

# TUFOIC Newsletter

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## MID YEAR NEWS

As they did last July and August, another spate of red to orange lights has dominated in the first few months of 1995, UFO reports with resolved shapes seem to be a memory from the distant past!

The lights reports have taken a lot of time and effort to investigate for basically little result. Interestingly all the sightings occurred between 9.30pm and 10.45pm. The reports all coming from the West Moonah, Glenorchy, and Montrose areas.

The lights appeared to originate roughly in the Brent St/Tolosa St locale, they were always moving on the prevailing wind, and were reported to just go out or move off into the distance.

A number of photographs and videos were taken, the best being from 2 witnesses in Regina Street. The Regina Street video is of some interest as it actually catches the demise of one of the lights. The light appears to flare up, break apart, then just go out. This sequence of events tends to indicate the source of the light being a garbage bag wired to a container below providing the lift with hot air into the bag. The garbage bag probably caught fire. A number of other witnesses in other reports noticed the lights suddenly drop and go out.

Similar reports have come from other capital cities about Australia. The Melbourne suburb of Knox had a spate of lights reports. These reports were finally explained when an offending light fell on a house in Knox, it was a can attached by wires to a garbage bag (see cutting).

One of our witnesses in Brent Street observed a dark box shape at low level with a burning light below. The odds it seems favours the "hot air garbage bag", all we need is a downed bag or a witness who saw the prankster at work.

## TUFOIC on INTERNET

TUFOIC now has an Internet mail address.

Mail regarding Sightings, Membership Information, and Correspondence should be addressed to:

[jacksonp@mpx.com.au](mailto:jacksonp@mpx.com.au)

The big news overseas is (or will be) the screening of the nearly 50 year old film from the Roswell crash site in 1947, the film will be screened at the BUFORA Conference in August. Like many controversial events from the United States this one will no doubt prove to be just as contentious, only time will tell what it is all about? Already we have heard via the MUFON Network that the some viewers have recognised the film as being part of a documentary made in Brazil in the 1970s?

Interesting news is to hand on the result of analysis of a video taken at Dover last year, the video was shot about 12.30pm on July 27th. The witness noticed something in his viewfinder and followed it across the sky for a number of seconds. Phenomena Research Australia were able to assist us with an analysis of the video which turned out to be a rare sighting of a daylight meteor, in fact the analysis picked up eight objects crossing the field of view.

Sightings to date this year have been very low key. The first was on January 4th at Dunalley at 11.15pm, a motorist reported seeing an orange light low over Frederick Henry Bay, as the light approached the vehicle the witness left at speed and did not see what happened to the light.

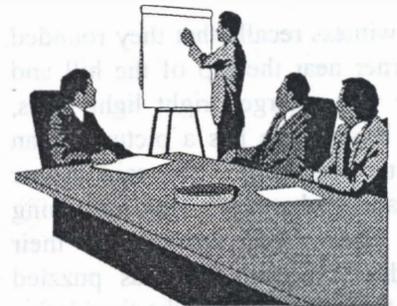
Coles Bay was the location of the next report, two orange lights were seen moving about each other at low level to the west. The witness who was driving to her holiday shack

called out her family to view the lights. They were viewed for 5 minutes before losing elevation and being obscured by nearby trees. The sighting took place at 10pm. The final case was over the Easter Holidays on April 18th at 8.30pm. A single witness from a family group noticed a circular yellow area of light on the cloud cover. The light area moved in an erratic circle before moving rapidly away to the north west over Frederick Henry Bay, the sighting lasted some 10 seconds.

## MEETING

Thursday  
September 7th  
7.30 PM

Glenorchy Library  
Terry Street, Glenorchy



## WARNING

We have reprinted 2 photos on page 4 of this Newsletter allegedly taken from the Roswell autopsy Film.

These photos are very explicit and some readers may find them offensive, or be disturbed by them. As they have already been published in a recent edition of the Australian WHO magazine, we have determined that we are justified in reprinting them here.

**PLEASE DO NOT LOOK AT THE PHOTOS IF YOU FEEL THAT YOU MAY BE OFFENDED OR DISTURBED.**

## SIGHTINGS

More reports from earlier years have come to our attention than for the current year 1995!

Although some cases date back to earlier decades they are always of interest as they fit into the established UFO patterns, or, as in the Den Hill report the event is so similar to recent trends.

