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EDITORIAL

Documented research into the UFO phenomenon has indicated that whatever UFOs are, they appear in the main, to exhibit a patterned and complex nature. Despite what critics have said in the past, some developments have been made. Significant advances have been made in defining mechanisms by which UFOs appear to be manifested.

Australian research has developed accordingly, within an International perspective of reports. The apparent periodicity of high UFO activity (or "flaps") has led to the suggestion that some UFO patterns can be predicted. Dr. D. Saunders, relying on computerised data, has had some success in forecasting activity in the U.S.A. Here in Australia, certain areas have exhibited almost cyclic activity, but it is hoped that computing our own data will improve our success in the monitoring of "flaps". Mr. Andy Cole and others, have been working on producing a UFO report computer program which we hope will incorporate all documented Australian reports.

Recently, UFOIC has been utilising research equipment which would facilitate in-the-field monitoring of electromagnetic parameters of UFOs. The equipment - the magnovelometer and the electromagnetic spectrum detector - were devised by UFOIC staff member Andrew Cole, a computer technician. This equipment represents a considerable advance on the simple "UFO detectors" which in the past have been used by many enthusiasts without any real consideration of the shortcomings of these devices.

These and other developments, are indicative of changing attitudes towards UFOs. In Australia, such developments are perhaps best reflected in the success of the civilian UFO conference in Terrigal last year. To help continue this trend, a second conference, UFOCON II, will take place at Mount Gambier, South Australia, in October. UFOIC will be in attendance.

Bill Chalker

IMPORTANT NOTICES

The co-ordinators of UFOIC have decided to adopt the organisational format shown above to facilitate a more active operation. We have found in the past that a more formal committee-type operation, often restricted investigation and research.

In recognition of their considerable support of UFOIC in the past, the following Committee members have been elected as Honorary Life Members: Mr. W. E. Moser, J.P., FRAS; Mr. T.V. Homan, Mr. H O'Brien

MEETINGS

Because our old meeting venue at Science House will no longer be available after September, it has been decided to tentatively hold future meetings at the public hall in Blues Point Road, North Sydney (see map).



Patronage by both members and the general public will dictate whether further meetings will be organised.

A public meeting has been set for 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, September 29th, 1976 at the Blues Point Road Hall and topics will include "UFOs and the News Media". It is planned to restrict formal talks and then rely on informal debate and discussion. The advantages of the new venue will include extended hours and tea and coffee facilities.

UFOIC is pleased to announce the projected publication in September of a new national magazine "The UFO Observer" with which the co-ordinators of UFOIC have been closely associated. This magazine will be available through all normal distributors at the cost of \$1, but UFOIC will be supplying the "UFO Observer", initially, at a discount. If successful, we envisage supplying it as part of UFOIC membership subscription in 1977.

We are also pleased to announce that Barton Carter of Lakemba has joined our staff, as a field investigator and we look forward to his active support.

RECENT REPORTS

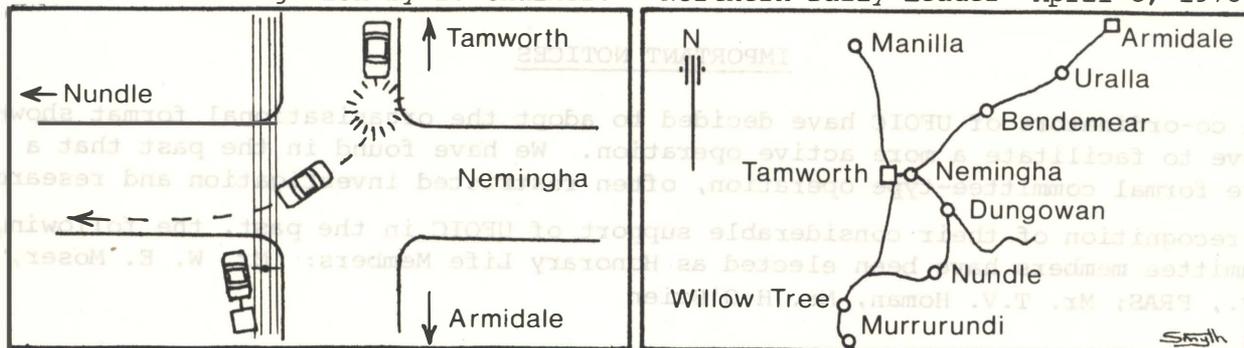
A remarkable "physical trace" case from Nemingha, N.S.W. Monday, March 22nd, 1976
Nemingha, 4½ miles from Tamworth proper

At about 5.45 a.m. a Murrurundi couple were parked under a street light, opposite the Nemingha Hotel, studying a road map, when they noticed a small white car with its headlights on, approaching from Tamworth. The couple stepped from their car, hoping to ask the driver for directions.

