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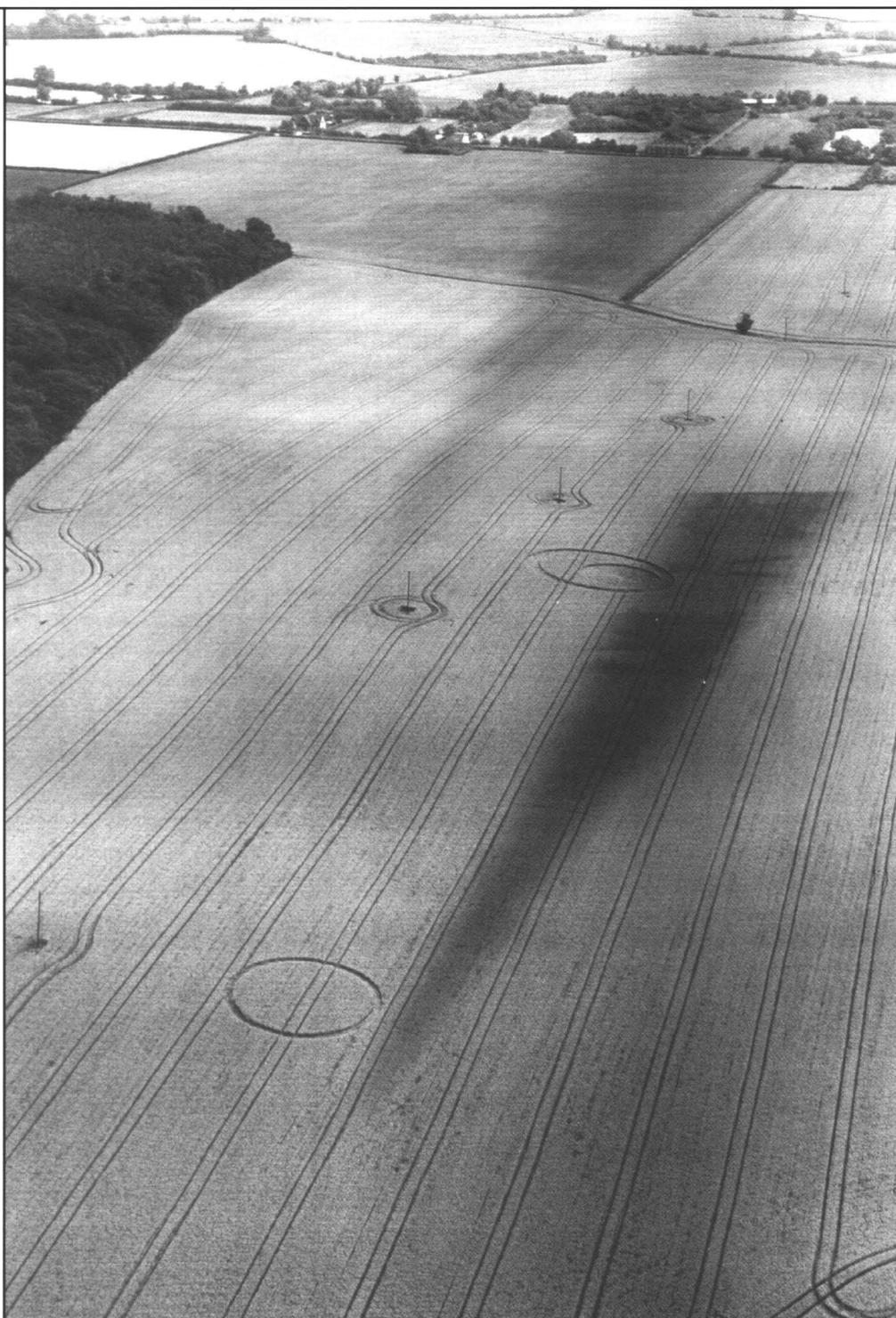
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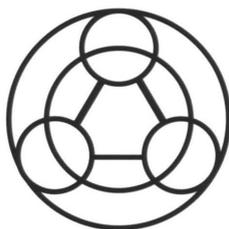
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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Ray Cox

NOTICES FOR CCCS MEMBERS FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2004

The AGM will be held on **Saturday, 3rd. April** at 2.00pm at an address in a Wiltshire town with rail links. It will be necessary for members to let us know if they intend to be present. This must be done by **13th. March** as we have to know the number attending. Please advise our Secretary, Joyce Galley, or Ray Cox, by letter, telephone or e-mail (details on page 2 of *The Circular*). Please note that Joyce (only) will not be able to take messages during March.

Agenda items

If any member has an item for discussion to be placed on the agenda for the AGM this must also be given notice of by **13th. March**. Please note that only items placed on the agenda for the AGM will be discussed.

CCCS Council

There are some vacancies for the CCCS Council. If any member feels he/she would like to contribute in a more active way to the subject and to CCCS in particular, please let us know. Being on the CCCS Council can be a fulfilling and interesting side to your involvement in the subject as well as the opportunity to meet and discuss with like-minded friends. The Council has 4 meetings a year. However, one of them is on the morning of the AGM and 2 others - currently, but it may be revised - are "electronic" (e-mail) and telephone/postal "meetings". So there are just 2 occasions during the year when you would have to travel. Nominations should likewise be advised by **13th. March**. Ideally, a prospective Council member should be nominated by another paid-up CCCS member, but if you would like to be nominated and cannot find another member to nominate you do not be deterred from applying yourself.

CCCS CONFERENCE 2004 - ADVANCE NOTICE

The 2004 Conference will be a one-day event and will take place on **Saturday, 26th. June**, 10.00am to 5.00pm. The convenient venue is the Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London - right opposite the entrance to Euston Station. There will be five speakers and the theme will be based on research. At the end of each speaker's session there will be time given to questions and discussion, and at the end, at 5.00pm., there will be a forum for those who wish to stay. Packed lunches or buffet lunches will be available. There are also cafés nearby. The cost for lunches (which will need to be ordered in advance) and the conference fee - not yet finalised, but it will be very reasonable to members - will be advised shortly, either in the next issue of *The Circular* or separately. Unlike the AGM, the Conference is, of course, for members and non-members alike. Reserve this date in your diary and calendar. We hope you will be able to join us for a stimulating and enjoyable day.

George Bishop

Readers will notice that our editor George Bishop has relinquished the editorship of *The Circular*. (This issue has been prepared by former editor of both *The Circular* and *The Cereologist*, John Sayer.)

An opportunity now arises to extend grateful thanks to George on a number of counts. He has been our longest serving editor of the magazine, editing 13 issues from 1996 to 2000, and being involved in another 2 issues when there was no overall editor at one point after the end of this period. With the end of Terry Wilson's editorship (#42) George again stepped in to edit a further 6 issues, to #50. George's enthusiasm, energy and time together with his devotion to the subject and CCCS in particular has been exemplary. The word "commitment" springs to mind, especially when we remember that editing and preparing a journal is an engrossing and time-consuming occupation, and a spare-time one at that.

Yet George's activities with CCCS do not stop there. During this period George was for some time CCCS Chairman, and since then he has remained a Council member (though he now feels that the time has come to leave this duty also after a goodly number of years). In addition, he has arranged the speakers and format of the annual CCCS Conference for the last few years.

Furthermore - and this may possibly be the most important area of George Bishop's activities if there remains an interest in the history of our subject - he has for some time maintained the CCCS Archive, an ever-growing compilation of material to save for posterity and which must by now be one of the largest crop circles archives in existence. The CCCS Archive was, of course, one of the reasons for the creation of the organisation over twelve years ago. Thank you, George.

The Cere(a)(o)logist

The first issue of *The Cereologist* was published in the summer of 1990 shortly after the inauguration of the Centre for Crop Circle Studies. Edited by John Michell, it contained articles by George Wingfield, Ralph Noyes, Patrick Harpur and John Haddington. In addition, numerous items of comment, information and an excited ambience pervaded this first issue of what was in reality a mouthpiece for CCCS in its early days. When *The Circular* (edited by Bob Kingsley) became the CCCS journal in 1991 *The Cereologist* became, with #3, an independent publication. Yet, as a mouthpiece bearing a family relationship to CCCS, its writers and, indeed, subsequent editors, were CCCS members and officials and the journal has never really been very far away from the CCCS fold; and now there's something of the feel of a homecoming about it.

The Cereologist has consistently maintained a high standard of editorship, production and quality of writing and reporting

that is second to none in the subject of cereology.

As such, it has been a notable ambassador for our subject wherever it has been on show or bought. It has also maintained a loyal band of subscribers. Whilst the editor has changed over the years the appearance of the journal has retained a remarkably similar style, which was also to its credit.

As early as issue #3 John Michell pointed out that some learned people had commented that the title was etymologically incorrect, and proceeded to change the title to *The Cerealogist*. (Scholar R. H. S. Robertson had written: “‘Cereologist’ is a mixture of Latin and Greek and has an unfortunate vowel-change forby. ‘Cerealis’ means relating to Ceres, the goddess of corn, and the ‘a’ should be preserved even in multilingual compounds.”) The new name, however, lasted for only three issues as many readers had written to say they did not like the new pedantically correct spelling. Views were divided amongst a number of prominent cereo(a)logists and others. John Michell suggested a vote on the issue, the result of which was to keep the original spelling. The “a”, though, was quietly back in the title from #8 in 1993, with (amusingly?) no comment from the editor.

From #10 John Michell handed over the tiller to George Wingfield and with #17 in 1996 John Sayer joined George Wingfield as joint editor. From #20 in the autumn of 1997 John became sole editor and he (wait for it!) resurrected the original title spelling. John Sayer has been the longest serving editor of the journal until, sadly, its last issue #36 this year. *The Cereologist* web site continues however, and, as you see, from issue #50 of *The Circular* reflected the new joint association.

Flights of Fancy

I spotted on one book stall that the monthly *UFO Magazine* had been placed in the Transport section. Obviously the assistant must indeed be a believer in the ETH (Extra-Terrestrial Hypothesis). In W H Smith, the magazine is often found alongside the journal *Astronomy*. The ETH certainly is alive and well.

In fact, it is! It has been alive and well for a number of years now after being somewhat relegated to a back burner for a time - in the 1970s I think, when we were reading and hearing quite a lot about other dimensions, ultra-terrestrials, the electromagnetic, etc. But it was obvious to ufologists in the main that UFOs had to “come from somewhere”, so they had to be “travellers”. From here it’s a short step these days to accepting space ships with pilots from various places around the universe. What’s more, one can get around the distance problem by evoking quantum physics and bypasses of time/space and so on. Putting UFOs in a science category means ufologists and even the public are to consider UFOs as science when they cannot be a science and have not been for fifty years and more. Ufology has no coherence and cannot be a science due to its esoteric nature - “here today, gone today”. It’s an interest for interested groups and individuals. Yes, UFOs have been coming and going for years - and people in all walks

of life have been affected by the experiences they have had of what they have considered “the unknown”. Ufology cannot be controlled or monitored. The subject is beyond control - at least human control.

Perhaps, though, it is the hand of what has been called The Trickster! Looking at it from the point of view of the psychologist Jung, a trickster is a “root” archetype, an image shared by all human beings. Some believe that such archetypes are amorphous concentrations of psychic energy and that these can assume a variety of forms and affect the physical realm. Here there certainly seems to be a correlation with crop circles. At least with the circles, one can go and study them in the fields in a sort of quasi-scientific manner. It’s because it’s quasi that, again, mainstream science has been less than respectful.

The Trickster is the chap we have commented on before and we may be more than halfway to a recognition of the reality of both UFOs and crop circles if we take him on board. After all, one of The Trickster’s attributes is being one step ahead; another is shape-shifting; another is changing the scene when we think we’ve clinched something. In Greek mythology, Hermes is the famous trickster, a boundary crosser (he lives there). He also deconstructs by turning views and hierarchies inside out and upside down. The Trickster is a paradox and a contradiction, irrational and stealthy, and he loves deception and lies. (And why not conspiracies as well?) The Trickster also alters time, “abducts” people or makes them see a crop circle when they think about one or when they are sure “there wasn’t one there when I passed by half an hour ago”. The Trickster taunts. He is concerned with all matters supernatural or paranormal, and of the borderland. Opposite to all this would be such things as order, structure and clear lines of demarcation etc. The Trickster plays with hoaxers just the same, fear not. Is he not here in our realm today? Is he not lying and deceiving as well as laughing - and making us laugh? UFOs and crop circles and many other manifestations apply to such an archetype. And what’s more he can have an effect upon the physical world... as well as the mental one.

The Trickster is involved in the human sphere in a very big way. We should be very careful as well as amused. This is particularly so for researchers. One of the effects of dealing with these subjects is to become destabilised and lose critical judgment, indeed become affected by irrational behaviour sometimes. How often have we heard of ruined marriages and sometimes careers? Perhaps we should occasionally sit back, take things in our stride and become a little more dispassionate.

So, given that they should be there, where ought we to find crop circle magazines on the magazine stall? Next to *Fortean Times* perhaps? (They certainly should be interested in The Trickster.) Maybe the Gardening section would do.

