor type hum could be heard as the UFO moved slowly up and down. The cigar had a white light one end and green the other with two red lights in the centre above the other. Eventually the UFO gained speed and moved northwards into the overcast, the cloud glowed briefly as the object disappeared.

15.9.74..19.30..LEGANA..Three youths watch a bright yellow circular light fall in the NW sky, sweep across to the north, halt, then go straight up.

21.9.74..0.30..SPRING HILL..Motorist with passenger see strange red/yellow ball rise over hills to east, travel along then go down to east again.

15.10.74..20.50..MOWBRAY..Five witnesses see yellow oval object to the south. It has 3 yellow lights below and a red light on the top. Moves backwards and forwards and hovers briefly. Brightens then disappears rapidly to the south.

18.10.74..21.00..ROSS..Two Police Officers sight saucer shaped object with red light one side and blue the other. It moved about erratically then shot off.

19.10.74..22.45..BOOBYALLA..Half moon object seen moving slowly over Mt. Cameron, goes away towards Pioneer.

SIGHTINGS GALORE Cont'd.....  
 20.10.74..20.30..GLADSTONE..Motorist coming into Gladstone sees bright light behind car. Then soon after the area lights up and the witness sees a yellow half moon object to the west, very low moving north. Goes behind cloud after a few minutes. Has a beam of light coming out from below.  
 10.11.74..23.30..LLEWELLYN..a family of three travelling home to St. Marys suddenly find their car lit up by a very bright bluey/green ball object which is at ground level 400 yds off the road to the south. After passing the object a red light like a headlight seems to follow the car for about 5 miles. It is only a few feet above the ground or just to the north of the road. No sound heard. No other traffic on the road at all at the time. Object follows 400yds behind. Finally disappears, just fades out like a TV set being turned off.

NORTH EAST FLAP CONT'D.....

JULY SIGHTINGS

Another July sighting occurred on the Winneleah to Pioneer road at 4.30am when Mr. J. Groves sighted a round yellow/white object. The sighting date is not known but it was early during the month.

Two miles from Winneleah the witness first saw the UFO to his left or north west at an estimated 500 ft altitude.

The sky was overcast at the time and the object also had a hazy outline but had an apparent size of 6".

The object seemed to pace Groves' car and when he increased his speed the object remained alongside.

After passing through Herrick the UFO suddenly passed over the top of the car and took up position on the witnesses right or east.

No sound was heard from the object which after Pioneer vanished from sight towards the east.

CLOSE APPROACH AT ROCKBANK.

Our UFO seems to have been absent from July till Sept. 13th when 3 witnesses out shooting in Rockbank paddock 5 miles north of Rushy Lagoons had a close encounter with an UFO.

Close approach at Rockbank cont'd....

The incident occurred at 10pm, and lasted about half an hour.

Raymond Groves with two other boys aged 14 and 16 were following a kangaroo in the paddock with the boys in front of the Landrover operating the spotlight. A few times the boys waved to Groves who thought they wanted him to drive faster, however they soon turned the light off, and when Groves stopped jumped into the cab. They told Groves they had seen a UFO approaching.

Unable to see anything Groves drove up a small rise ahead and was then able to see an orange vibrating ball low to the north east and slowly approaching. The two boys were rather frightened so they turned the Landrover and headed back for the road.

They stopped to open the gate and could see the glow from the object before it came over the rise in the paddock, it was now very low. It had been higher when first seen but was now at 20 to 30 feet height.

Once on the road Groves increased speed to 40mph whilst the pulsating UFO crossed over the road behind and paced them from the paddocks to their east. It was a couple of hundred yards from the road and some 150yds behind the frightened witnesses.

After being followed for a mile the witnesses noticed the bright ball veer away more to the south east and gradually leave the road. It passed in front of Six Mile Hill, then after they had driven a further mile or two was lost to view in the trees well away to the south east.

Arriving home at Rushy Lagoon the witnesses told others of the sighting, a group went back up the Cape Portland Road but nothing could be seen. Apart from two reports in Sightings Galore in October the Flap was over.

#### IF YOU HAVE A SIGHTING.

Record the full details as soon as possible. Times, movements, elevation, apparent size of object compared to some familiar object at arms length. Colours, shapes, directions, in fact any detail at all that you notice.

Then contact the Centre as soon as you can, telephone Sightings Officer Ken Bennetto on 28-5243, or write to 366 Huon Road, Sth Hobart, Tas. 7000.

12. Mercury 17.6.74.

UFO BUZZED BALLISTIC MISSILE.

Huntsville, Alabama... Experts at an Army missile base say they are puzzled about strange "ghost ships" picked up by powerful radar scanners in the Pacific during a tracking exercise last summer.