Suddenly, a bright greenish-yellow light descended from above and completely enveloped the small car. The car drifted across the road and stopped on the wrong side of the road, now enveloped in a thick ball of white haze. The car lights were no longer visible.

After about 2 minutes, the haze disappeared and a woman stepped from the car. With a cloth she proceeded to wipe the windscreen which seemed to be covered in a white substance. After a few minutes, she was about to get back into her car when to her obvious surprise, the car lights came back on. The woman threw away the cloth which then burst into flames. The woman then, driving slowly, passed the couple (who by then had been joined by a driver of a utility truck) and took the road to Nundle. The car appeared to be covered in a thick white substance not unlike white paint. The only part of the car not covered was where the windscreen wipers were working.

Source: Investigation by B. Chalker. "Northern Daily Leader" April 8, 1976



A "Repeater: from the Campbelltown area

A number of researchers argue that the suggested statistical improbability that one person observing what is generally regarded as being a random phenomenon, on a number of occasions, makes that percipient somewhat suspect, in terms of the validity of their respective experiences.

We think that most researchers would agree on the policy of assessing each "repeater" situation on its respective merits. The following sections detail one such "repeater" and UFOIC concludes, on the basis of the testimony presented and assessment of the percipients credibility, that the reports appear to be valid.

At about 5.45 a.m. on April 30, 1976 on the Menangle Road between Douglas Park and Maldon, a triangular shaped object hovered over a motorist for about 20 secs. before moving off slowly in a north-west direction, following the lie of the land. When it approached the nearby range, it did not gain any altitude, but just skimmed over the tops of the trees and eventually disappeared from sight. Incidentally triangular shaped objects featured in sightings at Malibar Beach (25.2.76) and Kempsey (5.7.76) again at about 5.30 a.m.

The motorist who made the above report also observed another strange UFO on July 12, 1976 at about 5.50 a.m. on the Camden Road between Campbelltown and Narellan. He noticed a very bright white light in a paddock to his left. Stopping, he observed that the big light of undefinable shape appeared to be moving across the paddock, in a line of flight, almost heading directly towards his stationary position. The motorist drove into a steep siding, which enabled him to shine his driving lights almost directly onto the large light.

The light immediately vanished, and then reappeared almost instantaneously. It continued moving along its straight course moving closer to the car. At about 100 yards from the road, the light banked to the left and began to move parallel to the road. The motorist immediately reversed out of the cutting and began to follow the light. The witness accelerated his car up to about 90 m.p.h., over about a mile, down the road. The light continued to move steadily ahead of the car.

The light then slowed down to about 30 m.p.h. and thinking that the light was slowing down to stop, the motorist slowed down and stopped. The light then banked to the right, crossing the road, about 50 yards in front of the car, and at an apparent altitude of only 200 feet. The light continued on this new course, eventually passing over some trees.

Source: Investigation by B. Chalker

A Possible Daylight Disc Over Sydney

On June 1, 1976 at about 6.50 a.m. the breakfast announcer at 2UE, broadcasting from North Sydney observed a strange orange light in the north eastern sky. It looked like a contrail attached to a brilliant flattish-shape light. He described it as being very much like a rocket, as seen in the Saturn V launching. Because of its unusual nature, the announcer commented about it over the air, and subsequently received about 6 calls describing a similar phenomenon.

One of the callers, a woman, living in an apartment block adjacent to Bondi Beach appeared to have had the best view of the object. She also watched it with binoculars and could make out a distinct disc shaped object with two "rocket type lights" beneath it. The object hovered for about three to four minutes then it banked slightly to the right and moved into the morning haze.

The radio announcer indicated that he observed it for about 3-4 minutes then it appeared to fade and finally disappeared altogether. Checks with authorities indicated that there were no aircraft flights in the area.