Two recommended books about The Trickster are: *Daimonic Reality: Understanding Otherworld Encounters* by Patrick Harpur (1994). This has lots on crop circles. *The Trickster and the Paranormal* by George P. Hansen (2001) Xlibris. This has lots on UFOs.

FIELD TRIP TO POLAND

Daniel Lobb



I have been involved with crop circles since 1990, when I first walked into a formation which I noticed by chance at the side of the road between Andover and Winchester. Since this time I have been fascinated by the crop circles and their ethereal beauty.

The numerous possible agencies suggested to be creating the formations have also intrigued me. My approach to the phenomenon has always been quite methodical. I look closely at the lay of the crop and condition of the plants. This approach will often reveal clues about how the pattern has been created: for example, many formations have underlying pathways which have been flattened before the majority of the crop.

By looking at the plants, I began to notice in the mid 90s differences between the flattened plants and control or normal plants from the rest of the field. The main difference noticed was holes in the nodes of the flattened plants. Around this time I read of the work of BLT and Mr. Levenoood's ("L" of BLT) analysis of plants and soils from crop circles. The first thing I noticed about their work was the "expulsion cavity" theory to explain the holes in the nodes. I feel that their pioneering scientific work is invaluable when trying to understand what agency has created the formation. Also, as their work offered a possible answer to one of the effects I had noticed in the field, I researched their approach further. I attended a conference in about 1999 in Alton Barnes when Nancy Talbott ("T" of BLT) was giving a lecture about their work. After this talk I arranged to meet Nancy the following day and offer to help BLT as a Field Worker, taking samples of plants and soils from UK formations. The following year I worked with Nancy in the Avebury area to sample two formations and organised the drying and shipping of the hundreds of samples to the USA.

I regularly speak with Nancy on the telephone and hear some amazing accounts of occurrences in crop circles and UFO related stories. Whilst speaking with Nancy early this summer, she told me about the situation in Poland. She had been contacted by Robert Bervatomitz, the man organising crop circle research in Poland and he had told Nancy about various

events which have happened there in the last few years. He has managed to establish a base in Wylatowo, a farming village in the north-east of Poland. He has rented a particular house each summer for the past few years as it backs onto fields which have had many formations. This year he set up three video cameras to monitor the whole area 24 hours a day. He has set up the Nautilus Foundation to organise research into crop circles in Poland (see web site address in References).

After speaking to Nancy about various events in Poland I said I would very much like to meet her there and study the formations for myself. The main reason I wanted to go was to look at the phenomenon in a country outside the UK. I sometimes find the situation here a little demoralising with so many man-made formations dominating the landscape each summer. I hoped that by going to a country outside of the well-known crop circle territory I would find a phenomenon of more sincerity. Nancy phoned me back a few days after our initial conversation and said she had arranged for me to see her there. I was amazed I was actually going and was full of anticipation.

The journey to Poland was epic, by car to Heathrow, flight to Düsseldorf, then a flight to Berlin. I was met at Berlin by Raphael, a Polish man living in Berlin and working as an economist. He was an old school friend of Robert's and agreed to meet me and escort me to Wylatowo. From the airport we caught a bus to the train station, then took a double-decker train through Berlin to Frankfurt on the Polish border. We took a taxi to the border station and then walked over the bridge across the river which is the border. Finally, 12 hours after leaving home, I was standing in Poland. We waited in Bar Casablanca, drinking banana juice, to meet another Raphael, from Mogilo. Mogilo is a small town near Wylatowo. Raphael II works as the town mayor's assistant and turned out to be a great help to us. He arrived and we began a 156-mile drive through the night to get to Wylatowo. We arrived at the Nautilus Research Headquarters' house at about 1.30am., where I met up with Nancy and met Robert. It was pitch black around the house, as it is on the edge of the village. There were lots of people around, watching the sky and talking. There is a balcony which runs the length of the house on the side overlooking the fields. This makes a popular spot for sky watching. After a short while, Robert drove us to our hotel, which was about two miles away from the village, and I slept like a log!

I awoke fairly early the next morning and had buttery scrambled eggs for breakfast. I was waiting for a phone call from Robert, as it had been arranged that I would be interviewed by a Polish TV company in a crop circle. While I was waiting, an incredible thunderstorm brewed up so the interview was called off. At about noon Raphael II and Anna, his assistant, arrived to drive us to Mogilo and visit a very old church on the bank of a lake. Nancy and myself were asked to sign the Visitors Book and I believe we were the first to write English in the book, as the area has very few, if any, tourists.

(Fig. 1)



Later on in the afternoon we visited my first Polish crop circle. We were joined by Slovack, who works as a translator most of the time and is also a member of the Nautilus Foundation. Looking at the formation, there were no visible changes to the plants and the lay of the crop was predictable and very flat. The patterns seemed random and ill-considered. This formation was in the fields in front of the Nautilus Headquarters, about a quarter of a mile away from the house. It was placed on a point just between two video cameras' field of vision. The cameras' range did not overlap and this formation had happened precisely where this blank spot was. I was quite unimpressed by the quality of this formation and could find nothing to suggest it wasn't man-made.

Next, we crossed the road past the village sign and down a track to the next formation. The village sign has been put up to include a UFO and information about a local web site recently (*Fig. 1*). Wylatowo in Poland now has the notoriety of Alton Barnes in England. It was by now late afternoon and about 35°C. We arrived at the next formation and met the farmer's wife, who had her photograph taken with us and gave me a set of aerial photographs of the Wylatowo formations. There was a wide trodden path into the next formation (*Fig. 2*) from the edge of the field, as thousands of people had visited the site after extensive coverage on the Polish TV news this summer. The shape of the main formation was an elongated pattern of interlocking rings with flattened sections in the centre. Next to this was a triangular formation with circles flattened on the points. Both patterns occurred on the same night. By looking around the edges of the formations, where

(Fig. 2)



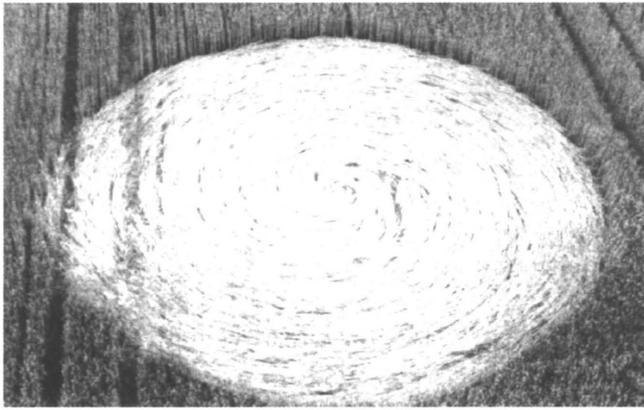
the plants were less damaged, I could see that there were definite changes to the flattened crop. I had picked up a control sample of plants from near the edge of the field on the way into the formation to compare to the flattened crop. I noticed definite elongation of the nodes in the plants that had been flattened when compared to the controls. It is suggested that this elongation has been caused by a short burst of microwave energy turning the moisture in the plants to steam. In young green plants this steam causes elongation and in older, more brittle, plants it causes the expulsion cavities (see BLT website address in References). When I see these changes it is encouraging, as in the past formations which have visible changes often come out as significantly altered when full sampling and analysis is carried out. To fully sample a formation of this size and complexity would take one to two days and hundreds of samples of clumps of plants and soil. This is obviously expensive both for the time and packaging, postage and lab work and we did not have financial backing so could not complete any full sampling in Poland. But the visible indications were there, suggesting it would be worth sampling and looking for statistical significance.

We then walked further down the track to the next two formations. One of these was a simple circle adjacent to a pattern of interlocking circles (*Fig. 3*). I could see no obvious signs of changes to the plants in the circle or interlocking circles and any changes there were, were not at all dramatic. These two formations were very close to the other two and quite similar in design. They, too, were quite trodden by visitors. It was now about 6.30pm. and Raphael II arrived to take us to a barbecue at the mayor of Mogilo's house where we enjoyed a pleasant evening in the garden. Later on Robert drove Nancy and myself back to Wylatowo to share some of the accounts he had gathered of unusual events and UFO sightings in Poland.

Of these events, one of the most interesting was a case of a red disc-shaped object over a field in front of a farmhouse. The grandmother of the house noticed the object as she was going to bed. The object was very slowly descending over the field. The next morning she told the rest of the family about what she had witnessed. The grandson of the house, Milosz Kuss, went out into the field and noticed, behind the crop, on an area of long grass, a rough ring of stones. The stones were green in colour and mainly about the size of footballs. He could not lift the large stones, but picked up a small, golf-ball sized stone. This stone is currently undergoing analysis by BLT Research to find out what it is made of and where it is from.

The day before leaving Poland we visited another two

(Fig. 3)



formations near Gniezno, about 10 miles from Wylatoro. It was very hot that day and the crop was very ripe. It was reported as two circles, but there were lots of additions to the formation. The field was close to Gniezno's bypass and near a housing area. I could see nothing interesting in the way that the plants were lying, or the plants themselves. The additions were flattened in the same way as the main two circles and, based on previous experience and the location, I am sure the whole thing was man-made.

The next formation was just across the valley, about 10 minutes' walk away (Fig. 4). It was on a steep slope below some electricity wires and had been reported as a single circle. On closer inspection, the formation was made up of apparently randomly flattened crop with a very rough edge. Looking around I found lots of the plants were stripped of grain and

(Fig. 4)



most were kinked over about 8 inches off the ground. I remembered seeing a similar formation a few years ago near Ludgershall in Wiltshire, which also had lots of black feathers all around the flattened area. All these points suggest that crows had made the circles. When feeding, they land in a gap in the field and turn back to back and work their way out. As they eat at the same rate they form a rough circle in the field. This was the last circle we visited in Poland. The next morning I had to begin my return journey.

The people I met in Poland were very helpful and friendly. Their interest in the phenomenon reminded me of the atmosphere in this country in the early 90s: a genuine belief that something amazing is happening. It was enjoyable to spend time with such warm, optimistic people.

Nancy also has such a strong belief in a genuine phenomenon and has so many accounts and studies to back up her belief that spending time with her is refreshing. Her dedication to this area of study is commendable.

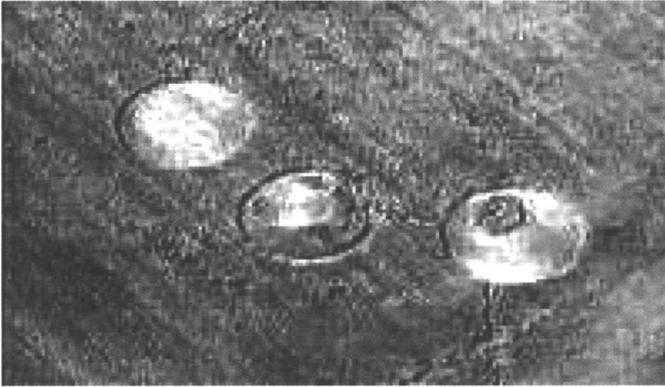
I had wanted to visit Poland to see crop circles outside of the UK and hoped to find a simpler, more clear-cut phenomenon. What I found was a situation very similar to the UK, only smaller. I still found the experience rewarding, only it was the people I met that encouraged me. The formations remained as mysterious and inconclusive as ever.

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INITIAL FIELD REPORT OF THE KEKOSKEE/MAYVILLE FORMATION

Jeffrey Wilson



Introduction

On July 23rd. & 24th. 2003 a private scientific research team documented physical evidence that confirmed Art Rantala's eyewitness observation that the Mayville/Kekoskee, Wisconsin crop circle formation was not made by hoaxers.

The team consisted of Gary Kahliner of Horicon, Wisconsin, Dr. Charles Lietzau and Jeffrey Wilson of Michigan, and Roger Sugden of Indiana. Arriving at the field on July 23rd. 2003, we discovered and photographed the presence of several anomalies that cannot be duplicated by hoaxers.

Eyewitness Account

Art Rantala, a retired truck driver, on July 4th. 2003 at approximately 7:30am. Central Daylight Time (CDT), was up early making coffee in his workshop and watching a weather front that was moving across the Dodge County, Wisconsin area. His workshop is located a few miles from the town of Mayville and the village of Kekoskee, and situated at the top of a hill overlooking a wheat field across the street (owned by a Mrs. Schraufnagel, and farmed by a third party). Art poured his first cup of coffee at 7:35am. CDT, noticing the time on his coffee maker. A few minutes later (approx. 7:40am. CDT), as the rain was falling, the wind picked up, and Mr. Rantala noticed that the bark began flying off a hickory nut tree that was about 10ft. outside his open, east-facing workshop window.

He leaned out the window to take a closer look. Mr. Rantala then noticed that directly across the street, a group of trees "started swinging every which-way." He said that as he followed the trees blowing around, his gaze naturally followed down to the wheat field where the circles appeared one by one, right in front of him.

The northernmost circle, farthest away from the road (which we have named Circle #1 in order of appearance), formed first, appearing as a "black hole" in the standing wheat that was

created when the circle of wheat was flattened down. Next, the southernmost circle closest to the road formed (Circle #2), followed by the one in the centre (Circle #3). Mr. Rantala said all the circles were flattened in roughly 12 seconds, but no more than 15 seconds. Mr. Rantala's important eyewitness observation to the crop circles forming may be the first ever recorded in the USA, and is certainly one of only a couple of dozen reported worldwide in the last 50 years. Mr. Rantala reported that there was no apparent means for the wheat to have been swirled and flattened - nothing unusual in the sky, no lights, no unusual sounds, and no unusual odours.