### **1956 Winter - Den Hill**

Mr and Mrs R often travelled to see their daughter who was living in Bothwell at the time of the sighting. Mrs R says the incident is still quite fresh in her memory despite the passage of time. She and her husband left Hobart around 6pm to drive to Bothwell via the Midland and Lake Highways. Soon after leaving Melton Mowbray they noticed a large yellow light low ahead over the Apsley area. This light was visible for some distance until they started to go up the Den Hill, then it seemed to be in the trees near the top of the hill, Mrs R says they took it to be some sort of fire.

The witness recalls that they rounded a corner near the top of the hill and there was a large bright light mass, Mrs R says she has a picture of an egg to oval shape. She said to her husband, "what is it". They next thing they knew was arriving at their daughter's home. She was puzzled why they were so late, the time being around 9 to 9.30pm. Neither witness could recall the last several miles to Bothwell with the trip taking nearly 2 hours longer than usual.

### **Runnymede Triangle**

Mr B reported to the Centre that he had a strange encounter with a triangle of lights in April 1983 whilst driving from Bicheno to Hobart.

The incident took place near 9pm on Bust Me Gall Hill.

Mr B says he and his friend were looking west over the Runnymede valley when they observed a light in the sky. He stopped the vehicle about

half way down the hill so they could get out and observe the light without the obstruction of any trees. Mr B had a pair of binoculars with him and with these he was able to see that the bright white light was in fact a set of three lights in a triangular shape. At this stage the lights were stationary below the high cloud cover, the only other lights visible were some farm lights in the valley below. They watched the lights for almost 10 minutes with no other traffic during this time, then a set of lights was observed travelling towards them from the Hobart direction, the engine was quite audible as it approached the hill. Needing to arrive on time in Hobart Mr B set off down the hill, at the same time the vehicle coming the other way came up the hill to pass them. Mr B says he was reticent about reporting the next event (agreeing it probably has nothing to do with the lights). Both he and his friend saw the upright figure of a motor cyclist go past, although they had seen two lights initially, now there was only one, but even stranger he insists that the rider was headless! Mr B departed quickly from the hill, they then observed the lights again as they approached Runnymede, the lights were now out to the north of the road and seemed to travel parallel to the car. As they reached the end of the valley the lights vanished at high speed to the north east. Mr B said he has seen other night time lights but this one he could not find an explanation for.

### **The Witness Couldn't Move**

Mrs T was living at Glengarry at the time of a strange incident on July 15th, 1984. The witness says she had awoken in the early hours of the morning, it was 3am on her clock radio. The first thing she saw was a bright light above her head, the light was coming through the windows from outside, she could see out through the French doors on the south west side of the house, outside was lit up as if by sun light. She could see the shadow of the house on

the lawn. Mrs T found that she could not move her body, she couldn't sit up, or get up, she could move her eyes but that was all. She recalls feeling fear and being in a state of physical suspension, she could do nothing but wait. There seemed to be a humming noise all the time that the brilliant light was present, when it finally disappeared there was a sound like air being released from a tyre. The light seemed to come from above the house, it moved off at great speed, she knew this as it became dark instantly. She could now see the stars again. She could now move although she felt rather weak. The clock radio time was now 3.40am

### **East Coast Light Performance**

Another East Coast sighting comes from 1986, the year of Halley's Comet, the year the sceptics said would see unprecedented sightings, the year which in actual fact was nothing out of the normal pattern. Mrs H was living at Bicheno at the time the comet was visible and she and her son had gone out with his telescope for a bit of a look. At a very high elevation and moving slowly they noticed a larger than normal star sized yellow light. Then as if out of nowhere 5 or 6 star like lights came in from varying directions and merged in with the original light. The large light continued its slow movement, then after a while they saw 3 star lights moving away from the large light, all going off in differing directions. This was the signal for the original light to move away rapidly disappearing into the eastern sky. The sighting lasted around about 5 minutes. There was no noise associated with the sighting.

### **FOR SALE**

**A4 Sized compilation of hundreds of cuttings and UFO related material dating back to the early 1950's.**

**Price: \$70 delivered.**

**From: Clive Williams**

**80 Cricklewood Road, Heatfield  
South Australia, 5153**

### **Another Triangle of Lights**

A family travelling in two cars just north of Gretna on October 9th, 1987 spotted a triangle of white lights around eleven in the evening. Mrs P tells the story.

My husband and I were driving home after his sister's 18th birthday. His Uncle was in the following car as he was going to stop at our house. We were not drunk as I am a non-drinker, and my husband rarely drinks. We were on a straight stretch of road and saw three white lights on our left near a hill. It came straight towards us from the left and turned sharply and followed us along the road parallel to us. It was just behind some pine trees alongside the highway. It was fairly low as it was shinning through the trees. At the end of the trees it shot across the road in front of us, hovered, then took off to the right very fast and suddenly it was gone. When we reached our house some five minutes later we spoke to my husband's Uncle and he described exactly the same thing that we saw. The Uncle had been in Vietnam and said it was low and big, he had never seen a plane etc: hover, manoeuvre, and fly so fast. There was no noise at all.

