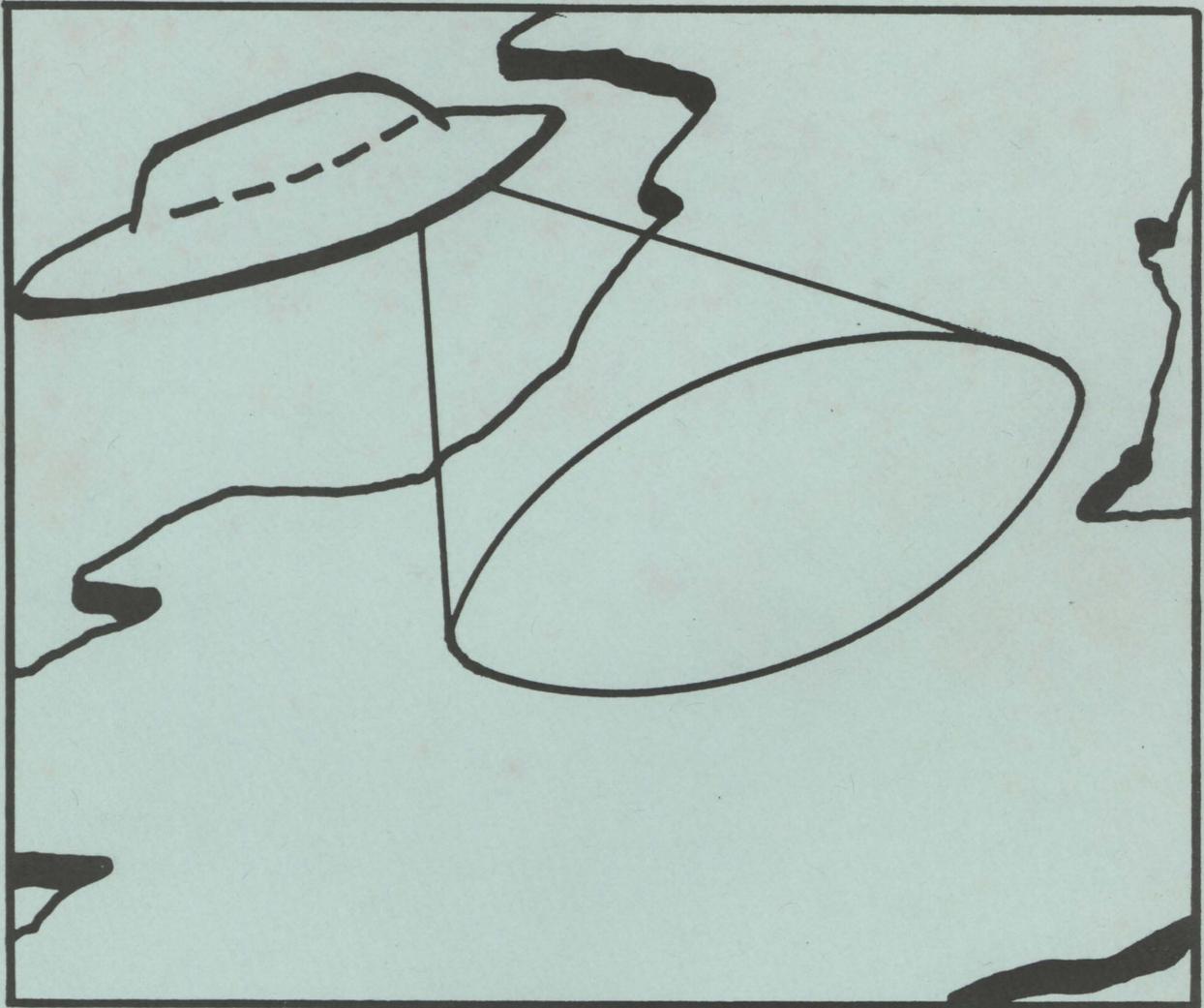


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EDITORIAL: 'A WEEKEND IN NOTTINGHAM'

On September 10/11 NUFON staged its fourth annual conference, following previous events on Merseyside (June 74), Manchester (June 75), and Sheffield (May 76). This year the proceedings were the most ambitious to date, and the organisation fell in the capable hands of NUFOIS - regarded widely as one of the best ufo groups in the UK

This editorial is a personal view of the weekend Paul Whethall and myself spent in Nottingham, with perhaps a few thoughts for 1978. Already two groups want to stage this event (its getting like the Olympic games!) and considering the great enjoyment they usually bring I for one can see no reason why we should not have two 78 conferences (one in Spring and one in Autumn).