Whatever the energetic force was that caused the circles to form, it was beyond the range of visible sight.

Plant Anomalies

Many of the plants inside these circles, though, bear witness to the formative energies in the form of "blown node collars" or expulsion cavities. The joint or node collars were flash-heated by so much energy that their internal moisture turned to steam, causing them to explode and rupture like popcorn. We also located plants with blown node collars inside "randomly-downed" patches of flattened wheat that were also found in the field as far away as 500ft. from the circle formation.

Blown node collars have never been found in any hoaxed crop circles, nor in any control samples that have ever been studied. There is no known technology that is able to duplicate this blown node collar effect on thousands of plants in these downed areas of crop fields. However, this effect has been reproduced by putting stems into a microwave oven and cooking them for a short time. The appearance, then, of these blown node collars is conclusive evidence - in itself - that these circles were not flattened by human-mechanical means. We also discovered several wheat stems with "seed axis deformities."

These seed axis deformities are affected sections of the stalk just below the seed head, and have been twisted around in a "curly-q" effect. This has been reported in only a few crop circles worldwide, and was first reported in 1999 in a crop circle formation in the UK near Avebury in Wiltshire. This deformity has also never been found in standing plants or control samples.

We also followed the L-NEAT (Levengood Node Elongation Analysis Test) scientific protocol to determine if there was a statistical difference in the measurement of growth nodes of plants inside the circles as compared to the measured length of growth nodes of control plants taken from outside the circles in the standing wheat. This test positively identified the fact that the growth nodes of plants found inside the circles were

statistically larger than the growth nodes of plants measured from outside the circles in the standing wheat. This elongation or enlargement of the growth nodes of these plants cannot be duplicated by any demonstrated hoaxing techniques. This positive result from L-NEAT test, then, independently and conclusively confirms that no human-mechanical means were used in the creation of these crop circles.

Our team also obtained plant samples and control samples for further analysis. We also understand that plant samples were collected by researchers from the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire and Madison, and have been forwarded to biophysicist W. C. Levengood of Grass Lake, Michigan, and to Nancy Talbott of the BLT, Inc. Research Team of Cambridge, Massachusetts. We look to them to carry out many of the time-consuming studies necessary to document the characteristics of the formative energies, but those laboratory results will take months and we wanted to conclusively determine the authenticity of the formation while it was still fresh. Bent growth nodes in the past have been used as a determination of the authenticity of crop circle formations, but that methodology does not always work. Both phototropism and geotropism can cause node bending after crops are flattened, although it has been shown experimentally to take several days for those processes to exhibit a noticeable growth node bending effect. Because we arrived at the formation almost three weeks after it formed, we did not use node bending as a criterion for authenticity, nor as it turns out, did we need to.

Soil Anomaly and Sampling

Further, we carried out the collection process for obtaining soil samples and conclusively noted another anomaly. Roger Sugden did a preliminary field test of the soil using a magnet and discovered that the soil showed a high magnetic response.

As we continued the field test, we obtained soil samples on a north-south line across the formation and we again tested the soil for this magnetic effect. Every sample from inside the circles was found to consist of soil that showed this highly magnetic response. We also applied this test to the control samples we obtained from outside the circles, beginning with soil just outside the flattened wheat areas and continuing to several hundred yards away to the back of the field. Only two of the samples close to the circle formation showed this property of being highly magnetic, while the others taken farther away showed signs of having some magnetic particles but at a much lower proportion. Using the statistical Fisher Exact Probability Test, the soil samples are significant at $p = 0.0147$. This in-the-field observational test shows that the soil inside the circles anomalously consisted of more magnetic particles than the control soil outside the circles in the same field. We are planning to further analyse the soil samples in a lab environment.

GPS Anomaly

The crop circle formation is located at 43°31.81m N latitude, and 88°31.59m W longitude. This location was confirmed through using two different Global Positioning System (GPS)

units. However, we were unable to conclusively obtain an approximate feet-above-sea-level measurement from within the formation. Our attempt resulted in a constantly changing measurement ranging from -242ft. below sea level to over +1142ft. above sea level (the area is approximately +566ft. above sea level). This effect on the GPS system was witnessed by the entire team and videotaped. The effect was not noted in GPS control readings taken from outside the formation. Noting the anomaly, we carried out a statistical test from several areas from within Circle #2 and compared them to readings taken with the GPS from outside the circles that conclusively determined the anomalous effect existed.

Considering that our team arrived nearly three weeks after the crop circles formed, we did not expect to find the presence of any residual electromagnetic anomalies. In fact, we did conduct a preliminary electromagnetic field measurement soon after arriving at the location. We took measurements from inside the formation and from outside the formation which showed no elevated measurements of either electric field strength or magnetic field strength. So, due to time constraints, and considering our past experience of not finding high E-M readings more than approximately 10 days after circle formation, we abandoned those tests. It was only later that we noted the GPS anomaly, which remains unexplained, and may not have been caused the presence of high electromagnetic fields, but by some other undetermined cause.

Crop Circle Formation Description and Measurements

The Kekoskee/Mayville, Wisconsin formation is interesting in several aspects - although Mr. Rantala described the formation event as each circle flattening individually one by one, the three circles are related to each other through their design form. Circle #1 and Circle #3 are connected by a pathway that was part of the original formation, creating a classic "dumbbell"-type shape (two circles connected by a pathway), aligned in a north-south direction. Circle #2 was isolated in the field (and offset from the N-S alignment), but was related to Circle #3 in an interesting way.

The obvious feature of Circle #3 is the standing crescent of wheat which has been created through the offset flattening of a circle of wheat. The obvious feature of Circle #2 is the standing circle of wheat, which then creates a flattened "crescent". Although all the circles (including the standing one) when measured prove to be elliptical, when you compare the flattened interior circle's diameter of Circle #3 with the diameter of the standing circle of wheat in Circle #2 along their NE/SW diameters, they both measure 22ft. across. Circle #2 and Circle #3 are in alignment NE/SW. All the circles when measured along their E/W diameter were 42ft. exactly.

Pathway - measurements: 18' long (flattened from south to north) by 2'2" wide. We believe that this formation began to be formed with this pathway. We could clearly follow the pathway's flattened wheat into the lay of Circle #1, where there was a "ring" of flattened wheat that was layered over the top of it, swirled counter-clockwise. All of the wheat in Circle #1's "central circle" was flattened directly to the north, which

was at the northernmost point flattened over the top of the flattened ring.

Circle #1 - measurements: ("ring" swirled counter-clockwise, interior "circle" flattened south to north) N/S - 42' diam. N/S interior ring 6'6"/4'9". N/S centre diam. 30'9". NW/SE - 43' diam. NW/SE interior ring 6'2"/9". NW/SE centre diam. 27'10". E/W - 42' diam. E/W interior ring 8'6". E/W centre diam. 28'.

Circle #2 - measurements: (flattened areas swirled counter-clockwise) N/S - 46'2" diam. N/S standing wheat diam. 17'. N/S ring to standing crop 3'8". NW/SE - 40'6" diam. NW/SE standing wheat diam. 22'. NW/SE ring to standing crop 3'. E/W - 42' diam. E/W standing wheat diam. 17'. E/W ring to standing crop 8'6".

Circle #3 - measurements: (both exterior "ring" and interior circle swirled counter-clockwise) N/S - 40'6" diam. N/S interior ring 2'8"/4'9". N/S centre diam. 22'. NW/SE - 44' diam. NW/SE interior ring 3'1"/3". NW/SE centre diam. 22'. E/W - 42' diam. E/W interior ring 8'6". E/W centre diam. 23'.

Circle #3's central point of the swirl was offset from the "true" centre by about 3' (N radius 11', S radius 11', E radius 10', W radius 13').

There were also many areas of "randomly-downed" sections of flattened wheat in this same field which exhibited the weaving and swirls associated with crop circle formation, but without any geometric design to these areas.

Crop Circle Location Geology and Context

The second day of our investigation began with the team splitting up to gather additional context information. Roger Sugden rented a plane and hired a pilot to take several aerial photos of the formation. Dr. Chuck Lietzau and Gary Kahliner went back to the formation site to examine more plants and take additional samples. I (Jeffrey Wilson) went to investigate several nearby Indian mound formations and gather information about the area from the local Chamber of Commerce in nearby Horicon, Wisconsin.

The local area, we learned, is very unique and may have had a contributing role to play in why the crop circle formation appeared in the location it did. Dodge County, Wisconsin happens to have one of the largest concentrations of existing Indian burial and effigy mounds in the United States. In relation to the crop circle formation, there are more than 500 Indian mounds within a 15-mile radius. Nearly all exist on private property and most remain unmarked, unsurveyed and unidentified. The closest grouping of Indian mounds to the crop circles is one of these unidentified groupings. We noted four geometrically aligned mounds, approximately 1 mile from the formation, that point in close alignment to the crop circles.

The closest communities to the crop circles of Mayville, Kekoskee, and Horicon all lie along the southern edge of the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge and Ice Age National

Scientific Reserve and the Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area. Combined, these two protected parks make up the largest freshwater cattail marsh in the USA - some 36,000 acres. The area is an extinct glacial lake carved out during the last Ice Age 12,000 years ago and had been used by Native Americans since at least that time as a sacred hunting ground. For thousands of years the marsh existed as a haven for wildlife that made it attractive to the Native Americans. In the last two hundred years, though, the marsh has undergone dramatic changes by the white settlers to the region. The marsh at one time was almost completely drained in an attempt to use the land for farming, but the experiment failed. The marsh had also been dammed up to create a 50-mile lake, but owners of the inundated land successfully sued to take down the dam to recover their property. Over the past few decades reconstruction and conservation efforts have helped the marsh to recover, but overpopulation in the area, industrial pollution, and farm runoff are again posing as threats to the Horicon Marsh.

Also, just south of the crop circle formation are two notable geologic formations: Ledge Park, in which the Niagara (rock) Escarpment rises up and becomes exposed from under the Great Lakes, and Iron Ridge, a notable concentration of iron ore that was so accessible, it became the site of the first iron mining in the Midwest. Ledge Park is also the site of a series of Indian petroglyphs - at least one of which was conclusively determined to align to the rising of the sun on the solstices.

Directly under the crop circle formation however, and in much of the general area is a vast formation of limestone deposits, which have been continually mined for at least the last 150 years. Crop circles around the world have been noted to occur along aquifers, or water-bearing rock formations, notably limestone and greensand. This appears to be the case with this formation. The eyewitness, Art Rantala, told us of how he had dug into the field in which the formation was found several years ago while participating in a government project. They dug into the ground and exposed limestone just two feet under the soil at the bottom of the hill on which the crop circles formed. At the top of the hill, the limestone was found to be down just 10ft. deep. Crop circles have also been noted to appear near some sort of body of water: a creek, a pond, a drainage ditch etc., and with this formation, water also appears to be in close proximity. Not only does the formation occur directly above a limestone aquifer, but directly at the bottom of the hill, west of where the formation appeared, is a drainage ditch. East of the formation, just one field away, is the north branch of the Rock River.

Crop circles have also been known to form in close proximity to power lines, and again this circle site is no exception - less than a hundred yards from the circles runs a power line, and just up the hill, the closest transformer box was less than 100ft. from the workshop where Mr. Rantala watched the crop circles form. Our research team had, at this point in our investigation, enough conclusive scientific evidence as well as a body of supporting contextual detail to show that the Mayville/Kekoskee crop circle formation had not been hoaxed by people using mechanical means, and that the evidence uncovered supports the eyewitness testimony given to us by Mr. Rantala.

US Military Visits Crop Circles

Roger Sugden and I arrived at the formation after Roger's aerial photo flight, meeting Dr. Lietzau and Gary Kahilmer, who were already there. We were surprised by the appearance of a military helicopter circling the formation very low to the ground.

The helicopter circled the formation for a few minutes (with our team in excited amazement), at which point it then flew off in the direction of the Horicon Marsh. It looked as if it flew the length of the marsh, and then flew back in our direction, but not as close. It then flew off towards the southeast, where we eventually lost sight of it. In all the crop circle reports in the USA in my database (over 250) I have never seen one that mentioned overflights by US military helicopters, or that the US military might be interested in crop circle reports. Of course, we have seen this repeatedly in the UK, but not in the USA.

After the helicopter left and our team settled down, we returned to gathering additional soil and plant samples from the field. After about 40-45 minutes, I noticed that we were also under surveillance on the ground. Looking up the hill towards Mr. Rantala's workshop, I noticed a man in a camouflage uniform watching us with binoculars.

After I informed the rest of the team that we were being watched, the uniformed soldier got into his car, drove down the hill towards where we were parked, and slowly passed us, noting our license plates. He drove to the end of the block, turned his car around, drove back to where we were standing and parked his car. He got out and walked directly into the formation. Dr. Lietzau was practically jogging after him into the field. We decided on the spot that since we were going to publish our results on the Internet for everyone to share, we were not going to hold back anything from the military.

