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MEETING DATES

Social meeting – Commonweal Club,
120 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.
Saturday July 1st at 3p.m.

Public meeting – Adyar Hall,
25 Bligh Street, Sydney.
Tuesday August 1st at 8p.m.

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OFFICE BEARERS

WHAT'S IN A NAME ?

by Frank W. H. Wilks,
UFOIC Director of Research.
UFORPA President and Secretary.
May, 1972.

What's in a name? This may seem, on the surface, to be an old and hackneyed phrase. Perhaps it is, but UFO-wise, there could be something in it!

A few weeks ago I noticed that town and place names containing the word 'BURRA' appeared to be receiving special attention from UFO's. The realisation of this probability was first brought home to me when UFORPA's Field Officer handed me some information concerning his investigations into strange lights and aerial phenomenon currently occurring in the South Australian town of BURRA. This information struck a chord with me because UFO Research Projects of Australia were currently planning an expedition to the similarly named town of BURRAGA, forty miles from Bathurst in New South Wales. Incidentally this expedition had been organised to investigate almost exactly similar phenomenon.

Later on I remembered having undertaken a similar expedition into the BURRAGORANG Valley for UFOIC (the report was published in UFOIC Newsletter Number 31). Now it seemed to be adding up to something more than coincidental, but then BURRAGA was on the fringe of BURRAGORANG Valley and could have been named after it.

At a meeting shortly after where I reported the information, one of our Field Officers offered the idea that BURRA was an Aboriginal word meaning 'BIRD' and cited KookaBURRA as an example. Well, that did look like some sort of clincher as we had recently investigated a UFO sighting, involving a photo, at Roorooka, Kempsey, which is on the edge of KookaBURRA Forrest. Also we are currently analysing a piece of slag found, while hot, in the KookaBURRA Forrest.

Those who have read Kenneth Arnold's reference to slag falling from the skies, in his book "The Coming of The Saucers", will understand the significance of this find and it's possible analysis.

Two more sightings have recently come to light in this category – one at CulBURRA, and another at BullaBURRA.

Of course all this is only supposition, but there are many writings which suggest that the positioning of England's Old Cathedrals hold the secret to the UFO Grid System, so why not the 'BURRA's of Australia' – providing they were named by the Aborigines.

I would be pleased to hear from anyone knowing of other BURRA's which have been subject to strange phenomenon, and also I would like to learn the true meaning of 'BURRA' if any reader should know.

(Please reply to UFO Research Projects of Australasia,
89 Fowler Street, Camperdown, N.S.W. 2050).

EDITORIAL

Our meeting held on the first Saturday in May was well attended. We had many new friends present. The guest speaker Mr. Jim Scarano gave a most interesting description of 'Mind Dynamics'. He was most careful in the way he approached this subject, which if it got into the wrong hands, could be quite chaotic. He explained it simply step by step, thus making it understandable to those who might be sceptic.

His talk was followed by a 'demonstration' by

Mrs. Beverley Withers. She was able to describe in minute detail the features and illnesses of people whose name she was given on a card. This had some of us quite mesmerized.

These members social meetings always prove to be most interesting and more members should come along. The next one will be held on Saturday 1st July at 3 p.m. in the Commonweal Club, 120 Castlereagh Street, Sydney. (near Market Street).

SPACE EXHIBITION at WESTFIELD SHOPPING CENTRE – BURWOOD. JULY 6th to 14th inclusive.

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"FIRST JOURNEY" by JOHN M. PRYTZ, B.Sc.

Man's eternal quest to seek his own kind among the stars has taken on new significance.

As you read these words, an American Spacecraft is streaking outwards from our blue Earth towards a two year voyage to the gaseous poisonous, giant planet Jupiter. This fly-by then will proceed outwards to the cold depths of Interstellar Space, to the stars and the Unknown.

The craft is called Pioneer 10, and its mission is to explore the region of space *twix* Earth and Jupiter, and the physical parameters of the latter planet, then radio back its findings. It is the first spacecraft to head beyond Mars and therefore the first to challenge the dangers of crossing the Asteroid Belt which lies between Mars (at 1.6 A.U.) and Jupiter (5.2 A.U.) at roughly an average distance of 2.8 A.U. (1 A.U. is the Earth-Solar Radius or roughly 9.3×10^7 miles). The craft has a 10% chance of not making it through that belt of irregular chunks of rock and dust, but that is another story altogether. It will also be the first man-made object to leave the friendly confines of our Sun and Solar system — man's symbolic "First Journey" to the Stars.