Source: Investigation by B. Chalker and B. Carter

In the UFOIC Newsletter No. 44, we reported on our investigations into a bizarre case which occurred at Norah Head on June 8, 1975. The events described involved a "ghost light" which issued smaller objects, which in turn were alleged to have "attacked" some of the witnesses. The details of this event seemed to be without precedent, but because of recent investigations by B. Chalker, M. Smyth and H. Griesberg (A.C.O.S.) a similar case, occurring only a few hundred yards away from the above event, has come to light. The investigators were able to determine that neither groups of percipients would have been aware of each others' sighting. Details of the latter case are included below.

A man and a woman were in a parked car near the Norah Head Kiosk, in light rain, at about 12.45 a.m. early in February 1973. They soon noticed a street light near the kiosk, behaving rather erratically - it was dimming on and off and eventually faded out to a faint glow.

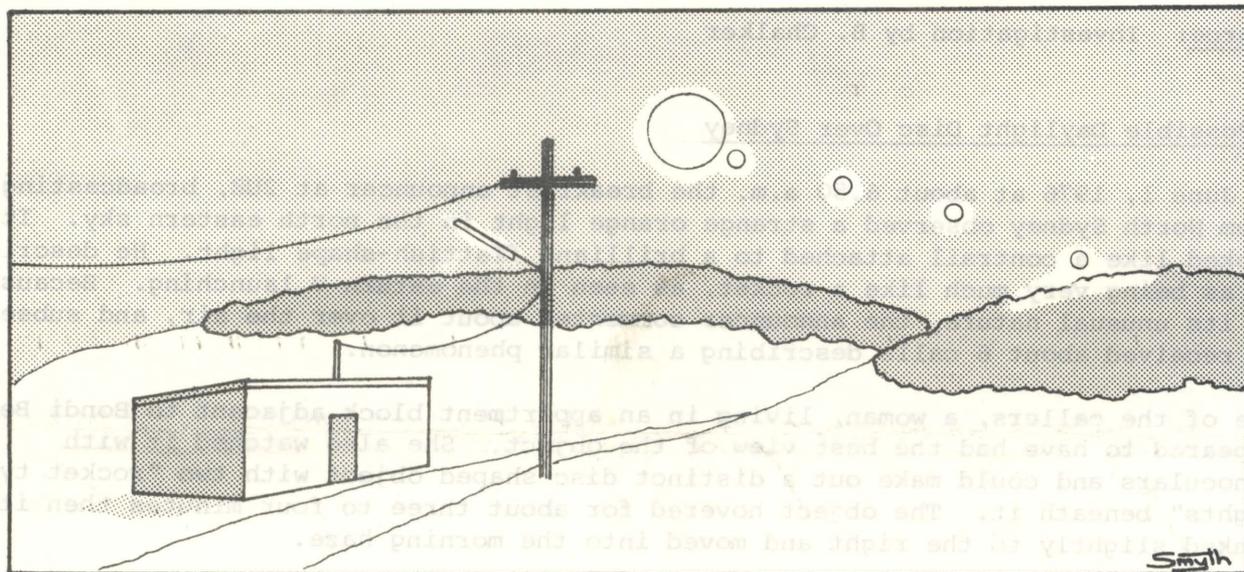
Then from just beyond some trees in about the same direction as the street light (south west) they observed a bright golden coloured ball (the apparent size of the full moon) rise up and then hover in the air. After a few minutes the object changed colour through gold, orange to deep red. The couple decided to drive closer, for a better view of the strange object, but they were alarmed by the failure of their car to start. The only response was from the head lights which only came on with a very dull illumination. This frightening development made the couple determined to stay inside the car, to await the outcome of the object's motions.

Then for several seconds, a number of small red glowing balls shot out from a point between the middle and bottom of the object. These balls, travelled obliquely downwards for some distance, and then appeared to drop down behind trees. The trees were momentarily illuminated by the presence of these balls.

The object itself, then appeared to rise slowly and moved away to the south west eventually disappearing from sight. The street light came on to normal brilliance and the car started straight away with the first attempt.

The car battery was a new one and a subsequent garage check could find nothing wrong with the vehicle. The starter motor has not given any trouble since the incident.

The area from which the UFO rose consisted of dense scrub and with the continuing rain prevented any subsequent attempt to determine whether there were any physical traces.



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