As we chatted with this soldier from the US Air Force (whom we had now identified by his uniform), he told us that he was part of a special crop circle investigative unit in the US Air Force and that they had been looking into this formation for the past couple of weeks, temporarily based out of a hanger in Milwaukee. He also told us that this unit was originally based out of Scott Air Force Base located in Illinois (southeast of St. Louis, Missouri). He further told us that this team had investigated two crop circles that appeared near "Downing, Illinois" last summer (2002), but that he hadn't participated in that investigation - but others had. We had not heard of that crop circle report in Illinois, so we are checking to verify that information. As far as we have uncovered, there is a "Downing Park, Illinois" which isn't too far from Scott AFB, but no "Downing, Illinois" (using MapQuest and MS Streets), so Downing Park is what he may have meant. (If anyone has information about this reported formation please contact us and let us know so we can confirm this piece of information.)

I played tour guide, and walked him around the formation - pointing out the various crop lay anomalies, our ideas on where the formation began to be flattened, and how various parts of it were flattened in which order. We told him of some of our

plant anomaly findings, and asked several questions (including a few rather silly ones), most of which he dodged or declined to answer. I offered my contact information to him, which he took, and our team offered to cooperate with his investigative team by providing them with any information we might find (and hoping they might reciprocate). I told him that we had travelled up from Michigan, and that our investigative report would be published on CropCircleNews.com. He said he was familiar with the website, and believed that someone from his team would most likely get in contact with me soon about the formation. He said he knew we were from Michigan (most likely from our license plates) and that their team was familiar with CropCircleNews.com. He stayed in the formation about 10-15 minutes, at which point he seemed satisfied, returned to his car and immediately got on his cell phone and left.

One of the questions we asked him has left us with a nagging inconsistency: we asked him if he had been on the helicopter when it had overflowed us about 45 minutes before he appeared. He said he had been on board the helicopter, and that besides himself there were two other members of this special crop circle investigative unit, a pilot, and a co-pilot on board. He had also told us that they were operating out of a hanger in Milwaukee. Milwaukee is at least an hour and a half drive from where the crop circles were located. From the time we lost sight of the helicopter to the time he appeared, he couldn't have flown all the way to Milwaukee, got in a car and driven all the way back to the site. Either he wasn't on board the helicopter, or the helicopter landed elsewhere closer by for him to drive back to the formation in the allotted time. We don't know at this point. Of course, we are working to confirm all the details of this soldier's freely-given information.

Over the next few days we will be in the process of filing Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests for additional information about this possible USAF special investigative crop circle unit, and any crop circle information they may have uncovered. Of course, any information we obtain we will share with the crop circle community.

Acknowledgements

Our scientific research team would like to thank the people of the communities of Kekoskee, Mayville and Horicon for their incredible hospitality and cooperation in allowing us to conduct our research! We absolutely enjoyed the wonderful time we spent in and around their beautiful communities and around the amazing Horicon Marsh. Oftentimes, as crop circle investigators, we struggle to conduct our investigations and face ridicule, but in this case the people we met were wonderfully interested, collaborative, cooperative, and supportive of us and our investigative work. We hope that by sharing this report with them - and the world - about the crop circle formation in their community, we can build a broader understanding of the causative nature of crop circles worldwide.

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THE DANGERS OF SIMPLISTIC THINKING

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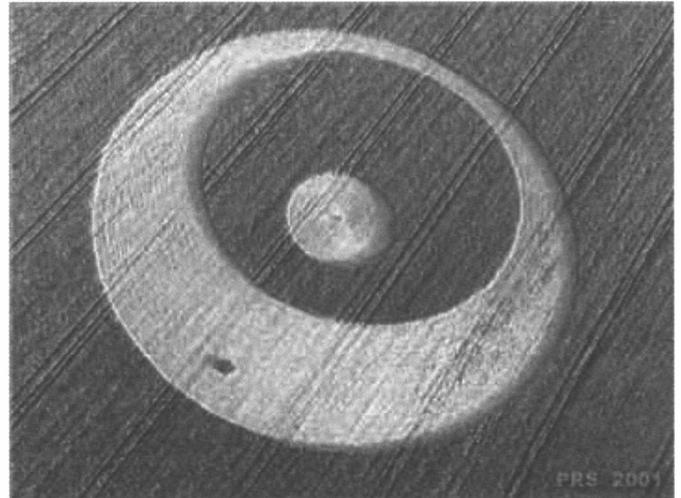
Busty Taylor recently sent me a message saying that the two most common elements in the universe are hydrogen and stupidity. Well I'm not going to discuss hydrogen today, so guess what?

We are all guilty of stupidity on a daily basis and it's part of what makes us human, sometimes infuriating and sometimes charming. We are sometimes stupid in our daily lives; it's a normal condition and it is a big part of our human culture to be a little wonky and laugh about it. But when we are doing research which might have an impact on others, then stupidity must be avoided at all costs, or we may spread false information exponentially, and this will cause others to imitate and jump to stupid conclusions about something and take wrong actions.

Doing research into any area demands of us a deep level of integrity, thoughtful consideration, vigilance and a great responsibility to heed to the objective truth of the data and use our wits to get some kind of understanding which can tell us about the situations we are researching. This is doubly important when we research something mysterious, something on the edge of what is consensually recognised to be real, like crop circles, UFOs, spirits, intelligence beyond human, and so forth. This is precisely where we have to be very careful and avoid natural stupidity at all cost.

Another problem leading to stupidity is that people want to over-simplify things, while true answers are likely to be very complicated, and multi-layered. This is true of most aspects of life and certainly true for the crop circle mystery. But our minds are somewhat lazy and we tend to want to dismiss many of the layers of evidence and put our guesses in a tidy box like, "ET makes them" or "Divine Agency is the cause" or "Humans just could not do this". This stereotypical thinking is very common, alarmingly so in a field of paranormal research where you might think people would be a bit more careful about jumping to unwarranted conclusions. But taking the simplistic shortcut seems instead to empower people to claim anything, pontificate from their daia, make narrow point of view videos, and print books replete with errors due to guessing. I suppose they make some money and then they have to protect their point of view and vested interest even more. Crop Circle Mystery solved! There is a dangerous trap here in that it's much harder to recant from a published position so many of these people are now in a corner and can't easily get out.

Simplistic thinking reduces the natural complexity of things and information is lost, which increases noise and further drowns the signal. Remember, we want to be in touch with the signal, not the noise. So simplistic thinking is the opposite of the right direction. It's better to say, "I don't really know what's going on" than to guess and be wrong in your guessing. Good research does not involve inventing causal scenarios, no matter how tempting. We need to first gather data and assemble it in a coherent manner without leaping to premature conclusions



(Hilmarton man-made experiment)

about what it means. We can form private opinions, and we all do this but we want to use our data to form a realistic hypothesis, otherwise we are not doing science and we may, indeed, be misleading people.

A good example of misleading dogma is the popular fundamentalist dictum that God wrote the Bible. Any research into the matter will show the Bible was written by men, edited by men and translated by men, with over 14,000 transcription errors in the King James version alone. There is no question of this, yet the lie persists that it was created by God. It may well have been inspired by God or a higher intelligence working through men but it is not the literal word of God, no matter how much some wish to believe this. An Anglican Vicar was recently dismissed from his post by the Bishop of the church in retaliation for stating the very fact I am reporting here. Sadly, this misleads millions of frightened people down an even more frightening path, that of totalitarianism, where petty dictators who claim to be closer to God or the source of knowledge than you pass judgments on you and all around you, making your once reasonably free life a hellish prison.

Some of you will see a stretched analogy with the current state of affairs in the study of the crop circle mystery. Dogmatic assertions about this and that, replete with detailed meanings being imparted to us mortals by other worldly beings are like so much noise to someone who is looking for the signal. You just don't put the cart before the horse in research. It doesn't work that way and is counterproductive.

We've learned a lot of these parallels from our practice of remote viewing. People trained in the art of viewing (clairvoyance) know that success in perceiving an unknown, blind target depends on keeping the signal (which is always present, but subtle) from being overwhelmed by noise (which is generally self-created talk). Our ego and imagination create noise by jumping to conclusions and guessing about something while the signal exists in a pre-imaginal place that we can always access with the right intention and mental state. But

this takes effort and awareness and generally people are lazy, so we go on creating noise which obscures the signal and then we wonder why we can't arrive at consensus. What this boils down to is our intuition is a link to the universal mind or the multiverse beyond space and time. Our intuition is a macro-quantum treasure while guessing or storylining creates illusion and false images, effectively blocking the signal. Guessing and making up stories is of little value if one is after the truth. But if one wants to start a cult... well, this is the formula.

When we research something like crop circles it is important to not create noise and jump ahead to portentous and imagined meanings to the shapes or events. You can't know the end until you've done the beginning research. So the first questions are: What is the nature of the physical evidence before me? How could this come to be here? Who or what could have done this? What are the effects of this condition? Not, What does it mean? That comes later, much later. The first big questions for research are What, How and Who?

Look, there is no absolute way to know who or what the author was of any formation, unless we were there during its construction. That's a truth that we can all agree on. Colin Andrews says this. Nancy Talbott says this. Most good researchers will agree with this. If we weren't there when it appeared then we have to research it and that means asking the right questions and suspending our tendency to jump to conclusions. It all becomes more complicated as the days pass and the sun and weather change the flattened crop and people visit the formation and walk around altering it, physically and energetically. So if you are not the first one into a crop circle your perceptions may be influenced by those who came before. This is especially important if you are trying to sense subtle energy signatures and you begin to pick up the astral trails of the previous people.

Some of the changes to the crop physically have been erroneously reported as *de facto* evidence of something when it is not necessarily so. Grasses which are designed to live their lives standing in a shadowy matrix with other grasses undergo big changes when the crop is flattened and the stalks are now exposed to the sun directly. In every formation we've made for research purposes (all legal), we have noticed that as the days pass and the sun beats down on the plants, swelling and distortions occur at the nodes, even expulsion cavities manifest. And what is doing this? Radiation from the Sun, including microwaves. We really don't need to consider an alien space ship, military satellites or the ionic vortex. At least most of the formations I've studied show mundane cause. So I think this favoured benchmark of bent stems and blown nodes should be reconsidered as a litmus test, for the most part, because while dramatic examples might be evidence of paranormal cause in some few cases, mild forms of the evidence can also be seen to naturally occur, even in areas of lodging.

How is it that after so many years of *ad hoc* research efforts, this nodal swelling, bending and pitting has not been investigated more thoroughly? If part of the research efforts had included mimic formations to see if certain effects could

be duplicated, we would not have been led down this illusory path. The research community started off in this direction with the big circle making contest in 1991, but then the direction petered out. Perhaps some know why this was not pursued. But it seems reasonable to us that we should be making test circles to look at the physical and energetic evidence and adding data to our knowledge bank.

Alas, in our imperfect world there is a price to pay for this pragmatic form of research. We found we threatened some rather inflexible enthusiasts, people who had fixed ideas and were no longer interested in looking at the signal or any form of evidence. Pundits who had already made up their mind about the phenomenon used totalitarian tactics against any effort to dig a little deeper for a more objective truth. When we made our first test formations at Hilmarton in 2001, we received such charming love letters as "Rot in hell", "The devil will eat you for lunch", "You are a disgrace to the human race", "You have no proof, you are lying", and on and on. I think we can see that this is the face of fear showing beneath its reactive companions, intolerance and fundamentalism. We suddenly realised there were Circle Nazis among us.

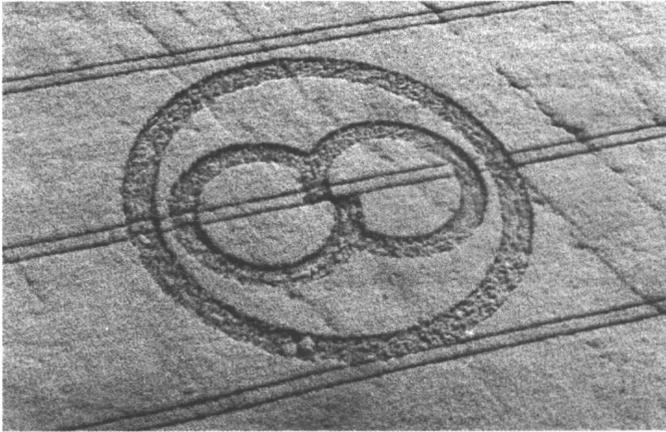
Michael Glickman once berated our efforts at scientific methodology to gather data about the crop circle phenomenon. He told me with religious fervour that "Science is not necessary, what is needed is faith." I can't think of a more dangerous statement in this day and age and I'm afraid this stereotype position is held by many cropies who don't want to think and reason, or look at evidence but who want the shortcut promised by faith (but seldom delivered!). In any case, as beneficial as faith is, (and I still pray daily even though I think I've recovered from most of the Catholic mind control), it does not have any prominent place in the investigations one needs to make about the appearance of something mysterious like crop circles in the fields. It's not a question of faith, but of fact. We need to know who is doing this, how and why. In my next article, next issue, I'll speak more of these facts.

