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NORTHERN TASMANIA

A CASE OF MEMORY LOSS

Missing time and abduction cases have been virtually non-existent in Tasmanian Ufology. In the late 1970s the Centre investigated a report involving a possible memory lapse when the witness was driving from the Derwent Valley to Hobart. The witness had encountered a bright light mass near Lawitta, the motor vehicle lost power and the witness had no recollection of what occurred next. Some time later the witness was stopped by Police in the Hobart City centre for driving a vehicle without lights. Later at the hospital the witness told the Centre he recalled the earlier encounter near Lawitta, but that was all?

Recently whilst investigating a sighting from Northern Tasmania the Centre's investigator was told of a case when a member of the family had a period of memory loss involving a bright beam of light. The incident took place on a Saturday evening in the late 1960s at a mining town in North East Tasmania. Mr. R said he was 19 years old at the time of the event. The family were drinking cups of coffee and playing cards in the kitchen at his sister's home. No alcohol was being consumed at the time.

Late in the evening Mr. R says he had gone outside to the exterior toilet. However,

once outside the back door he sensed a heavy feeling or pressure to his head. He is not sure what happened next, he recalls being trapped under a bright light, he could not lift his head up to see what was happening, nor was he able to move away from the light. He heard a voice but with the passage of time can not recall what was being said to him.

After a period of time he heard distant voices (his family calling him), at once the light went out and he was able to move. He found himself sitting on a log in a clearing a short distance from his sister's house. He made his way back to the house which he could see through the trees.

Mrs. C, his sister, recalled that after 15 to 20 minutes they decided to see why her brother had not returned to the house. First they found their German Shepherd dog cowering at the back door, this was unusual as the dog was an efficient watch dog. They called out for R and he soon appeared staggering out of the bush.

He recounted what he could recall, then went to have a cigarette but could not find his lighter. Next day they went out

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and found the log in the nearby clearing where R had been trapped, on the ground was his lighter.

The following Wednesday night all the people at the house heard a howling jet like noise from the gully just above the house. It increased in volume until all the lights went out and even the house shook. The sound whooshed overhead and then everything returned to normal.

Not long after these events Mr. C was working at the mine when he and several other workers saw a bright shiny object with other objects behind it and to the sides. The object was moving from east towards the west. Mr. C sent details to the press after an article on the sighting had appeared in the local newspaper.

The late 1960's saw a number of sightings reported to the Centre from the Tasmanian east coast.

KING ISLAND - 1907.

Report taken from the Hobart Mercury of August 31st 1907.

The Hobart Marine Board have received the following report from Cape Wickham Light House - King Island.

"At 4am on August 19th I saw in the sky about NNE from the tower, what appeared to be a very large star, having a long tail in the shape of a rainbow."

"The sky was very clear at the time of seeing this, but the body of the star seemed very dull, whilst all the other stars were quite bright.

GUEST EDITORIAL

JUST CAUSE

NEWSLETTER

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Two matters at hand:

Recently Secretary of Energy, Hazel O'Leary, had a folder classified "Secret" cross her desk. In the folder was an analysis of a television news broadcast. A chagrined O'Leary recalled feeling, "This is no secret. I saw this on television!" (Boston Globe, 31.12.93)

In many ways the cold war has still not ended as the American public is continuously exposed to revelation after revelation of long withheld facts dating back decades. The most recent is the shocking disclosure in the U.S. press of radiation experiments having been conducted on citizens without their knowledge. Frequently those victims were hospitalised patients or mentally-infirm children who, even if they knew what was being done to them, could not comprehend the situation.

When one reads some of the more credible UFO literature of the past, there were numerous stories of military encounters with unidentified flying objects, details of which never surfaced except for belated testimony from those involved. Gun camera films of UFO encounters in the public domain now total two - a 1953 Luke AFB, Arizona film and a 1952 Osceola, Wisconsin film, both courtesy of the National Archives Project Blue Book holdings. There were many more stories about such encounters on the record. Where are these sequences now? Documents which have been released on UFO-related matters make reference to other documents which haven't been released. Where are they? There is still plenty of

information which we believe exists in government coffers, never having seen the light of day since their production.

The second matter has become increasingly apparent in European Ufologists' newsletters. It seems that American UFO research is becoming more stereotyped with each passing day. One newsletter observed that the amount of attention given to close encounters is proportional to the increasing numerical count of the CE, with close encounters of the 6th and 7th kinds probably not looming too far off in the future. The absolute reality of even the 1st kind has yet to be established but this does not stop self-appointed authorities in Ufology from traveling the lecture circuit or talk show panorama with definitive declarations as to UFO origin or purpose. The fact is that few arguments in this subject have been conclusively decided and, until the percentages get better, restraint is in order. However, we do realise that we are talking into the wind and such a situation is not likely to improve. The culture does reward sensationalism at the expense of truth, as virtually all Americans are aware. It prefers junk food, junk television and junk entertainment. Why not junk Ufology? A recent national talk show presented a new-comer to UFO research as having photographed a structured alien space ship at Groom Lake, Nevada (the notorious "Area 51"), when it was clear to the knowledgeable that it was an out of focus light source - the "structure" being the silhouetted internal optics of the video camera. One skeptic on the same show believed that attacking a person's character and background is the preferred way to determine the quality of the information. When asked about his experience in the subject, the skeptic responded "two years"!

