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EDITORIAL

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We must begin by apologising for the delay in publishing this newsletter, the first one to appear since August 1973. We have, however, been without an Editor since Mrs Exley left last year, and it was not until early April that a new Editorial Committee was formed.

The Editorial Committee now consists of the following people:

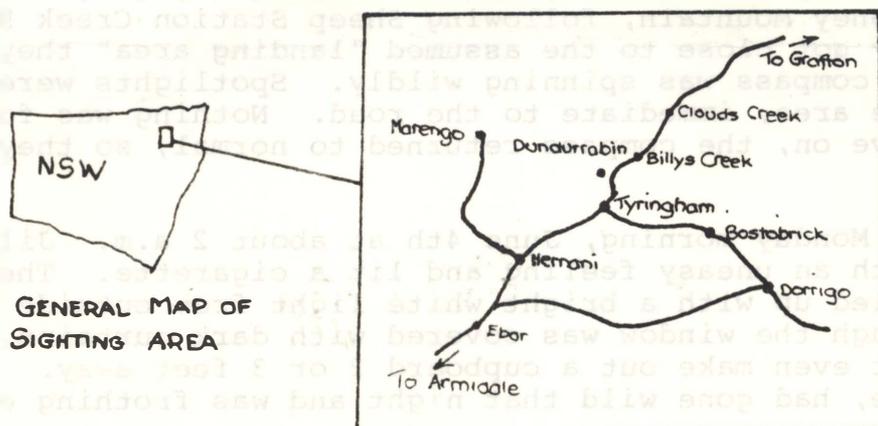
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The Newsletters are being produced as a joint effort, and we hope that they will be more interesting and readable than was previously possible. From now on the newsletters will be published bi-monthly, as previously, i.e. six issues per year.

The magazine will from now on concentrate on sighting reports, however from time to time we will carry technical articles on various aspects of Meteorology, Astronomy etc. that have some bearing on the UFO problem. Unfortunately the Letters to the Editor section has had to be scrapped, however we will still consider articles for publication provided space permits.

STRANGE HAPPENINGS IN THE NEW ENGLAND RANGES

In this issue of the newsletter we are going to concentrate on a single area where last year a virtual flood of reports of strange objects were received. These objects were seen in the sky night after night by dozens of people. The area concerned is on the North Coast of N.S.W. It lies midway between Armidale and Grafton (See Map). It was centered around



It was centered around the small town of Tyringham consisting of a shop, a few houses and several properties. The country around Tyringham is very wild with rugged bush and high mountains, most of it largely inaccessible with the exception of a few logging roads.

It all started on Tuesday, 29th May. Sandra F brought her husband's attention to a strange light SSW of Tyringham at 11.00 p.m. that night. It consisted of 2 flashing lights - green on the left and red on the right, surrounded by a bluish glow. This object was watched for over 2 hours and was described as being very agile, zigzagging erratically all over the sky and performing a variety of aerobatic manoeuvres. The lights were very bright. Sandra and her husband Warwick had an old horse and a cat, both of whom were very agitated during the whole sighting. This agitation occurred during a number of sightings over the next week, but was not obvious in future sightings.

On Thursday, 31st May, a group of 9 adults watched 2 small objects in the sky. One of them managed to take photographs of the objects. We have these photographs in our files if anyone would like to see them.

On Friday, June 1st a group of people watched a UFO hovering over Boney Mountain, which is about 2 miles west of Tyringham. Once again the animals were most agitated during this sighting.

On Saturday June 2nd the 2 UFO's were seen again at about 11 p.m. at magnetic N. and NW. (This puts the UFO over major high power tension lines connecting Armidale and Grafton. These lines run directly across the F.... property.) The NW UFO joined the N UFO and they performed synchronous antics once again. (i.e. horizontal zig-zags backwards and forwards, vertical and horizontal accelerations etc.) Then one came over to the SSW, stopped, did a loop-the-loop (of sorts), then dropped like a stone, lighting up the area behind Boney Mountain, with a brilliant blue-white light. Exact compass bearing from the F.... house was SSW. The majority of subsequent observations were centered in the direction of Boney Mt. During all investigations, it has been difficult to determine how far behind the mountain the "landing" and subsequent "landings" were being made. Some seemed close, others were a fair distance off, or appeared so. Therefore no estimates could be made with regards to the size of most of the objects seen.

It appeared as though the UFO flew across at high speed (1-2 seconds), perhaps saw something (or its objective), overshot the mark, looped up and back to re-align the spot (4 seconds), compensated by moving forward a little then dropped down on "target".

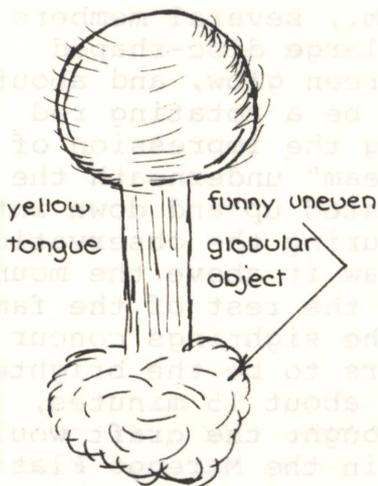
Marvin C...., Jill C...., Sandra & Warwick F...., drove out behind Boney Mountain, following Sheep Station Creek Road, When they got close to the assumed "landing area" they noticed that the compass was spinning wildly. Spotlights were used to check the area, immediate to the road. Nothing was found. They drove on, the compass returned to normal, so they returned home.