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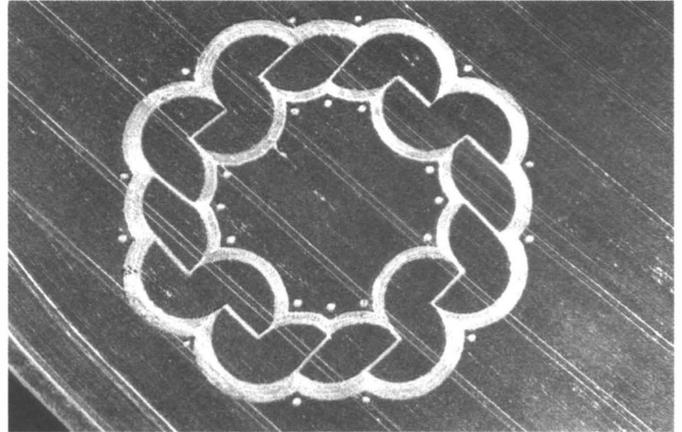


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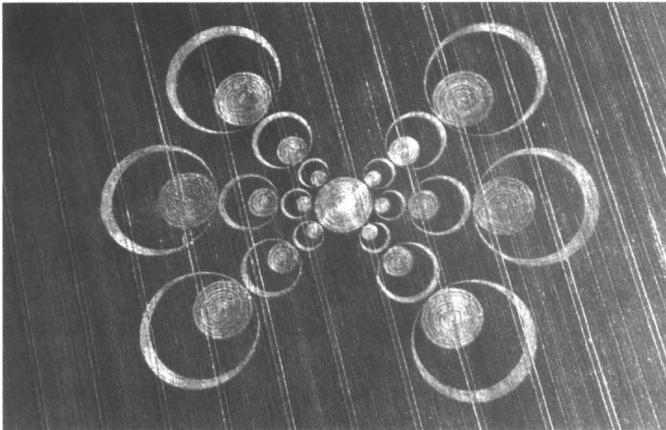
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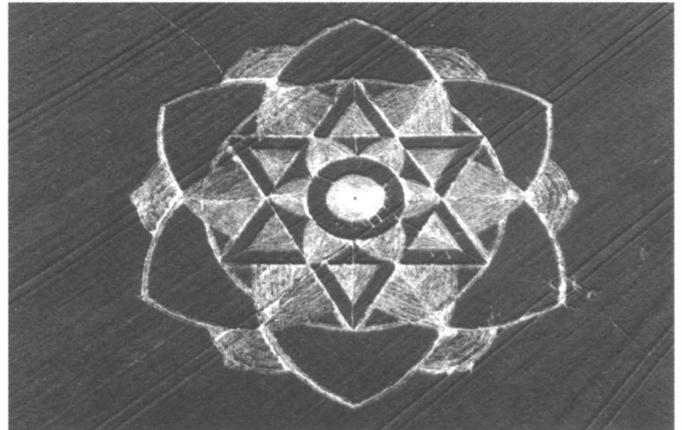
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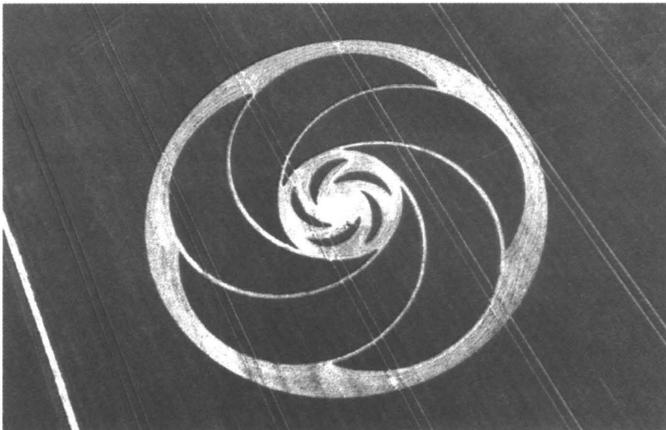
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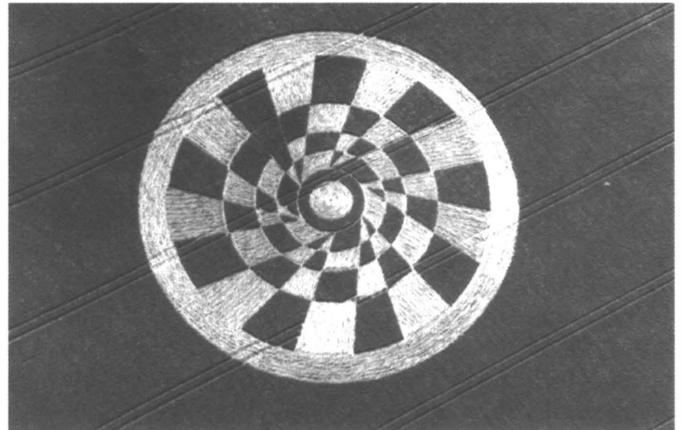
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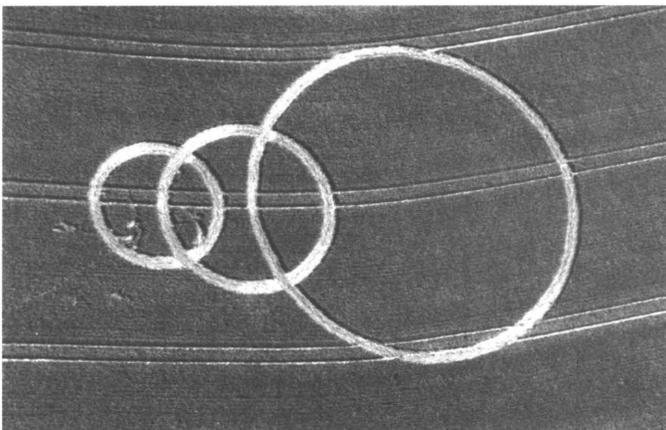
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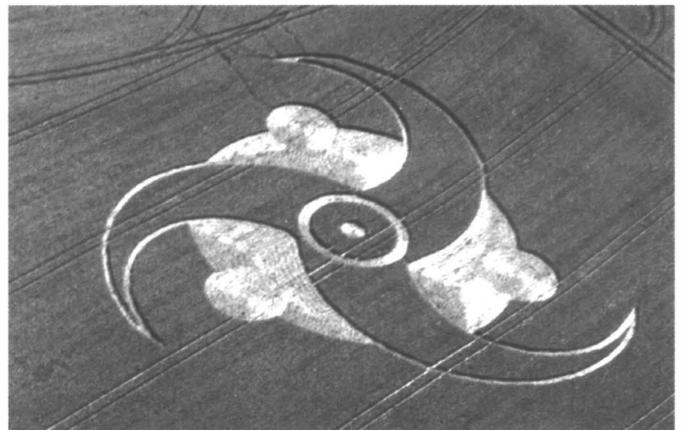
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Beacon Hill, Litchfield, Hants. 5th. July 2003

OUTGOING MESSAGES

Jon-Erik Beckjord



Fifth outgoing message to the Non-Human Entities who make circles. Made 3rd. August 2003, at Hareston Down, West Kennett, Wilts, UK.

Four rows of binary code, each one 7 units, words "Beckjord.com" at end. NHEs, do you read us? (Photo: Steve Alexander.)

What does it say? Now we can tell you: "WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM US ?" - in binary and ASCII.

And we made errors with two letters... but the Non-Human Entities, who read our minds anyway, probably figured it out. At the end, there is BECKJORD.COM and also the Hebrew word for Jehovah, a bow to my girlfriend who is into that. The fencepost is painted white.

This outgoing message was made with paint and Visqueen plastic sheeting on the assumption that any Non-Human Entity that can intercept a radio-telescope transmission in binary code (1974 - ref. 2001 "Aricebo Reply") ought to be able to read white numbers in binary, and that actual pressing down of crop is not needed. Six words were used but binary code was laid down rather than English, since in the Crabwood "Alien" formation of 2002 binary code was made in a spiral, which Paul Vigay and others then translated into English.

It would appear that the Non-Human Entity involved is juvenile and likes to play. (English is too simple.) The work took three hours on 3rd. August, with yours truly, Jon-Erik Beckjord, and Chris Robinson doing the work, all with permission. The Visqueen was 25 yards long and could be seen by flying from Silbury Hill to Knap Hill. So far, no major web site has reported this, and perhaps none will, since our other four experiments were largely ignored (as have been those of two Germans). Instead of reporting outgoing messages and replies, most sites and magazines instead feature all the formations and ignore attempts to communicate. This is regrettable. I suspect nationalistic bias and personality conflicts all have a role: research comes second, ego comes first. Bravo, however, to Michael Hesemann, also Lucy Pringle. Could the "Swallows" formation on Milk Hill, not far away, on 4th. August 2003 be a reply (Fig. 2)? We will see... Perhaps NHEs, like certain gurus, do not like to speak directly, but instead use parables and analogies, stories and symbols.

FLASH NEWS!!!! Due to our errors in binary, having never done it before, three letters were in error... so it read, "WRAT DO YOU WALT FROM USA"

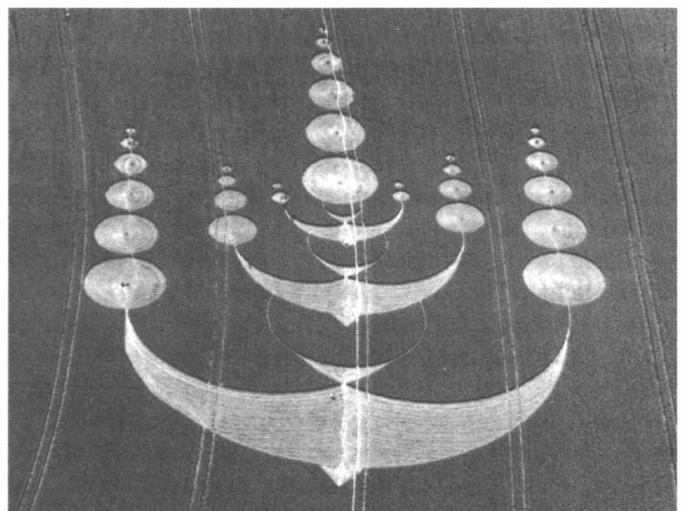
So the BIRDS formation now makes more sense... Maybe they want us to FLY OUT OF IRAQ! (Our work is done - time to go.) So perhaps the aliens or NHEs who are against polluting our ecosystems are getting more political!

Earlier messages:

1993 - Made "English lesson to NH Entities" in meadow grass using cutter machine. Ridgeway. Created house with word House under it, heart with word Love under it, stick figure of man with word Man under it, and wiggle waves with word Water under it. Result - next day appeared the "Wheelchair" formation near Silbury Hill. Meaning: "Man (not us) is handicapped." (Lesson not needed.)

1994 - Cut in wheat at Lockeridge - man shaking hand of NH Entity. Reply - in Lompoc, CA, USA, a large heart cut out of dried mustard plants. Meaning - Love, friendship.

1997 - Milk Hill farmland - words pressed down: "Where do you live?" Result - Milk Hill "Koch Fractal Star". Meaning: "We come from the stars."



(Adam's Grave, Alton Barnes, Wilts. 4th. August 2003. Lucy Pringle)

EXTRATERRESTRIAL INTELLIGENCE?

Geoff Falla

The search for extraterrestrial radio signals - the SETI project - has not yet announced any definite results. At the beginning of 2003, about 150 promising signals had been identified and these were to be checked more thoroughly. Plans were also in hand to widen and improve the search, with a new observatory at Harvard University, Massachusetts, also starting a search for laser signals.

When Dr. Frank Drake of Cornell University started the original project, in 1959, the estimate arrived at in discussion with scientific colleagues was that the existence of extraterrestrial civilisations was almost certain. Scientific opinion was also expressed that given the rate at which technology can be developed, any such civilisations could have already explored through the Milky Way galaxy, including our own solar system. Dr. Carl Sagan, a member of the original discussion panel, agreed with this virtual certainty of other life in the universe. He confirmed that there seemed to be no physical reasons why interstellar exploration could not have been achieved.

Given this level of probability, is there evidence that the existence of extraterrestrial intelligence may perhaps be not that far away? Could Earth have already been visited in the past, or in present times? Although there are historical records involving sightings of unexplained objects, or strange phenomena, it is not certain how well these were investigated, or what natural explanations could have been considered at the time.

Prof. Peter Sturrock, who was Director of the Centre for Space Science and Astrophysics at Stanford University, California, conducted a survey of more than a thousand members of the American Astronomical Society in 1976. The survey asked whether the astronomers had experienced any unusual observations which they had been unable to explain.

The response was that some of the astronomers, amounting to a few percent, had in fact observed objects which they were completely unable to explain in the category of identified flying objects. A more substantial number of the astronomers thought that the subject of UFOs deserved more serious scientific study.

In 1982 Prof. Sturrock established the Society for Scientific Exploration, for the unbiased investigation of these and other anomalous experiences and in 1997 he went further by setting up a panel of scientists to study a selection of UFO reports which included some kind of physical evidence. The study included photographs, radar-visual cases, interference effects involving vehicles and aircraft, and physical traces.

The conclusions of this study were that there was unlikely to be a simple answer to UFO reports, that scientists could learn something new from the study of these unexplained observations, and that studies should concentrate on reports

which include as much independent physical evidence as possible.