Apart from the immediate significance of this indeed "Pioneering" craft, there has become a far more important long range secondary significance to the existence of the Pioneer 10; one which we will never see realized, for by the time the secondary function becomes history, we will be dust, in graves long forgotten and Man Himself may well have ceased to exist.

Perhaps hundreds or thousands of years from now; more likely Millions or Billions of years hence (if ever), somewhere in some strange region of Space, perhaps light-years from Earth, an Alien Race may stumble across the long silent Craft we knew as Pioneer 10. What will They find? Just a dead hunk of metal? Yes, but more than that — a Hunk of Metal not quite DEAD, for it carries a message — a message from our generation — from US — from MAN.

Included in the Spacecraft, attached to the antenna strutt, exists a small gold anodised aluminium plate — a first attempt by Man to consciously advertise his existence to the other intelligences in the Universe. Engraved on this plate is enough information to tell any eventual alien reader what MAN is and where he lives (or lived as the case may turn out to be).

The idea and message was prepared by Cornell University (N.Y.) Astronomers Drs. Carl Sagan and Frank Drake (who directed the first Terrestrial search for Extraterrestrial Radio Messages in Project Ozma). The art work itself was prepared by Dr. Sagan's wife Linda and the indepth story of the project was reported in SCIENCE (1972), Journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The Plaque shows a naked man and woman (not holding hands least it be interpreted then as being a single organism) standing before a Representation of Pioneer 10 Craft, all drawn to scale. This gives the Alien the approximate dimensions of humans in the Alien's own measurement units as well as showing what humans look like. Of course if the finding race of aliens were not familiar with the basic human organism body plan (having no previous contact with anything similar) then the Plaque could prove a puzzle, with many of the body characteristics shown proving to be deeply mysterious. One could comprehend the pondering of an intelligent calm over a Playboy centerfold trying to figure out the function of Hair, Eyes, Legs, Breasts, Ears, or a Nose ! !

Also pictured is our Sun and accompanying Nine Planets, along with the Binary code and etched in, the course of the Spacecraft while in the system. From this the Aliens would note that Man came from the Third Planet.

In a sense this will only be a one-way communication since we will be gone long before it is ever known if Pioneer 10 was ever found, correctly interpreted, and then stimulated the interest of the Aliens to the point of a reply (by Radio return probe, or in person).

Perhaps our own ancestors in the days to come when space travel is commonplace, will stumble across

it — a relic of days gone by — and our Pioneer 10 instead of being examined by Alien Scientists will be peered at by earthly students as it sits on a museum shelf. Let's hope that doesn't happen, it was not created for that purpose!).

Even at the launch speed of 32,000 MPH, it would take roughly 10^5 (100,000) years before reaching even the closest of the visible stars. Clearly then, unless the Alien race has mastered interstellar space and light, it will be a long time before Pioneer 10 has achieved its secondary objective. And even if it is found in midspace or finds its way to an alien solarsystem and is found there by an advanced life form, it will have been a matter of luck of an order of magnitude many times more fortunate than finding the more traditional "needle in a haystack". Space is so huge and Pioneer so very small with no characteristic to attract attention (like a radio signal or flashing light for its power source will be long dead), other than the fact that it exists and is out there — perhaps an oddity in space, perhaps so common an item that it will be regarded by a cruising Alien Starship as just another piece of Space Pollution of no possible significance.

It is somehow a shame that our lifetime will not permit us to ever know what fate that time has in store for the First Journey of Pioneer 10.

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MEETING DATES

SATURDAY July 1st, at 3 p.m. in Commonweal Club, 120 Castlereagh Street, Sydney. Members and friends Social Gathering.

TUESDAY August 1st at 8 p.m. Adyar Hall, 25 Bligh Street, Sydney. Members and friends. Speaker: Dr. Duggan.

All these meetings promise to be very interesting so come along and bring a friend. We have interesting speakers. Some people report their 'sightings'. Come along and get involved.

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FEES:

Members who have not yet paid their 1972 fees are reminded to do so now. Please forward your fees to Hon. Sec. Mr. W. Moser. Full Membership \$5.00 Senior Citizens and Students \$2.00.

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Postscript to "Unidentified Radio Signals":

In my article on "URS" in the last issue of the Newsletter I referred to a 1953 incident which involved the unaccountable reception throughout a large portion of the British Isles of the identification signal of KLEE, a Texas TV station which had been defunct for at least two years. This incident first came to the attention of the general public through Frank Edwards's best seller, "Flying Saucers—Serious Business", and for years has remained one of broadcasting's greatest mysteries.