On early Monday morning, June 4th at about 2 a.m. Jill C... awoke with an uneasy feeling and lit a cigarette. Then the room filled up with a bright white light from outside the window, even though the window was covered with dark curtains. She could not even make out a cupboard 2 or 3 feet away. Joey, the horse, had gone wild that night and was frothing etc.

From Monday 4th June to Friday 8th June a number of objects were seen around and going down behind Boney Mountain.

Early Saturday morning, June 9th 2 people in Dundurrabin saw a rotating circular object in the NW at 45°. It had flashing red-green lights and a globular uneven lemon coloured object extended from the bottom of the object, on the end of a yellow "tongue". It extended for 10 to 15 seconds and then was "sucked" back slowly into the object again. The main object had "spears" of light radiating from its surface. It disappeared in the WNW. Neighbours of these people had seen 2 strange lights during the night in the N also.

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UFO seen early Saturday morning June 9th 1973 from Dundurrabin

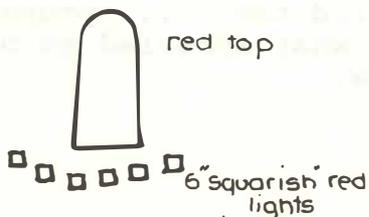
On Monday June 11th, more strange lights were seen going down behind Boney Mountain.

Early Thursday morning June 14th at about 12.30 a.m. Trevor B.... a local farm and timber worker, was driving from Bostobrick to Tyringham (see map) He had not been drinking and saw a circular object with a green light and a very bright red rotating light, with a lemon light on top. It was first sighted at 45° in the NW then after 20-25 minutes observation it appeared to move over Boney Mountain. From Tyringham Post Office, he could see it hovering over the mountain, at what appeared to be about 200 to 300 feet over the trees. Then it came down in a slow pendulum motion. (i.e. "falling leaf" motion, characteristic of so many other UFO sightings) with a constant

bullroarer sound (like flicking a ruler on a hard surface). It disappeared behind the mountain lighting up a dead tree as it went down.

Also Thursday morning (or Friday morning), at about 2 p.m. a lady from Dundurrabin heard strange noises like a very heavy close helicopter, and she noticed an eerie "suspended moon light" coming through her bedroom window. Her clock had stopped (½ an hour late in the morning).

On Saturday June 16th at about 6 p.m., several people, independently, including Sandra F... and Jill C.... driving in the Bostobrick area, saw a strange object on top of the "big mountain behind Bostobrick". Sandra and Jill saw an elongated vertical object that was red in colour. They first saw only the red top then 6 red "squarish" lights around its bottom, one (the most extreme left one) being up a little higher than the rest. The bright



UFO seen on Bostobrick Mt. on June 16th.

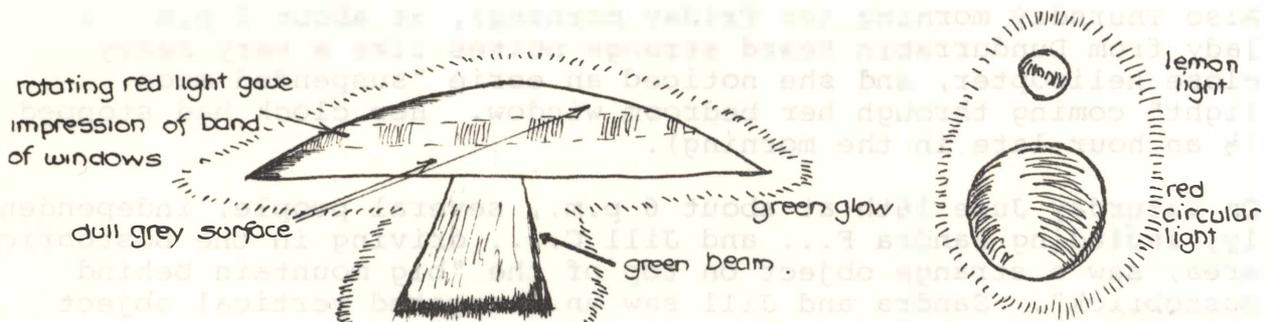
red top alternately glowed brightly then dimmed, but the bottom lights kept flashing. Then the whole object went out for about 2 minutes then came back on and they watched it for about 10 minutes until they lost sight of it near North Dorrigo. Then at the top of MacDowell's Hill (near Dorrigo) they saw a yellow oval object, about 5 times bigger than a star drop down out of the sky in about the same spot.