Photographic evidence of what may be unexplained objects is not always reliable, for several reasons, unless supported by visual observation. There are, however, a number of photographs which appear to confirm the reality of unknown objects.

More reliable cases include radar-visual incidents, sometimes confirming the observation of objects travelling at high speeds and with sharp turns, considered to be well beyond the capabilities of any aircraft. It has been found that many of these radar-visual reports cannot be explained in any conventional way.

Interference effects involving vehicles, and aircraft, are another type of unexplained event. Of all the physical effects claimed to be associated with UFO reports, these interference effects are perhaps the most puzzling. In several hundred cases of this type, vehicle engines and lights lose power, or fail completely, while an unknown object is seen nearby, and do not return to normal until the unknown object has moved away again. Aircraft crews have also reported magnetic and other effects in similar incidents.

There may not be much awareness of this evidence, unless the subject has been studied in some detail. When opinion polls have been carried out the general opinion seems to have been that UFOs do exist. This opinion seems to have strengthened with recently reported cases but the interpretation of the reports, and whether they really are evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence, has been more debatable. As long ago as 1948, however, soon after the first wave of reports came to public attention, a secret "estimate of the situation", prepared by the US Air Force Technical Intelligence Centre, concluded that UFOs were interplanetary. The report was not accepted, on the orders of the Chief of Staff.

The French Minister of Defence, when interviewed on the subject in 1974, emphasised that it was necessary to adopt an extremely open attitude of mind and that the subject of UFOs was not at all understood. There were no definite conclusions but he admitted that he had taken a particular interest in apparent correlations between UFO reports and magnetic field changes. A network of research stations in France had already established that major disturbances of the magnetic field coincided with UFO reports in the same locality.

Reports of UFO incidents in France are investigated first by the local Gendarmerie, before being passed on to a Department of the French National Space Centre in Toulouse for more detailed study. The Centre had come to several conclusions. It had been established that magnetic compasses were affected in about two percent of the cases and that vehicle engine failures



occurred where there was electric ignition. It was thought that the apparent brightness of the reported objects could perhaps be produced by ionisation of the atmosphere. Objects seen on the ground were also noted in a proportion of cases. The same pattern of events was apparent in other countries and it seemed evident that there was some intelligence behind the phenomena.

In 1999 a study carried out in France by the Institute of Higher Studies for National Defence (COMETA) reached the conclusion that the physical reality of UFOs under intelligent control was almost certain and that the only hypothesis which took into account all of the available data was that they were of extraterrestrial origin.

Many contrary explanations for the various unexplained reports have been put forward by government officials, astronomers, and scientists. Some of the explanations may seem at first to be plausible but in many cases they do not take into account most of the evidence and are then found to be just not possible when further investigated. These explanations, however, do perhaps have the desired effect of reducing public interest until the whole matter is quietly forgotten.

Are there other unexplained phenomena which may also be considered as possible evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence? There are many reports of physical traces in the form of ground markings and vegetation effects relating to UFO incidents but even more controversial are the mysterious crop circles. Given the possible reality of UFOs as being of extraterrestrial origin, it has been thought that the circles may be evidence of landing sites. That was the case with the earlier and more simple forms of crop circles but other explanations have become more obvious.

While it became clear that many of the circles - and particularly the more complex patterns - must be hoaxed formations, even here there were claimed to be unexplained features. There is also claimed to be evidence of magnetic effects when compared to the surrounding area.

There have always been occasional reports of unexplained luminous objects in areas where crop circle patterns have appeared but another apparent link with UFO reports has been found, in association with the study of the reported interference effect cases. When the locations of the vehicle interference effect incidents were checked in the British cases, some concentration of these reports was noted in one particular area - the adjoining counties of Wiltshire and Hampshire. These are the same counties where the great majority of the crop circles and patterns have also been appearing. This could perhaps be dismissed as just a coincidence but it goes further

than that. The more precise locations of many of these events are also the same in both cases. It is beginning to look as if there is a definite link but the reasons for such a link may not become apparent until the incidents are studied in more detail.

It seems that the crop circle formations have been a developing phenomenon, however they are formed. One of the most complex formations, the "Arecibo Message", appeared near Winchester in July 2001. This was similar to the message transmitted in November 1974 to the Hercules star cluster M13, from the radio telescope in Puerto Rico.

Whether these crop circle patterns are largely produced by hoaxing, conceivably by some kind of experiment from the air, or by something else, it will be interesting to see if this development continues, or if it will diminish if the novelty of design begins to fade.

There are occasional reports which suggest that there is more to these unexplained phenomena than we may realise. It has been revealed that governments around the world have kept much of the information secret but exchange information in some cases. As long ago as 1959, when the NASA organisation was first formed and was considering its plans for space research, it received advice from Washington's long-established Brookings Institution. Part of that advice was that if evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence were discovered, NASA should give serious consideration to not saying anything about it. Perhaps this is the reason for some of the secrecy.

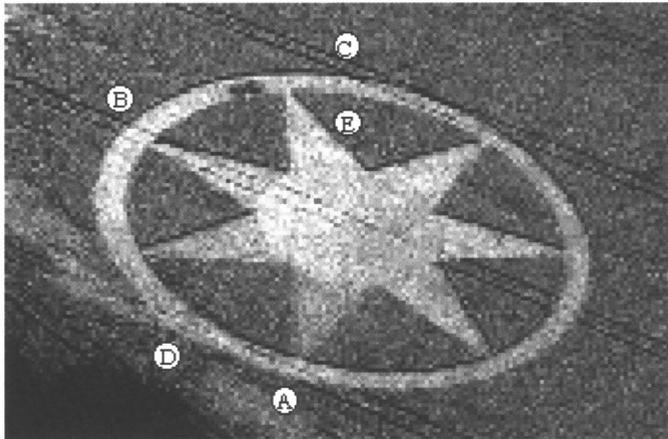
Astronauts have sometimes reported unexplained objects in space, with many firmly believing in the existence of other intelligences. When we also read that the Ukrainian National Academy of Sciences has actually been conducting a search for alien artifacts on the moon's surface, it really gives us cause to wonder whether there may indeed be much more to all of this than may at first seem evident.

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NORTH MARDEN, SUSSEX 2003: AN ANALYSIS

John Sayer



The formation is centered on a “tramline” - more precisely, on one of the two wheel tracks. Furthermore, its outer perimeter fits neatly between the tramlines either side of the central one. These facts in themselves may not appear significant, but in terms of the “manually made” hypothesis, it certainly makes life easier for the setting out of the formation, as is explained below.

Even from a monochrome reproduction of David Russell’s aerial photograph, it is clear that there is a difference between the condition of the crop in the formation as compared to that comprising the adjacent lodging. It is more apparent in the colour photograph, but to the experienced eye, the darker shade of the lodged crop indicates that it is “older” (i.e. occurred some time before the formation’s arrival). Also apparent from the aerial photograph is that there is a central circular swirl in the middle of the design, its clean perimeter revealing that the crop in the triangular components is laid outwards from the central circle towards the surrounding ring. This is, indeed, confirmed by Andy Thomas’ report on the Crop Circle Connector web site at

<http://cropcircleconnector.com/2003/northmarden/northmarden2003a.html>

The appearance in the photograph of the ring being wider on the left-hand side than on the right is not a trick of perspective (this applies only to the “top” and “bottom” sides of the formation). The reason for this disparity is that from approximately the middle bottom of the formation (point A in the photograph), where it runs into a wheel track and then the lodging, the ring becomes slightly wider, until it meets the wheel track on which the formation is centered - B. At this point there is a noticeable step in the ring, making it narrower. At point C, again coinciding with meeting a wheel track, the ring once more steps down to a narrower width - in fact, returns to its original dimension.

An explanation for this oddity arises from the sequence of construction. If we assume the formation to be manually made, the sequence would be, first, setting out the circumferences of

the central circle and the ring (the latter requiring two circumferences, for the inner and outer diameters).

It should be noted at this stage that a seven-pointed star can only fit symmetrically between a central circle and an outer ring if they are of a certain proportion to one another - which is illustrated in *Fig. 1*, where the tramlines, being of equal width and distance from one another, provide the perfect template for setting out this proportion. Note the coincidence of the points of the star with the tramlines at 1A, 1B and 1C and the “cleft” at 1D. This explains why the formation sits so neatly across three sets of tramlines: it makes the measuring guaranteed to work.

When it comes to flattening down the crop between the inner and outer diameters of the ring, however, at point A the outline outer ring would be “lost” in the lodging, which begins at that point. In the dark, a human circle maker could become easily disorientated. This is indicated by the discernible “bump” in the ring at point D in the photograph, which suggests a wandering to the left by the maker, corrected at E, on reaching the tramline and realising the mistake. This also explains the continuation of the flow of the ring (clockwise) “into” the flow of the lodging (right-to-left in the photograph). A bold effort has been made in this instance, but not quite good enough. When the maker reached the central tramline (1B), he/she apparently realised that there was still a mismatch and tried to compensate, but not too obviously, thus continuing to flatten the ring further, but moving slightly towards the centre, ultimately, however, having to stop dead again at 1C, on the tramline, where there is a second misalignment. (This explanation would only apply if the crop in the ring were laid clockwise, as, indeed, it was.)

Another interesting “anomaly” noted in Thomas’ report is that of a segment of lodging overlapping into one of the flattened triangles (point E in the photograph): he writes, “One area of the southern star point is made up from lodging which begins in the standing crop between points and then sweeps into the flattened point to become proper circle lay. It does not overlay any pre-existing floor - there would be no pattern in-fill here without this lodging.”

What this means is that either (a) during the flattening of this triangle an irregularly shaped clump was left standing, which was subsequently laid flat at an angle to the flow of the triangle, beginning from the standing crop, or (b) the lodging was already present, lying within the outline of the triangle. Option (b) is clearly the more likely, especially when it is noted in the photograph that a whole broken line of patches of lodging extends from the top left to bottom right of the photograph, across the formation.

A note on “gap-seeking”:

This occurs when crop is pushed down (by whatever means or

agency) and meets no resistance. Just as water will run into a crevice, stalks will fall into gaps in the standing crop - especially tramlines. An experiment in crop is easy to carry out using hands, feet, a plank of wood or whatever: unless you first create a neat flattened circumference by walking sideways round a central pivot, if you try to make a circle by working outwards, the stalks will “fan” or “feather” outwards away from the direction they are being pushed in, hence the occasional “saw-tooth” effect in formations (which have been created with no initial outline).

Thomas’ report also notes that although the crop in the triangles flows away from the central circle towards their apices at the ring, the perimeter of the central circle slightly overlaps the bases of the triangles - implying that the triangles were created first. Given the “gap-seeking” effect, this

overlapping should not have happened in the way it did: if the circle were laid after the triangles, there thus being no wall of standing crop for the stalks in the circle to lean up against, those stalks would have splayed outwards over the triangles quite dramatically. In fact, the very neat perimeter, as evident even in the photograph, indicates that it was most likely gathered together manually after being flattened, the reason for this, presumably, being to disguise the ring around the central circle under the flattened crop, which would be discovered by diligent researchers (or simply for aesthetic reasons).

All these observations, in my view, indicate that the North Marden formation was manually made, since this hypothesis neatly explains all the “anomalies” in a clear, internally cohesive and coherent way.

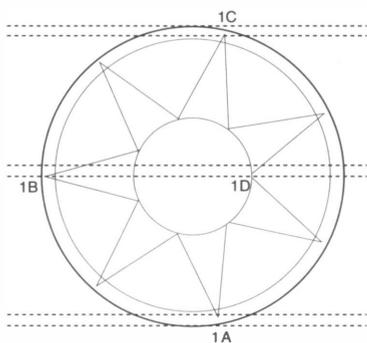


Fig. 1 - The necessity of aligning with the three sets of tramlines.

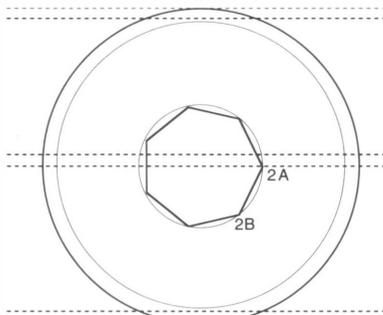


Fig. 2 - To begin the star shape: seven equally spaced points are drawn around the circumference of the central circle. This is made easy by the use of the central wheel track, on which the whole formation pivots. 2A is the logical starting point. The length of the chord 2A-2B is predetermined by calculation and repeated round the circle.

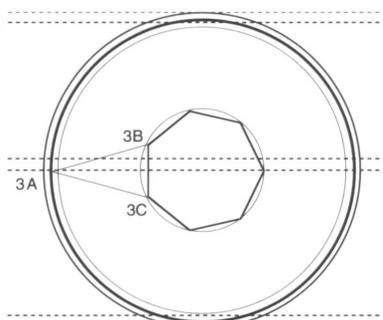


Fig. 3 - Second stage of star-building: the first triangle is set out. Again, this is made easy by the use of the central wheel track. The apex of the triangle (3A) is on the track and the points of the base (3B & 3C) are already there (see Fig. 2). To position the apices of the triangles, a third outline ring needs to be drawn

between the first two, shown here in bold (and bearing in mind that the outlines of the two “signature” grapeshot need to be drawn before this third ring).