Mrs P told the Centre the lights were first seen in the distance to the north to north west, when closer each light looked about moon sized. They slowed their car right down and probably had the lights in view for some three to four minutes.

The Centre had no other reports around this time although a UFO had frequented the area in the summer of 1986.

### **Midland Highway UFO.**

Mr D and his family were travelling home from Deloraine on the Midland Highway, it was about 10pm on the last day of the school holidays, June 14th, 1993. Mr D says they were just south of Ross when they first noticed a very bright white light on the driver's side of their car. The light looked to be a kilometre or more from the highway. They were

travelling on a straight section of the highway when the light in a matter of some 5 seconds just shot to a position some couple of kilometres ahead of their car. The light was two times Venus sized and at a very low elevation, around 5 to 10 degrees.

The light stayed ahead of the witnesses' car as they travelled on through Tunbridge and as they headed south on the highway. Reaching a long straight near Woodbury the Mr D noticed that the light was moving slowly to the right (north) as he headed towards the light, he decided to pull up for a closer look. Mr D stopped and got out of the car to watch the light for more than a minute, his wife was feeling a bit nervous by this stage and wanted him to drive on. Suddenly the light shot off a high speed to take up a new position, this time 1 to 2 km away to the rear of the vehicle, or more in the northern sky.

Mr D now drove on, the light was behind them and soon lost from view as they headed away to St Peters Pass. The witness had tried to rationalise the sighting as it was happening to find an explanation for the light but by the time he reached the straight south of Tunbridge there appeared to be no explanation for the light which was able to shot off to a new location in a second.

### **Daylight Disc?**

Saturday December 31st last was a beautiful day on the East Coast, the witness and his friend had staying at a St Helens shack for the holiday break. They had spent the day fishing at The Gardens and it was about 6pm when his friend said "look at this". Almost overhead they observed a roundish white shape, well defined with the sun lighting it clearly. The sun reflected from it very strongly, like the reflection from stainless steel. The object made no noise as it moved from north towards the south, if it was an aircraft we should have heard a noise as it disappeared to the south on a steady track. The object was out of sight in about 20 seconds.

The witness said it was hard to give estimates but he put the speed at 100 to 150 knts at about 4 to 5000ft. He was puzzled as no wings or tail could be seen on the object.

After the witness ran up to his car where he had a hand held VHF airband transceiver. He went to the area frequency for Northern Tasmania and tried to make contact with any aircraft in the area, after some 5 minutes he gave as there was no reply. The witness says he is familiar with aircraft, especially light aircraft as he is a pilot. Civil Aviation had no passenger aircraft in the area but said that there could have been other aircraft off the coast following the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race.

### **SKYWATCH**

The Planet to watch over the next few months is **Jupiter**, as it makes a brilliant sight almost overhead in the evening sky. Jupiter now outshines all of the stars in the night sky.

In November our old friend **Venus** will reappear in the early evening sky, low on the horizon just south of west. The dazzling white colour of Venus and its brightness make it a prime target for reporting as a UFO by those with little astronomical knowledge. It will climb higher into the evening sky towards the end of the year and will remain visible well into 1996.

**Saturn** is now a fairly easy object for viewing in the evenings, though not as bright as Jupiter or Venus. It may be found in early September at around 11pm, at about 35 degrees up in the North-east sky. It is yellow/white in colour. Saturn is famous for its rings, which may be seen even in a small telescope, but they are seen edge on from our viewpoint at the moment and are not visible to all but the largest telescopes.

**Mars** is still visible in the evening sky about half way between Jupiter and the western horizon. It is an orange colour. Mars will disappear into the twilight by years end.

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## The Autopsy Film

Many of our readers will be familiar with the events regarding the Roswell autopsy film, as it has received much attention in the Press, and on TV and Radio news bulletins here in Tasmania.

The information coming to hand from the various UFO computer networks (**PARANET, MUFONET & INTERNET**) is very negative at the moment with regard to the film's authenticity. It has been said that the film is a Brazilian documentary made in the 1960's about Roswell. It has been called a hoax by a UK newspaper. It has created and maintained a raging debate in UFO circles all over the world. There is no further information on its authenticity as at the time of writing.