During this whole sighting period a family in a house at Billy's Creek consisting of a husband and wife, 2 daughters and 2 boys, experienced strange phenomena. During the night a strange humming noise would start, usually happening around 2 in the morning. They tried to find the source of the noise but it appeared to be centered 100' above the house. Everything was checked in, near and at a distance from the house. Nothing would happen for several nights and the noise was usually spaced at 3-4 week intervals. Animals were most agitated during this phenomena.

On Tuesday, June 19th a disc shaped object bright orange in colour followed a car on the Tyringham-Dundurrabin Road.

On Friday, June 22nd a local property owner was awoken by a whirring pulsating noise near his house - there was no explanation for this noise.

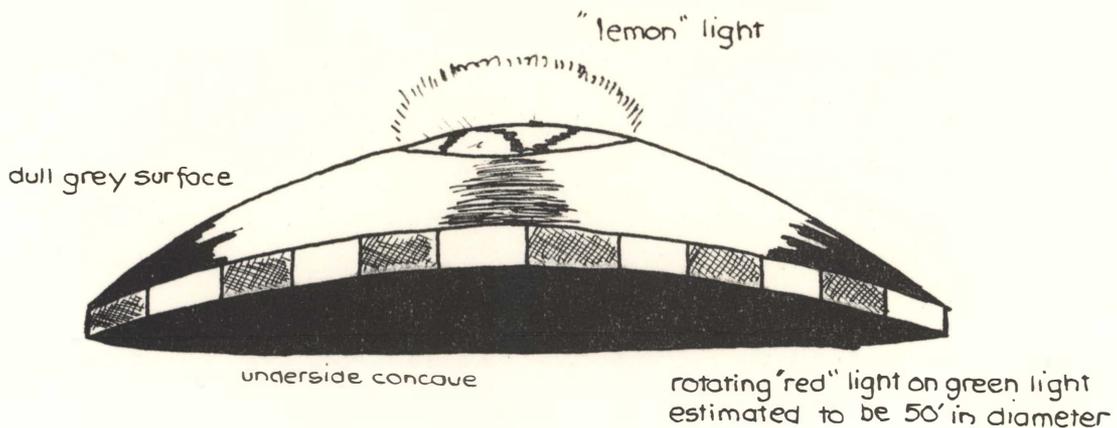
On the 25th June between 6.30 and 7.00 p.m., several members of the D.... family at Dundurrabin saw a large disc-shaped UFO with a green V beam surrounded by a green glow, and about the middle of the disc, there appeared to be a rotating red light. It appeared to be blinking, giving the impression of "windows" about the middle. The green "beam" underneath the object which appeared to be solid, oscillated up and down into the main object more than a dozen times during the observation. 2 of the boys had just gone outside and saw it above the mountain (about 15° elevation) and they called the rest of the family. The red was very bright (NOTE: most of the sightings concur with this i.e. the red light always appears to be the brightest) The green light was an aqua-green. After about 15 minutes, it appeared to go straight down, and most thought the craft would come down behind Boney Mountain, perhaps in the Marengo Flats area. (NOTE: On considering the relative size of the object, the witness was informed that this would make the object very big, however he indicated that to him and the others it did appear that it came down some distance behind Boney Mountain.) The night was clear and the stars were visible. Later that night at about 9.45 - 9.50 p.m. the family saw a flashing red and green light, 5° above the hills in the SSW. It moved to the right apparently above Boney Mountain, then disappeared behind the hills.



UFO seen from Dundurrabin on June 25th.

UFO seen on June 16
from Bostobrick - Tying-
ham Rd.

On Wednesday 27th June a large bright red object - long and rectangular in shape moved up from behind the F.... property. The red object appeared to be trailing what appeared to be a white vapour. It disappeared in the SW.



UFO seen at Tyringham on Thursday June 14th 1973

SUMMARY

We have given details of some of the most interesting sightings. Over a period from May 29th through to September 26th, there were a total of 74 sightings. Most of them were similar or almost the same as the reports we have given you. This whole group of sightings was investigated by Mr. Bill Chalker a UFOIC and APRO representative, assisted by UFOIC's research team over a period of several months. At the conclusion of this exhaustive investigation, Bill Chalker submitted a very detailed and lengthy report which is available for purchase at a cost of \$2.00 per copy. Orders for copies can be sent to the Research Director, P.O. Box 6, Lane Cove. 2066. N.S.W.

A number of investigations in and around Boney Mountain were made by the research team. Nothing was found on the top of Boney Mountain and it was felt that these things were coming down well behind the actual mountain. This area however is virtually inaccessible and it would necessitate a fully equipped team with 5 or 6 days to spare to check the area out.

In conclusion, we have been able to explain a small number of these sightings as meteorites, stars, planets etc. however there still remains a massive proportion of sightings that are totally unexplainable and therefore can be classified as UFO's.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Friday, June 14th 1974 at Railway Institute
Friday, August 23rd, 1974 at Railway Institute

APOLOGY

Due to problems with artwork for "Astronomers and UFOs", we are unable to print the concluding section of this very interesting series. However, it will be printed in the July/August newsletter.

SPECIAL NOTE

It has come to our attention that a man, named Frank Carey has been falsely posing as a UFOIC Investigator. If anyone has contact with him, please notify the Research Director, David Buching as soon as possible.