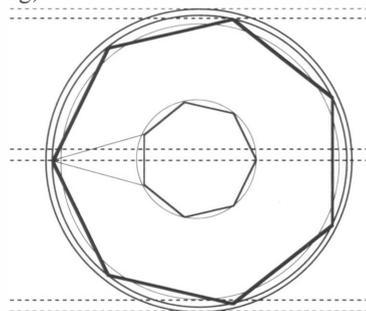


Fig. 4 - Shown in bold: the process used to determine the apices of the triangles. This is a repeat, on a larger scale, of the process used in Fig. 2 to determine the bases of the triangles. (Needless to say, the lines aren't actually drawn: a tape is merely stretched to the required length to determine the points.)

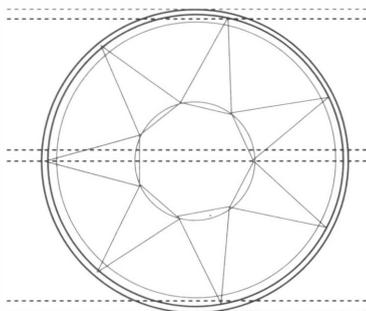


Fig. 5 - The star shape completed. All that remains is to flatten the crop in the triangles, around the ring (leaving grapeshot standing, of course) and in the central circle.

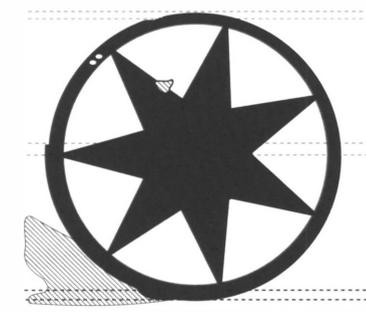


Fig. 6 - Showing the patches of lodging referred to in the main text.

OVERLOOKING THE OBVIOUS AND SEEING WHAT WE WANT TO

Jonah Ohayv

You will find the background story about this spectacular photo taken near one of Italy's first crop-circles, as summarised by Adriano Forgione, the editor of the Italian magazine, *Hera*, and as reported in Linda Moulton Howe's article, "Mysterious Lights and Fourteen Crop Formations in Italy", on their websites (see Sources). Their combined article's relevant section is repeated here:

Mysterious Lights
June 7, 2003

L. M. Howe: "On...June 7, at 5:30 p.m. in the late afternoon, three teenage boys were walking along a field two or three kilometres outside Montegranaro, near Ascoli, in the centre of Italy about 20 kilometres from the Adriatic Sea and 250 kilometres north of Rome. The young men were astonished to see a sphere of light appear and send a thin beam down into the crop. One of the teenagers had a new cell phone that can snap digital photographs and he took two frames. Adriano Forgione, Editor of *Hera* magazine, heard about the young man's images from the mayor of Montegranaro, a longtime friend. Forgione contacted the young man and obtained one of the two images, shown below."



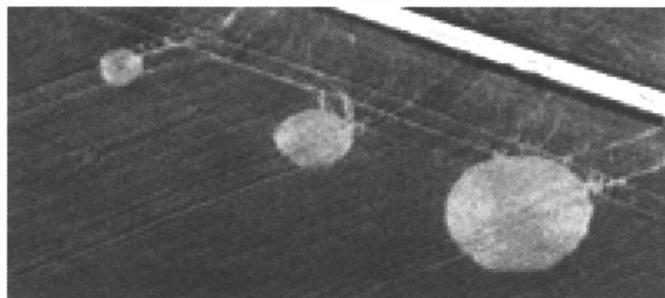
[image provided by Adriano Forgione]

A. Forgione: "June 7, 2003, at 5:30 p.m., a 17-year-old young man who has asked to remain anonymous, took this digital image on his new cell phone that has a built-in digital camera near Montegranaro, Italy. The next morning three circles in a line of varying sizes were discovered, similar to the earlier Settimo formation.

They saw this ball of light glowing in the ground and created this light - this they told me - this light beam to the ground, but no crop was formed then, nothing set on the ground, only this light beam. He did 2 pictures. He gave me only one, but I saw this picture on his phone. It's impossible to make a fake on the phone, I can tell you. For me, it is an original witness...

June 8, 2003

Location: Montegranaro, near Ascoli, in the centre of Italy about 20 kilometres from the Adriatic Sea and 250 kilometres north of Rome. Pattern: Three circles in a line of varying sizes like Settimo's April 25, 2003 formation.



[photo by Adriano Forgione]

Montegranaro's first of five formations in the region since this one was discovered on June 8, 2003, not far from the site the young man saw and photographed the sphere of light emitting a beam downward ...on June 7..."

Of the 14 (first ever) Italian crop circles, appearing within a two-month period of 2003, at a minimum, those reported in their articles with pictures of stretched and exploded nodes must undoubtedly be genuine.

And if the contents of the Montegranaro photo from 7th. June are as is claimed, it's of course a monumental, world-wide first ever (to my knowledge) close-up photo of the immediate background source behind a light-column in relation to a crop circle!

Therefore, it would be very important to get a good photo-lab analysis done in detail on the original cell-phone photos, or if they're now lost, on their original printed copies.

I therefore wrote to Italy several times, asking that the lab-analysis be arranged; I also asked to see the second photo, and asked the involved people to get the boys' story again in more detail.

I asked these questions, but got no answers:

"About how high in the sky was the light-ball when you all first saw it?"

"About how far away was it?"

"From start to finish, what happened in detail?"

So let's look at the web photo in detail ourselves. I've never seen a photo taken on a cell-phone, so I don't know if limits in its technology can explain away the following things.

In order to more closely study all this, for comparison, I got a photo printed of the Internet photo, and also tried using Photo-Shop to change the web-photo's contrasts, lightness/darkness etc. A couple of things became clearer, which were not so obvious in the original computer-screen photo.

In the original web-photo, for 5:30pm., the whole scene is extremely dark and vague. Isn't this unnatural for June, even at this particular site (none of the later reporters evidently actually visited it)? The light-phenomenon is in front of the left bush or small tree, and therefore very close to the camera. It can't be much above the bush/treetop, and the cactus-like plant or short, partial tree-trunk in the background sets the size-scale.

The lit-up greenness in the sky, which reaches almost to the right border of the picture, seems to stretch too far away from the close-by and strictly focusing light-ball to be a reasonable side-effect of it. And if it is a side-effect, wouldn't it be on the left side too? Also, the somewhat violet shade on the whole right side and dark green on the left, suggest that the colours have (unintentionally or otherwise) been manipulated in the digital photo on the Internet. These are not natural atmospheric colours and the down-focusing light-ball would not affect such a wide area on one side only. Also, to the left of the light-phenomenon especially, the entire sky is divided into a series of horizontal and vertical crisscrosses (pixel columns).

A TV cameraman had this to say: "A mobile-phone camera is too crude, technically, to handle intense light. The photo's darkness and artificial colours are the camera's attempt to balance the light-input. Due to the upper light-circle's strength, the adjacent vertical column of light can be a 'smear' on the photo from it, where the content in the light-sensitive cells in a touching strip of the photo is wiped out. If the light-circle is distant, the lit-up sky to the right could be reflections of the circle's light on local clouds there. This series of probable technical errors is because the crude camera will not see as

our sensitive eyes would do so."

It's not a particularly good sign, I think, that the photographer wants to maintain anonymity with this world-first scoop. Something else - about the three circles in the Montegrano formation of 8th. June. They're not elegantly shaped or geometrically sharp, and their size and distances are not beautifully related and placed. To be frank, they resemble beginners' man-made formations much more than those crop circles considered genuine. Also, they weren't found where the light-beam was described, as is usual, but "nearly ... not far from the site".

We all have a tendency to fill in missing parts of a pattern or picture with what we'd like to be there. So what is the genuine cell-phone photo a picture of? In web-photo form, something unrecognisable. A real BoL in distorted form? Perhaps some sort of small flare, commercial laser-light, or independent source very close by? Even a drawing or painting, perhaps in collage with an outdoor photo of plants? Or what? This is not real evidence.

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N.B. If any readers know of other good photos of a source (!) behind light-columns or light-balls (perhaps from L. M. Howe's website or her two books on the subject?), I'd be very interested to see them.

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BOOK REVIEW

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Crop Circles, Manoeuvres dans le ciel by Nicolas Montigiani, Editions Carnot, 2003, 190 pp. with colourplates, 16 euros.

Why haven't there been any crop circles in French Brittany? The area has a great many mythic and megalithic sites densely concentrated in a wonderland of sacred landscapes. It has plenty of fields that could be used for circlemaking. Brittany is not very far from southern England, yet it remains a clean slate as far as crop circles are concerned.

The explanations of Montigiani, a French photographer and journalist, are both anti-extraterrestrial and anti-hoaxing. Crop circles are the result of military experiments and a by-product of secret weapons testing. Responsible are either the English alone, or the Americans, or both together, or else the Americans

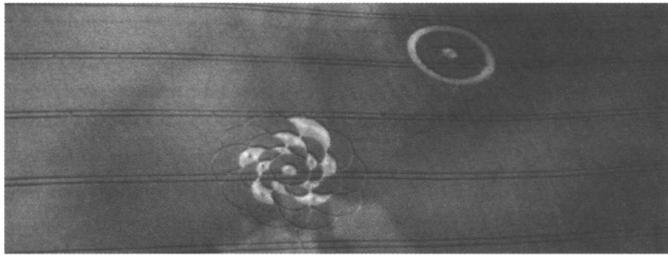
and their allies.

Montigiani says he has inside information from a scientist who is an authority in the French military and in aviation, but he cannot name this person for security reasons. The weapon is probably something like a microwave cannon that can draw agriglyphs at a distance. Conspiracy and diversionary manipulation account for the military use of private farms for secret weapons testing.

In my view, all this seems to tie up some loose ends, but it also assumes behaviour pretty much out of character for the military. When has a scientific military establishment, of any country, ever produced experiments so spectacularly artistic?

THE PLOT THICKENS

Derrick Hunt



(Fig. 1)

“Still, mustn’t grumble,” as my old Ma Jessie might have said whilst stirring the rabbit stew on the iron range in her hot, steamy, hugger-mugger, Thessaly Road kitchen!

Shakespeare’s phrase, “Something is rotten in the State of Denmark” comes to mind when reading Jonah Ohayv’s piece on hoaxing (*The Circular* #50 p.12), but that is out of order seeing as the hoaxing in question took place in the rotten state of England.

For Overton White Horse read Cherhill White Horse, as many others will have ascertained from the lay of the land in Jonah’s first photograph.

By way of demonstrating my own execrable photographic skills I enclose a reflection-marred aerial shot of the Cherhill formation in question (*Fig. 1*), to prove Jonah wrong on one point at least: someone did take an aerial shot. I have the negative, were a larger version of this zoomless high altitude shot be required.

I also enclose a ground shot of corn-stalks bent along the horizontal plane at an angle of ninety degrees at points along their lengths at one of the junctions of the narrow curved bands of laid crop that were a feature of this Cherhill “unopened flower” formation (*Fig. 2*). I thought this quite remarkable, as if each stalk had been individually bent to shape, to fit the geometry.

Furthermore, these narrow bands of laid crop in the “unopened flower” formation were so narrow that an inelegant big-foot, such as myself, would have found it impossible to put one big-foot in front of the other big-foot were he to have ventured big-footedly along the narrow confines of these particular features.

Moreover, there happened to be a party of Italians in the small but well executed “unopened flower” formation at the time I was there, making it almost hugger-mugger crowded. This inelegant big-foot problem demonstrated itself to me again this year at Beckhampton, in the concentric circles formation of 26th. July, close by the Devizes Road (on what is Durran Farm, my Ordnance Survey map indicates).

The outermost circle was simply too narrow for a clodhopping big-foot such as myself to attempt venturing around its

circumference without causing serious damage to the feature. (Size eleven - if you must know!) I enclose a photograph taken from a crossing tramline (*Fig. 3*).

Therefore, if the Cherhill “unopened flower” formation was a hoax as Jonah, and many others believe, then the hoaxers must have had the daintiest of feet, and the daintiest of Tinkerbell stomping boards!

Is there perhaps an all-women team of hoaxers daintily plying their craft in Wiltshire, or failing that, a team of Tinkerbell-footed midget men?

Actually, come to mention it, there is still yet to come in humankind’s Collective Consciousness, a psychic-time-crossed cross-referenced yin-yang price to be paid in balance for all the many years of agonised torture, and abject misery, that so many Chinese women underwent having their feet bound, and deformed to dainty “lotus foot” dimensions!

Crippled “Goat’s feet” dimensions I would think better describes the tormented outcome of that particular Asiatic lord and master, perverted despot’s deforming tyranny.

Could there be a clue here as to why the Avebury formation (*The Circular* #50, p.11 - Busty Taylor), and the Hackpen Hill, Winterbourne Bassett formation of July this year, both had incomplete Tao symbols wherein the yin parts were clearly delineated, but the yang parts were apparently left unfinished for some reason! Something is rotten in the state of China!