### OUR POSITION

As the Film is yet to be released to the public, and has been seen only by very few people, and has not as yet been analysed at any known scientific level, we are not in a position to comment on the contents of the film or its authenticity.

We have decided that due to the controversial nature of the film and its potential significance, that our members should be kept totally informed of the events as the transpire.

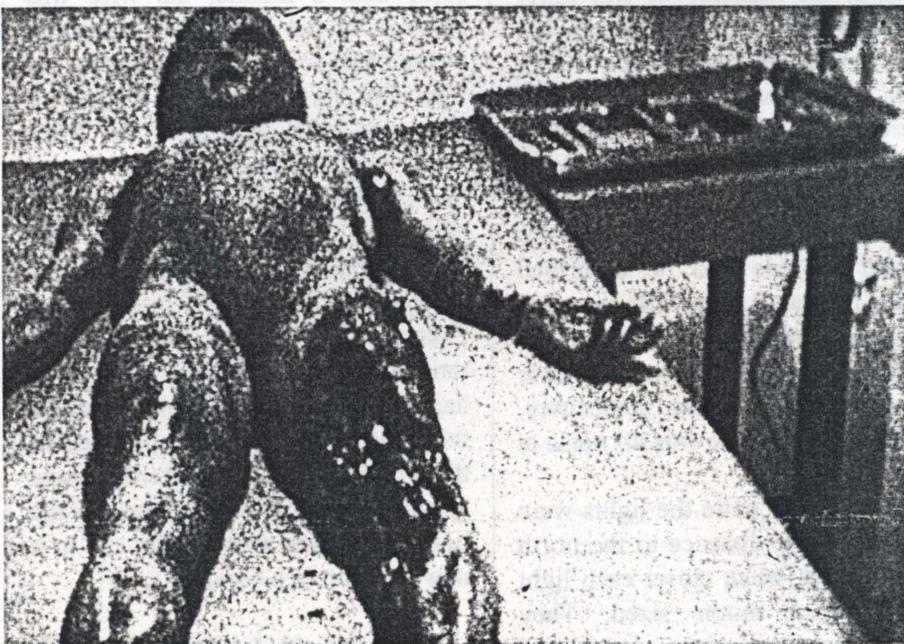
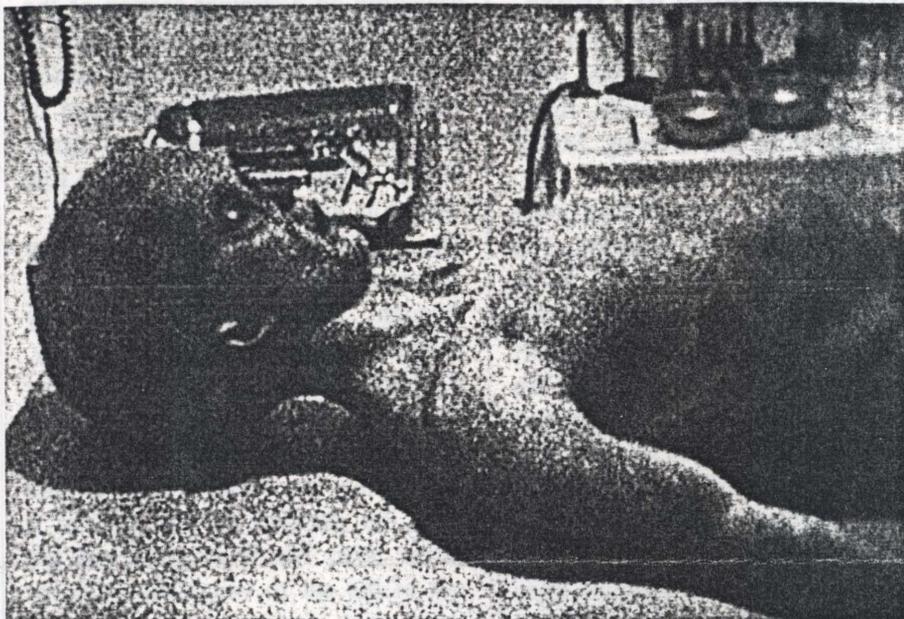
### THE PHOTOS

On July 11th, we received 2 slides (shown opposite) from Mastervision, London, England. The company Who hold the Mail-order distribution rights to the video of the original film footage. These photos are reported to be from the original Roswell film.

TUFOIC has been granted permission to publish these photos only by agreeing to publish the mail order information on the following pages. We publish it here for the information of our members only.

We remind you that TUFOIC can in no way vouch for the authenticity of the film or the material contained in the film, and shall not be held responsible in anyway should the film be shown no to be genuine.