However, in the January 1972 issue of "Popular Electronics" Gordon Simkin, W6KUH, of California, claims in the "letters" column that the incident was, after all, a hoax. He states that a Swedish friend of his had been in touch with a British experimenter, who claimed responsibility for the engineering of the incident but who, for obvious reasons, did not wish to divulge his name to the public or details of the hoax.

Frank Edwards writes: "A spokesman for the British Broadcasting Corporation told newsmen that for anyone to have perpetrated such an incident as a hoax would have involved the expenditure of at least a hundred thousand dollars, plus knowledge that transcended contemporary technology as well as the use of towers and other equipment which could not have been concealed and which were in fact difficult to secure. American and British authorities alike ruled out any possibility of a hoax, and said so publicly."

We are thus confronted with the perplexing problem of, if a hoax was indeed involved, how it was perpetrated. Let us hope that one of these days our elusive friend the British experimenter will step forward.

Thomas House

AUSTRALIAN SIGHTINGS. REPORTED May—June, 1972.

Family from Gladstone — on 15th March, 1972 had a sighting at 7.22 p.m. It appeared to be 5° west of the Southern Cross, travelling East. It was visible for 20 seconds. They viewed it through binoculars. "It seemed to be an amber scarlet shaped saucer, which was travelling on a slight tilt towards us. I noticed a lot of noise from dogs all over our town at the time. This may or may not mean the possibility of high frequency sound-waves, that the dogs were able to hear and we were not. I have another report of a close-range sighting from the Raglan district, it will be forwarded on to you."

A gent from Gladstone. Sighting on 13th March, 1972, at approximately 8.45 p.m. An amber object sighted about 50° from Horizon. Viewed for 5—10 minutes. Estimate between 15,000 to 20,000 feet. "It travelled along for awhile towards south, then made a wide turn to the east, then disappeared over the eastern horizon. Three to four minutes after making the turn, it appeared to be moving slow, then fast and then slow again. No aircraft was present at the time. I cannot liken the object I saw to any satellite or aircraft. I served in the Army in Vietnam and was discharged approx. 18 months ago after completing my 2 year term, and while in the Army I was trained to observe anything which appeared out of the usual and I can't liken the object to any known terrestrial object."

Reported in the Australian 21.4.72.

Search for UFO fails. An all day search by people living on stations near Croydon in the Gulf country of northern Queensland, yesterday failed to find any trace of an unidentified flying object reported to have crashed in the area. A spokesman for the RAAF — UFO investigation centre in Townsville said yesterday investigations were being treated as a search for a meteorite. Witnesses described the object as "a bright silver body the shape of a telegraph pole".

UFO Research & Investigation, P.O. Box 51, Glenside, South Australia

In their February Report — "The total number of UFO's reported for the year ending December 31st 1972 was 115. After investigations 88 incidents remained "unexplained on the available facts", but only 19 could be considered "hard core" cases, with no apparent conventional explanation.

Comparisons were made with the general Australian wide UFO reports using a press clipping agency, which revealed a peak of reports in May in New Zealand, and June/July in Western Victoria.

Report from Mr. Colah, N.S.W. 26.4.72.

It was about 7.45 p.m. on 19.4.72 when an object was sighted above the Pacific Highway at Mt. Colah, both with the naked eye and binoculars. An object blue and orange colours, above the Highway and stationary at first, moved off slowly. Then became stationary again after approx. half-a-mile in a northerly direction travelling, then headed due East at high speed until it disappeared out of sight. The only relation to size would be approx: the size of the cars travelling on the Highway. It seemed to fly in a triangle. I hope this information will be of some help to you

Report in Daily Telegraph, 6.2.72

A farmer, his wife and four children claim to have watched a UFO — Unidentified Flying Object — over their property for 15 minutes yesterday.

Mr. X, who lives near Wagga, said he saw the object when he went out to milk the cow shortly after 7 a.m. but thought at first it was a cloud. When it shot to the left, trailing a red flame, he called to his wife. She described the object as an elliptical white shape which tipped slowly from side to side, then darted away again, trailing a red flame-like tail. Their four children also saw the object. Their eldest boy described it as an unusual shape which looked like a plate as it came closer moving through the sky.

Excerpt from letter received 18.11.71 — district Eastlakes, N.S.W.