Yet all of these people were

presented as authorities.

Junk Ufology! It is here to stay.

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**THE WORLD'S
LARGEST UFO FLAP**

It started on the 11th of July 1991 and reached its peak on the 1st of January 1993 and is the most photographed and best documented mass sighting to ever hit UFO researchers. It's what we've been waiting for but I doubt if the Australian media will pick it up. UFOs have been seen on a regular basis over Mexico city following the same flight paths. An executive of Mexico's biggest television network had enhanced the object he video taped and found it to be a metal disc-shaped craft. It was suspended in the air and seemed to be floating, perhaps rotating on its axis.

The television station then analysed the six best video recordings that it had collected and the result was that the objects were structured, metallic, and reflected sunlight. It appears as if the UFO had positioned itself purposely beneath the eclipsing sun which was watched by millions.

(Source: Nexus Magazine

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UFO Research Queensland)

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We would like to hear from any of our members who speak either: Italian or Swedish.

TUFOIC receives publications from fellow UFO groups in Italy and Sweden, and as we are unable to translate them, many interesting reports are lost to us. If you are interested in reading a few these Newsletters and can translate some of the more interesting reports for us, then please Phone: David Keyworth on 28 0556

ASTRONOMY & SPACE**SKYWATCH****UFO POTPOURRI****CLOSE ENCOUNTER IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA**

Credit: John F. Schuessler
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The Detroit Free Press and the Kansas City Star both reported on the February 8, (or 9th, the papers do not agree) 1993 close encounter reported by Anna Sitarova near Jihlava. It was 8 pm when she and a friend were driving about a mile outside of the village of Zhor and the car began to sputter. It was then they saw a "dazzling light" about 100 yards from the right side of the car. She said "my legs and arms began to feel stiff. I couldn't stop the car. I felt like I was being compelled to follow." Next, the object shot to a spot on the highway about 100 yards in front of them. They described it as 5 feet long and 3 feet wide, floating about 12 feet above the pavement, emitting red light from its sides and bottom. They turned the car around and sought help. The inferred EM effects on the car and the driver are interesting, especially when it was noted that the object was 100 yards distant.

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PLANETARY MISSION STATUS

GALILEO: The spacecraft and Earth are once again approaching each other, although Galileo continues to recede from the Sun on its way to Jupiter. The distances are 654 million kms from Earth, 560 million km from the Sun. Distance to Earth will reach a minimum in early May and then start to increase. Playback of data from Galileo's encounter with the asteroid Ida, begun last September, will resume shortly at 40 bits per second (the rate is now 10 bits per second). Galileo will go into orbit around Jupiter and relay data from a probe in its atmosphere on December 7, 1995. The spacecraft's condition is excellent, except that the high-gain antenna is still only partly deployed; the mission team is planning to use the low-gain antenna for the Jupiter mission. Galileo was launched on October 18, 1989, flew by Venus in 1990 and Earth in 1990 and 1992 for gravity assists, and flew by the asteroid Gasptra in October 1991 and Ida in August 1993.

MAGELLAN: The spacecraft is in orbit around Venus with altitudes of

197 to 541 kilometres, and has been mapping the planet's gravitational field through precision tracking since the orbit was achieved through aerobraking earlier this year. The spacecraft is in very good condition. Magellan was launched on May 4, 1989. It radar-mapped more than 98 percent of Venus's surface from September 1990 to September 1992.

TOPEX/POSEIDON: The satellite is healthy, and all scientific instruments are performing normally. The mission is to map global sea level changes, reflecting seasonal warming and cooling and winds. TOPEX/Poseidon was launched on August 10, 1992.

ULYSSES: The spacecraft is in a highly inclined solar orbit, now almost 49 degrees south relative to the Sun's equator and about 543 million km from Earth, following a gravity assist flyby at Jupiter in February 1992. Ulysses will make solar polar passages (about 80 degrees south and north) in 1994 and 1995. Spacecraft condition and performance are excellent, with

Ulysses gathering data on the heliosphere - the realm dominated by the solar wind. The Ulysses spacecraft was built by the European Space Agency and launched on October 6, 1990.

VOYAGERS 1 & 2: The two Voyager spacecraft are continuing their interstellar mission, currently taking data on magnetic fields and charged particles as well as ultraviolet data. Voyager 1, launched on September 5, 1977, is currently 8.25 billion km from Earth after flying by Jupiter and Saturn in 1979 and 1980. Voyager 2, launched on August 20, 1977, flew by Jupiter (1979), Saturn (1981), Uranus (1986) and Neptune (1989), and is now 6.41 billion km from Earth.

(Information kindly supplied by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, NASA, January 1994. Regular updates and information on other space missions are available from David Benn, Space Flight Section Coordinator, or through the Secretary, Karenne Barnes.)