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## Resident says UFO mystery just hot air

by KATY ASHLEY-GRIFFITHS

**K**NOX'S UFO 'mystery' appears to be just hot air. A Boronia resident says she has solved the mystery of Knox's UFOs after watching in astonishment as one of three bright orange balls crashed onto her roof.

Claire Rae discovered the mysterious lights, witnessed by dozens of residents in recent weeks, were huge garbage bags with suspended baskets containing debris which smell "like the remains of fire lighters".

"I was outside seeing a girlfriend off about 8.30pm on the Thursday (the night many others reported the bright lights)," she said.

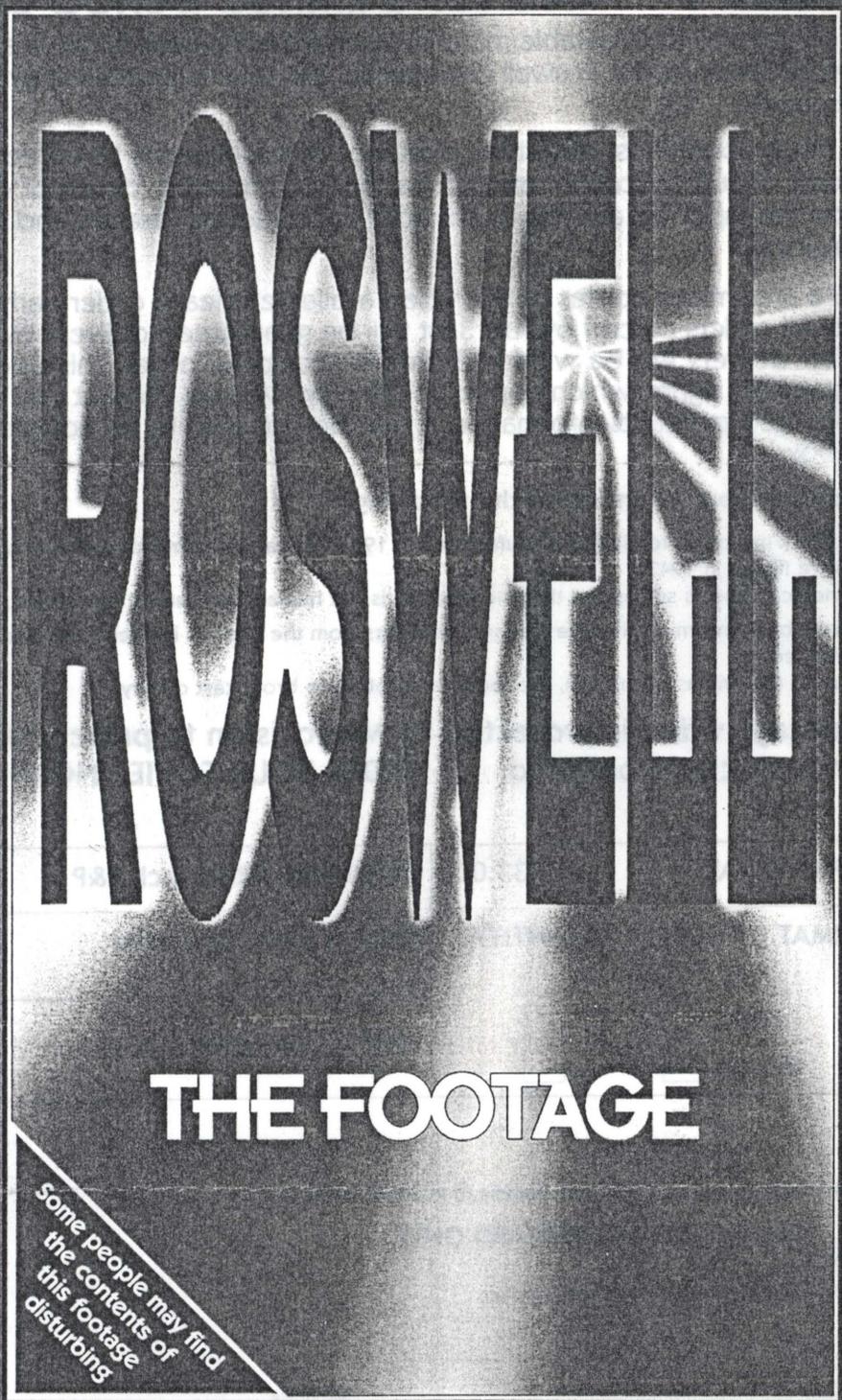


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