'In September three friends and I went to Byron Bay for a camping holiday. One night, as we lay on our backs watching the magnificently clear sky an infinite number of stars were visible, as was the cloudy haze of the Milky Way. Our position was just up from the Sevenmile Beach. In the Eastern Sky at an angle of approx. 35° above the horizon a "Star" began to descend slowly, vertically at an angle of — say 25°, then stopped. We remarked to each other on this strange happening when another "Star", which must have been a few degrees to the right of the first "star's" original position (35°) also slowly descended until it was horizontally across from the 1st "star" (25°). The first then appeared to rise vertically again. This occurred over a period of a few minutes and curiously this strange phenomenon then seemed not to bother us much and we disregarded it. Please note, the angles are only guesses on my part. The size of these two "stars" was roughly equal to that of surrounding medium size stars or perhaps slightly bigger. I can imagine that you are relating this sighting to mere shooting stars, however I can assure you they were not comets or the like. The clear sky permitted us to see several shooting stars, in fact there would be 1—2 every few minutes and the two UFO's were nothing like them. Shooting stars woosh across the sky swiftly by for a short distance and then disappear. They were "stars" which we saw moving slowly and changing direction. Naturally I cannot even imagine the size of these objects, but they must have been enormous and also an incredible distance away to reflect the starlight as they did. They did not twinkle as stars do, planets visible in the night sky don't twinkle, because they reflect starlight also, you no doubt are quite aware of this fact but I thought to bring it to your mind as it is a useful guide in indicating the UFO's size and distance away. Perhaps they were not reflecting starlight but shining of their own power, this seems quite possible even probable since it follows that they need not have been so big or so far away as they would have been had they been reflecting starlight. However UFO's have the characteristic of doing things totally outside our realm of imagination, so both possibilities must be taken into account.

Sighting reported from Long Jetty, 27.4.72.

On April 16th, 1972 I saw an object . . . My daughter and I were at the Keepit Dam, sun-baking and looking up at the sky. . . . My first impression was that it was a plane, because I had mistaken the sound of the motor-launch for that of a plane, but a hurried glance told me that the motor-launch had pulled in and therefore it wasn't caused by the object I saw so very high in the sky. It looked to me the size of a large orange held at arms length. It went at a fantastic speed and appeared to me as if it was leaping across the sky. No plane I have ever seen does that and there was no sound at the time as the motor-launch had pulled into shore. I watched three leaps, that is how it appeared to me, and it was gray with silver flashing and then it shot straight up suddenly and was gone. I said nothing to my daughter because it was all over before I could utter a sound and she wouldn't believe it if she saw it, but I told the other daughter because she is a member of the UFOIC. I have no witnesses but this is a true sighting of something unusual. I might add that I have good long distance eye-sight and I don't wear glasses.

Report of a sighting at Coffs Harbour, N.S.W. 27.4.72.

It was January 14th, 1972 at approximately 8.35 p.m., while waiting beside my car (we were about to go fishing) my brother and a friend observed an extra large star-sized light at about 40—45° above the horizon coming from the South and heading North. The light zig-zagged violently across the sky about 28" at an arm's length, advancing at approx: same rate i.e. 2" at arm's length North, until about 75° and then travelled straight until overhead when it again started zig-zagging, but gently only about ½ to ¾ inch at arm's length until about 80—85° above the Northern Horizon when it travelled straight again and went behind some clouds. There were scattered clouds but mostly clear sky with many other ordinary stars visible. The height of the light was very difficult to guess, estimate between 3—5000 feet. Length of time of sighting about 3 minutes.

"ALL THAT GLITTERS IS NOT GOLD"

by Frank Wilks, President UFORPA.

On Sunday night, June 18th, 1972 I was having a discussion with Barry Taylor and Paul Hebron, both committee members of UFORPA, when I had a phone call from Mr. Moser, Gen. Secretary of UFOIC to tell me about an alleged "saucer-nest" discovery at Warragamba Dam, N.S.W. The report had come through the Sydney Morning Herald, that Mr. Ron Sarina, of Warragamba, had phoned to report the discovery of strange marks which had formed a 33 foot diameter circle on his 52 acre property.

I immediately phoned Mr. Sarina, who related that the marks, found earlier that day, could not be more than 48 hours old, as he was in the habit of visiting the area often to practice golf. He said that he first thought it was kids had made the marks but after a closer look decided this wasn't probable. "The circle is 33 ft. in diameter and has an inner circle about 3 ft. inside the outer perimeter." I asked him if he would conduct our investigators to the spot, and he agreed to do this, and advised to bring torches. Our investigators went off immediately, fully equipped, while I remained at home answering the phone calls regarding the latest "saucer-nest" discovery.

I was thinking of the two "saucer-nests" recently discovered at Tokoroa in New Zealand and the similarities seemed astounding. I asked Paul, when he rang through, about the condition of the grass within the circle and he informed me that the whole area was still green except for a yellowing near the rings.