'Operator, my call to Earth has been cut off abruptly'

Los Angeles

IF E.T. phones, chances are nobody at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration will be listening.

Funding for NASA's hunt for radio signals from alien civilisations has been cut the federal budget by a House-Senate committee.

The final NASA Appropriations Bill must still be passed by Congress but scientists hold out little hope.

Leading opposition to the search, Senator Richard Bryan derided it as a waste of taxes.

"No-one has landed and said, 'Take me to your leader,' and no flying saucers have applied for flight clearance," said Jim Mulhall, press secretary for the Nevada Democrat.

Astronomers detected about 25 signals interesting enough to require further analysis, but they were ruled not to be alien transmissions, said project scientist



E.T. may be out there but NASA can't afford to phone.

Frank Drake, 63.

Such results have encouraged congressional scepticism for a project that conjures up images from science-fiction movies such as *E.T.* — *The Extraterrestrial*.

"We have yet to bag a single little green fellow," Bryan recently told his colleagues.

Supporters defend the program, as scientifically sound and accuse congressional critics of using it as a scapegoat for their failure to control the national deficit.

Next Meeting:
September 1st,
7.30PM
Glenorchy Library
Glenorchy.

NEWSCLIPPINGS

Left : Hobart Mercury - 7/10/93

Right: Port Lincoln Times
AIUFORS Newsletter - May 94

Below Left: UFO Ecounter
No.155 - Oct/Nov. 93
UFO Research-Queensland

Below Right: Sunday Times
20/3/94
Australian UFO Bulletin
June 94 - VUFORS.

UFO sighted

SOME people might be sceptical about Unidentified Flying Objects — but not Tumby Bay's Daphne Hindle.

While Mrs Hindle, 79, was scared people would not believe her story, she is adamant she saw a UFO outside her Tumby Bay unit on the foreshore.

She woke shortly after 3 am on February 9 to see a round moving light outside her unit.

By the time she walked to her window it was coming over the sand dunes near Salt Creek, strobing as it landed on the sand or in the water.

Mrs Hindle said the oval object appeared to be glowing on the inside and started to inflate at the top shooting up pillars of light into the night sky.

She said a large, square panel of lights was extended at the top of the object.

She said the UFO had to be generating its own power source because there was no electricity connected to that part of the beach.

Mrs Hindle said she watched it for about three minutes before it disappeared.

"My first impression was that it was in a hurry to land," she said.

"I have seen many things in my days that have been able to be explained, but not this.

"Some people are sceptical about these things — some people don't believe in them.

"Some people think that it does not exist but why are we the only ones in the world and on other planets."

Mrs Hindle said while the experience was not frightening it was eerie.

"I can not get it out of my mind — I think about it all day, all night and when I wake up in the morning," she said.

"I have no idea what it was because there is no explanation for it."

She said some members of her family were contacting the Commonwealth Science and Industry Research Organization (CSIRO).

She said while it was possible the UFO could have been a military vehicle, she said it was not a helicopter, aeroplane car or boat.

YELLOW EYEBALL AND OTHER ODDITIES DOT CZECH SKIES

Prague — with reports of a flying eyeball, brilliant orange spheres, a nine foot tall dog in an immense orb and a 1500 foot long silver boomerang, Czechs are in the grip of UFO fever.

"The number of sightings is growing geometrically," says Vladimir Siska, a telephone linesman who in his spare time heads a group of UFO buffs called the Czech Archeo-Astronomical Association.

Siska's organization has received reports of more than 350 sightings in the past year that he says cannot be explained. Before the 1989 'Velvet Revolution' there was an unspoken rule that sightings of extraterrestrials were little more than the fantastic inventions of corrupt capitalist minds. "Under communism everything was closed and rigid. Nothing was allowed, so of course people couldn't speak about such things," says Zdislav Sima, a researcher with the Astronomical Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences. "Now they've taken the lid off the pot and let the genie out. It's like a boom in UFOs."

(Source : Boston Globe 19th March 1993)

Fireball flash startles truckie

A SPECTACULAR fireball over the Nullarbor gave a Perth truck driver the trip of a lifetime this week.

While travelling from Port Augusta to Perth at 2.50am, Thursday, Ernie Jesnoewski and a friend saw an intriguing phenomenon.

About 120km from Norseman, the men saw behind them a light, which drew alongside to within about 500m.

Mr Jesnoewski said: "It was so big, so quick and so bright — we didn't give much thought to anything. It skipped 20m above the trees and stayed alongside for about 20 seconds.

"It was a bright, iridescent green and there were brilliant gold and white flames. The tail was about 25m long.

By JEREMY WILSHIRE

"Then it disappeared. I'm sure it hit the ground. It didn't go to the right or left or upwards, it went down and out."

The WA Museum curator of meteorites, Dr Alex Bevan, gave his interpretation of the spectacular event during the week.

"The best explanation I can give is that it could have been a big fireball skipping along the outer atmosphere at a low angle of trajectory to the earth's surface," he said.

"Nearly all the fireballs we see actually extinguish 10km to 30km above the surface of the earth. What he might have seen was the fireball crossing his nearest horizon."