There has been little official comment on what the scientists found during the exercise, but Major Dallas Van Hoose an army spokesman, confirmed recently that some "unexplained aerial phenomena" were observed during the exercise last August.

Scientists, many of whom are reluctant to be named because of general public scepticism over unidentified flying objects, say privately they have been unable to find any explanations for the "ghost ships".

We have never seen anything precisely like this before, said one ballistic missile defence expert who works for an army agency here and who is familiar with the advanced radar used to test missiles and warheads.

Huntsville houses the army's missile defence systems command, which analyses results of missile tests in the Kwajalein Atoll region of the Marshall Island Trust Territory held by the U.S.

Last August, the air force launched a Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missile from Vandenburg Air Force Base aimed for the Kwajalein missile range, which is used by the army, air force and navy.

The radar experts in the Pacific found they were also tracking an unidentified flying object next to the ICBM's nose cone.

Radar picked up an inverted-saucer shaped object to the right and above the descending nose cone and watched it cross the warhead's trajectory to a point which was below and to the left of it before the phantom ship disappeared.

The ghost ship was described as being 10ft high and 40ft long.

Two separate radar systems saw it at the same time which may eliminate the probability that there was a malfunction in one of the radar systems.

It was also reported that three other identical objects were seen in the vicinity - the same size, shape and dimensions.

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One scientist said the data indicated that the "ghost ship" flew under its own power but could not explain what sort of power was involved.

STOP PRESS

SIGHTING AT CRESSY

Yet another northern report has come to hand as our Annual Report has been in the final stages.

Mr & Mrs Nichols of Launceston were returning home at 7pm one Saturday late in July, at the time of the sighting they were travelling from Blackwood Ck. to Cressy. We have to go back to the flap of 1960 for our last case from Cressy.

Firstly a red stationary light was seen at tree height and in the same place for roughly 10 minutes as the witnesses approached the T junction just west of Cressy, it was then lost from view behind trees.

It was now that a bright mass of yellow light rose up from behind the hedge opposite at the road junction. There was no discernable shape or any sound.

Mr & Mrs Nichols watched as the UFO started to move away from them at terrific speed passing to the north of Cressy towards Evandale. The object appeared to remain at the same height all the way till lost from view.

The witnesses thought the object could have been very close to the ground when first observed. Mr Nichols says he has seen a lot of planes whilst out operating his bulldozer, this was like nothing he had seen before.

Due to the delay before our Representative John Dean heard of the case no check for possible landing marks was feasible.

The year has closed on a quiet note for the Centre, all the December cases being explained after investigation. It certainly has been a busy year for TUFOIC in expanding contact with other groups, in membership, in low level sightings, and mention in the media.

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ANALYSIS OF REPORTS FOR 1974.

As at December 31st 1974 the Centre has investigated 133 reports during the year plus a number of cases that occurred prior to 1974.

Comparitive figures with earlier years:

Year	Reports	Unexplained	Unexplained %
1969	72	12	17
1970	42	5	12
1971	88	16	18
1972	59	8	14
1973	125	19	15
1974	133	37	28

It will be seen that in relation to the cases investigated 1969-1971 saw slightly higher percentages of UFO reports, this past year has provided a record breaking 28%

Early in the year many sightings were attributed to the high number of satellites visible over the state. Following this during roughly Feb. to May, Venus and Jupiter in the early morning sky created UFO reports both in Tasmania and on the mainland. Most aircraft mis-identification originated from the Hobart suburbs and Launceston areas. With landing lights being turned on at the 5000' level aircraft often appeared as a large bright white ball instead of the familiar green and red flashing lights.

There were two possible hoaxes this year, in both cases newspaper offices were contacted but from follow up apparently fictitious names and addresses were given.

Analysis of 1974 Reports

UFO.....	37
Insufficient Info:.....	13
Satellites.....	24
Astronomical.....	25
Aircraft.....	18
Flares.....	6
Possible Hoax.....	2
Meteorological.....	6
Noise Only.....	1
Weather Balloon.....	1

Total.....133

SKY WATCH

The last thing I do each night  
Is, to scan the sky,  
To check if there's a light.  
That "different kind of light" near by.

What kind of light you ask?  
I am sure you know,  
You must have heard of it  
The mysterious U.F.O!  
You say, you do not believe  
Well that is up to you.  
My advice is Watch the sky,  
You may see one too.  
They come and go  
Just as they please  
I don't know how or why,  
They do not make me feel at ease  
No matter how I try.  
Yet I find them fascinating  
Puzzling and infuriating,  
For I want to know  
Where they come from  
Where they go.....?

I.Bogus

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