The simpler formation of concentric circles at Cherhill, in which I met Barbara Lamb and friends, had, I thought at the time, a coarser feel to it than the seemingly “unfinished” “unopened flower” formation, as if it had been made less carefully, or had different clodhopping makers even!

On the subject of the Cherhill formations, in 2001 I wrote to Terry Wilson, then editor of *The Circular*, in response to the “De-chlorophyllation at Cherhill” article by Rodney Ashby (*The Circular* #41, p.26). Like so many letters I post it disappeared without trace, so was, perhaps, consigned to a waste bin! Therefore I give you here my latest thinking on the



(Fig. 2)



(Fig. 3)

de-chlorophyllation event of Cherhill in 1999. I believe that the de-chlorophyllation of a dozen or so straws of wheat in the Gamesha glyph next to the Cherhill “spinnners” formation of 1999 to be a message to the heads of government in countries possessing nuclear arsenals, or who are actively seeking to construct arsenals of nuclear weapons. (Does nobody else read “nuclear” as “new clear”?)

The message to Bush, Putin, Blair, Chirac, Vajpaya, Musharraf, Zemin, Kim Dim Sou, mad Mullahs, Sharon and whoever, is that they be informed to the full effects and extent of the power they seek to control and deploy. In addition to the immense physical “blow your asses to bits” destructive power of the atom bombs, is the time-crossed psychic cross-referenced metaphysical power of Zwing Zwang Zum Zeu or Zero, that can penetrate any amount of lead, steel, concrete or Rocky Mountain fastness!

May those concerned Zen the Zwing Zwang Zum as I did, for I believe that if they do not Zen the Zwing Zwang Zum, then the Zwing Zwang Zum will Zeroize, as indicated, I believe, by the de-chlorophyllation event at Cherhill, and those concerned are in serious danger of becoming in neutrinosynthesised time-crossed psychic cross-referenced, the vocalised scream, scream, scream and shriek, expressive of the instance of total all-encompassing agony experienced by Hiroshima and Nagasaki inhabitants engulfed by the “Little Boy” and “Fat Boy” nuclear fission plasma fireballs, eternally recurring in Mindsphere. Thus it shall be for all psychopaths who seek to make, control and deploy arsenals of atom bombs.

I see also that Jonah makes reference to Lucy Pringle’s “electric plug” formation at West Kennett in 2002. Lucy’s photograph reminds me of the Edward Munch painting “The Scream”! All it needs is the addition of a pair of hands held to the hollow-eyed “screaming head”!

I noticed when at West Kennett this year that the rectangle of field in which the “electric plug/scream” formation was made last year, had been left fallow this year for some reason. Cleavers and Fat Hen abounded amidst the feral oil seed rape!

I also enclose a photograph of the “messa lay” at the North Down formation (Fig. 4). An aerial shot of this formation appeared in the *Daily Mirror*, and the effect of shadow in that photograph gave an impression that the formation had been constructed from a repetition of the word “Yo Yo”! The photograph of this formation, used on the inside cover of *The Circular* (#50) is however too faint to demonstrate the Yoyo

effect! What more can I say!

Insofar as Universe is a single thought encompassing all that is possible in binary based extrapolation, then Universe is itself that which is termed “God”, and I therefore, along with all the other sentient entities in Universe, am an infinitesimal fraction of that God that is Universe Metaphysical. Thus I see no reason to be bigheaded about being so miniscule a big-foot Tinkerbell!

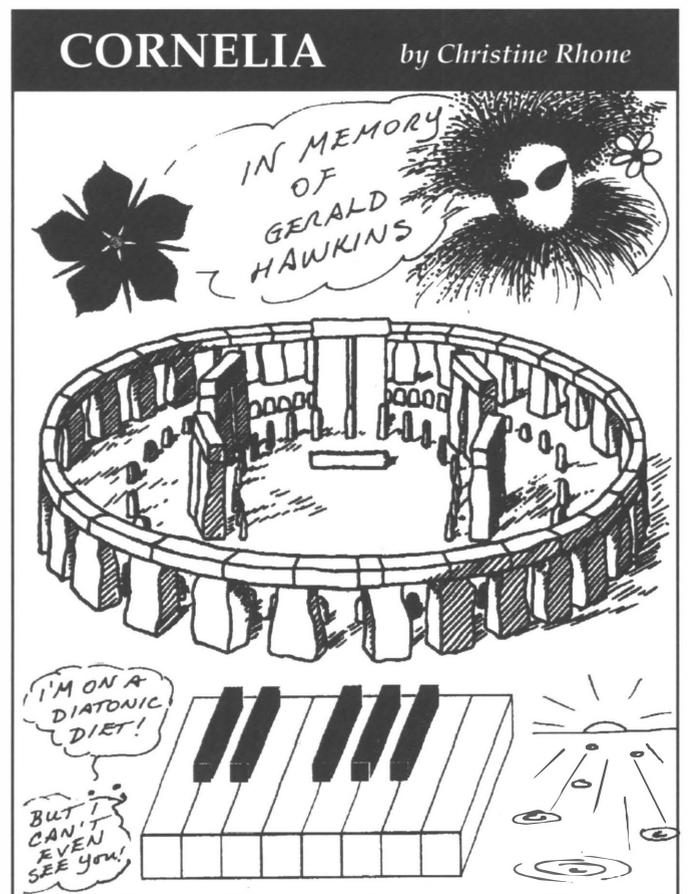
Furthermore, words such as “omnipotent” and “omniscient” are effectively nonsense words that should be cast into the cesspit of history, along with Napoleon, and all the other despicable Asiatic despots, is the summation of my Monty Python Socratic wisdom!

Perhaps like Paul Vigay I should apologise for my long-winded rant! So be it!

Cogito Ergo Zwing Zwang Zweng Zum Zen.



(Fig. 4)



CROP CIRCLE ENERGY OUT OF SEASON

George Bishop

Generating “energy” from your lawn.

Those readers who have constructed their own circles on their lawns might like to consider further things they can do with their circle. Simply cut a circle in the lawn with a lawn mower. It doesn't need to be complicated, a simple disc will do. Readers who want to create ringed discs or satellites will need access to larger lawns.

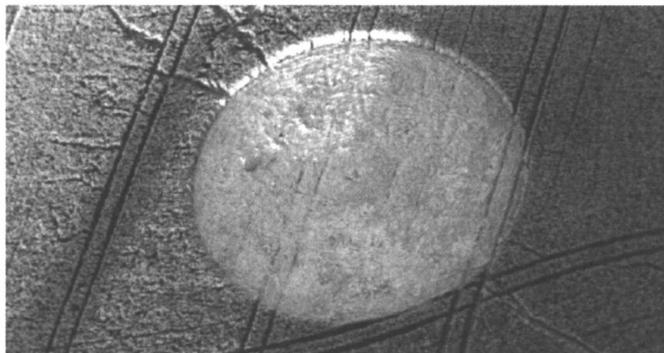
Firstly, some of you may remember Wilhelm Reich, an American scientist who invented the “Cloudbuster”, a device comprising a collection of empty and open-ended tubes, mounted on the back of a truck, which he pointed at clouds during droughts in the mid-western states of the USA. (Look up “cloudbuster” on the Internet.) For a fee, he would go along to a farm where the crops were failing due to lack of rain and, pointing his device at any passing clouds, he believed he could cause them to drop their moisture due to the “energy”, which he christened “orgone”, that emanated from his device. It is my belief that crop circles, particularly the simple ones, are simply short, fat orgone generators. As such they may well be generating the energy that dowsers claim to find in such places. (Opportunity for readers to make dowsing rods from coat hangers.) Try your dowsing rods on your lawn circle. Once you have completed your circle, if you leave it alone and untouched for 24 hours, it should begin to generate some of this energy. If your circle is sharply defined it will produce more than if the edge is rough or trampled down.

It would be interesting to hear what readers note is the reaction of pets and wildlife to the crop circle in your lawn. This may seem to some a very simplistic exercise but, believe me, you might be instrumental in recording some very strange effects indeed. It will keep the neighbours gossiping too! Photograph your circle at dusk using a flash to create some interesting balls of light.

Once your crop circle is cut, try dowsing it from outside and without actually entering the circle. Note each day whether the dowsed energy is gaining in strength, or lessening. Lawn patterns can be more complicated and it would be interesting to see which reader can produce the most complicated pattern. A photograph of your “formation” would be of interest. Artists have been known to create patterns from dew, by brushing designs into the lawn early in the autumn mornings - a very ephemeral pattern!

See also the famous Mowing Devil woodcut (on the Internet) of the 16th. Century. The “energy” from, or that which created, this famous circle was likened to flames when seen at night.

This lawn circle activity will extend your crop circle season by several months. I suspect it will be more effective during normal crop circle season, but it should be reasonably effective in all but the coldest part of the year. If you find that the circle



(Middle Woodford, Wilts. 15th. July 2003. *Lucy Pringle*)

has a deleterious effect on your well-being, or your spouse is not amused, simply cut the whole lawn and it will be as if it had never existed. Or will it? Try dowsing the spot where it used to be - you may be pleasantly surprised!

Compost made from the area where the circle existed might be different from compost made from the rest of the lawn. You do compost - don't you? In fact, the possibilities of this kind of seemingly “silly” research may be more far-reaching and exciting than most people will give it credit for. 60% of all historic crop circles appeared in grass and scrub. Sure, we are actually creating this type mechanically, but the “energy” effects should be exactly the same as those found in hoaxed circles.

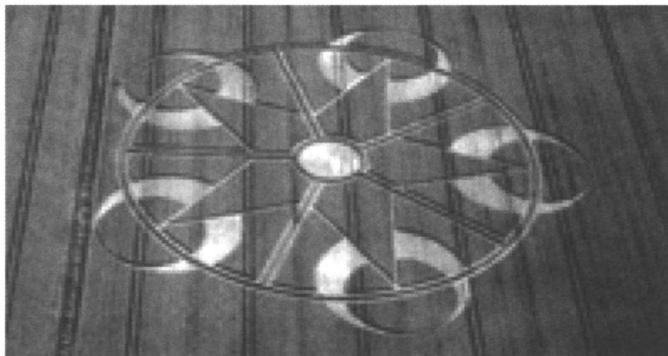
It is my contention that man-made circles create an energy in their pristine state, that rises over a period of time, probably determined by the length of time the circle stays in pristine condition. *A “genuine” crop circle is created by a blast of energy which declines over a similar period.* The energy which it generates as an “orgone generator” will eventually overtake this declining force and it will remain “visible” to dowsing for some months after the circle itself is destroyed.

It does make you wonder whether roundabouts (traffic circles) have a similar effect. Possibly it is the living energy of the crop which creates the catalyst, or is it part of the synergic effect? Then there is the human input. What is the observer effect in all of this? A bit like Schrödinger's cat, but in reverse, does the very thought of creating a circle on the lawn create an energy hot spot in the grass? Does the act of cutting the circle and the mental concentration involved leave an energy pattern for you to find later? (I have found “energy blobs” where people have been disturbed in the act of making crop circles.)

Will police forces of the future be able to collect forensic evidence from thought patterns left at the scene of a crime? What we need is some very sensitive detecting equipment indeed! It is really mind-boggling, the possibilities of such a simple exercise.

Croquet anyone?

LETTERS



(Avebury Trusloe, Wilts. 13th. July 2003)

Message from Hemo

Cliff Stumbaugh (cfs99@earthlink.net)

This is a translation of the crop circle pictured above:

Date 8-28-03

Time 4:57 AM

Crop Circle Signature ID

Yellow Violet 16.967

Alien Signature ID

Yellow Violet 18.537

Translated name:

Paul E Roper. I am 42 years old. My house is located in a city named Viva. 38 States make up my country. It is called The

Federation of Alliances. Peace be with you.

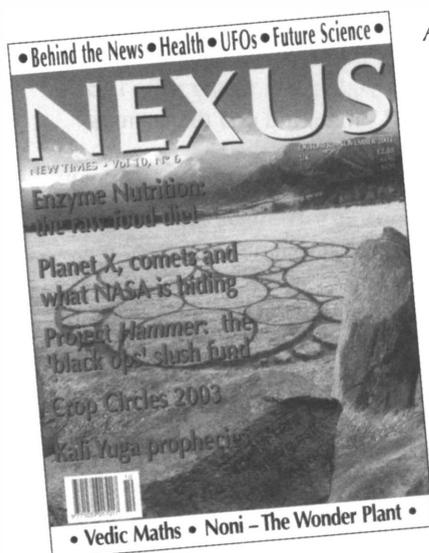
Message Text:

The planet I am from is called Hemo. It is located in the Sirius constellation. Hemo is the third planet from the sun. It has 3 moons. The weather is very similar to Earth's. Its size is about as big as Saturn. It has 5 seasons. I am humanoid and friendly. I am here on a scientific mission. My goal is to make contact with people from the United States. My call number is 999. Use your mental ability to communicate. I will hear you.

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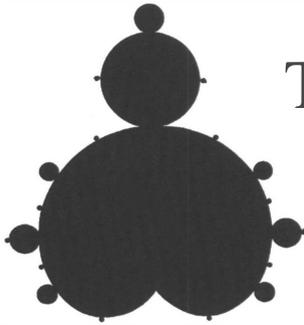
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