During the next day I received different reports about sightings in the area of the saucer nests. Some campers on Mt. Werong in the Burratorang Valley told of a yellow light travelling horizontally with a skipping motion and almost stopping at times. Another report from a truck driver travelling through Mittagong, had been frightened by a 200 ft. flying disc. Another report from a man who heard a loud explosion and saw a bright light streak across his path. This man thought it was over the area where the saucer-nests had been reported in the paper.

Well I must admit that all these reports coloured my theorising, especially with Paul's almost positive conclusion on the phone. But soon I was to learn from Barry Taylor, that regardless of the alarming number of reports in the general area of the "Saucer-nest", that this like so many other landing reports was just another false alarm!

They were in fact car skid marks, better known as "Wheeleys". The one they had investigated in the dark must have been a fluke in-as-much as the circles had joined up and that the inner circle was a uniform distance from the outer perimeter. Also they had found traces of rubber on the hard soil that were not visible in the dark on the previous night of first inspection.

For members who are interested - the affair was reported on the 19th June, 1972 in the Sydney Morning Herald, Telegraph and the Sun. It was mentioned on Radio by 2SM and 2UE and shown on T.V. by Channels 7, 9 and 10.

Postal address: UFORPA. P.O. Box 82, CAMPERDOWN, N.S.W. 2050.

On Wednesday 19th July, 1972, we extend a hearty welcome to anyone to VISIT THE OBSERVATION in Sydney. At 7.30 p.m. there will be an election of officers, and this will be followed by the PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS by our General Secretary, Mr. Moser. He is the President of the British Astronomical Society, and his talk is entitled "ORIGIN AND MEANING OF STAR NAMES."

WOULD MEMBERS AND FRIENDS PLEASE SEARCH THEIR MEMORIES AS TO WHERE THE "EPIDIASCOPE" COULD BE HOUSED. THE COMMITTEE ARE ANXIOUS TO FIND OUT WHERE IT IS.

Replies to THE SECRETARY, Box E170, St. James, Sydney. 2000.

THE LIBRARY

The Library is now located at 2 Iredale Street, Newtown, N.S.W. 2042. Librarian: Mr. Ken McGuffin.

NEW MEMBERS

Anyone wishing to join the U.F.O.I.C. can do so by contacting Mr. Moser, the Secretary, at P.O. Box E170 St. James, Sydney, 2000 - or by coming to the next meeting in the Adyar Hall on 4th April.

OLD MEMBERS

Why not encourage other people to join, too. Don't keep U.F.O.'s to yourself.

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More helpers are needed to go on our Committee, so anyone who is interested in U.F.O.I.C. and would care to give us a hand would you be so kind as to let Mr. Moser know. There are lots of little ways you might be able to help, so come along and make yourself known to us.

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COUNTRY MEMBERS

Would Country Members please send in their newspaper clippings, and reports of sightings to our General Secretary. We are always interested to know what's going on and unless you report to us, we cannot let anyone else know. So send them in, don't keep them to yourself.

The LIBRARIAN would like members who have books from the Library **OVERDUE** to please return them immediately - other members are waiting so give them a thought.

Any member or friend speaking a foreign language is asked to contact the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. Moser, P.O. Box E170, St. James, Sydney. 2000

The Gen. Secretary wishes to thank the following for providing him with the Newsletter Number 26, which he requested in No. 34. Mrs. Kreysuva, Messrs. Davies, McGuffin, McLaren, Vandenberg.

AUGUST 1st - ADYAR HALL - 8 p.m. Speaker DR. M.J. DUGGIN, C.S.I.R.O. "THE EARTH'S RESOURCES TECHNOLOGY SATELITE". Be early for a good seat.

Absent Committee Members

Change of address of Mr. Noel Wheeler to Cowra makes it impossible for him to attend our meetings while he lives so far away. We would like to express our thanks to all the excellent work he did for UFOIC, and his willing help will be missed.

Another Committee member who will be missed very much is Nick Shewchenko. He has moved to Melbourne, and his valuable help with translations for the Newsletters, and his willingness to help in many ways will be missed.

Would Committee Members please note that Committee Meetings are held every month on the third Tuesday at 6 p.m. sharp.

At our May Committee meeting we had a short talk by Osborne Davis, well-known writer of prose about the Australian Outback. His book "The Space Age and Mortal Man" is to be published about June 1972. He related many strange and interesting experiences he has had. Such as coloured lights near Gunnedah - coming and going and stopping in front of him. Strange dreams he has had in connection with UFO's. and many more.

ALL MEMBERS NOTE that the FIRST SATURDAY in July is the next Member's Social gathering, there will be Discussions and Getting Together. 1st July at 3 p.m. in the Commonwealth Club, 120 Castlereagh Street, Sydney - near Market Street.