The basic idea for the Saturday was to allow 2½ hours in the morning for the public and then 3 hours in the afternoon with specialist lectures for the ufologist. To attempt this double approach is understandable, but may in fact be a mistake. Perhaps next year we could have a public conference and a ufologists conference - but kept separate. Opinions have varied about the success of this years conference (from a brilliant success to somewhat less than this). To my mind I thought the afternoon went very well and I thoroughly enjoyed it, but the morning was perhaps less of an achievement than it might have been. There were many reasons, which to a degree were unforeseeable, and I lay the blame on nobody for them.

Bob Morrell of NUFOIS introduced proceedings with a brief review of Nottingham ufology and current investigations. This was followed by Kathy Preston of PULSE with a paper on leyography. Certainly it was stimulating and well presented but doubts about its relevance to a UFO meeting have been expressed. Perhaps it did give a slightly false impression to those new to the subject and may have been better placed in the afternoon. Now the problems began. Barry King, scheduled to give a talk on ufo photographs, was taken ill (although at the scheduled time he was just 'missing') Chaos reigned briefly as the OPEN DOOR NUFON TV Show was shown on a giant screen (Horror of Horrors to see me larger than life in the bloom of youth!) I then answered questions on the making of this as NUFOIS frantically searched for a way to cover for Barry.

Still without Barry we continued with an unscheduled showing of Nigel Watson of SUFORS' soccumentary film on northern ufology. A commentary or at least some explanation of the barrage of images appearing on the screen would have helped overcome the incompleteness of the editing and the unintelligible soundtrack (caused one would assume because of the projector). As it was I found myself burrying my head in Paul's chest to prevent myself laughing. When finished it will be a good piece of work and it was not Nigels' fault that it was shown prematurely. Any film would seem amateurish when viewed at such a stage. One can certainly say it was entertaining - especially the bit where a dog was furiously chasing a dustbin lid, thrown up in desperate imitation of a UFO!!! Then, at last, came Barry's slides, but without Barry or much understanding of what they were. A pity this had to happen and I am sure the pressman who walked out was convinced all ufologists were idiots. Fortunately he was persuaded to stay for the afternoon.

This was a great improvement. It began with Bernard Delair of CONTACT UK whom, I believe gave a fascinating talk on how various cloud formations seem to be linked with UFOs. Sadly he was not able to finish this most interesting paper, a factor which I know upset him somewhat. Then we had Charles Bowen, editor of FSR, who gave

REPORT ON THE NUFON SKYWATCH PROGRAMMEOr - A plea for more skywatchers!
Ian Sanderson (Programme Coordinator)

Half of the originally scheduled skywatch programme has now been concluded, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the following groups who have taken part on these watches:-

BSIG (Suffolk), Essex UFOSG, UFO CENTRE (Wilts), SPECTRUM (Eire), HAPI (Leicester)
DIGAP, FUFOR, MUFORA, NUFOIS, RIGAP and... PAUL & JENNY.

All the log sheets have not been returned yet, but preliminary results are:-

AUGUST 20th Cloudy Night No reports of any unknowns (except one flashing light seen by BSIG and Paul & Jenny which was possibly a satellite)
SEPTEMBER 17th Clear Sky most areas Unknowns seen by SPECTRUM and FUFOR (both are under investigation and will be featured in the next NUN)

It is hoped that the latter half of the programme will be covering the 'busiest' months, especially mid-October. Therefore, I make a plea to all those groups who have not so far taken part: PLEASE GET OUTSIDE AND WATCH THE SKY ON OCTOBER 15 AND NOVEMBER 19.

If it is not possible for you to organise a group or site, individuals can still take part (Paul and Jenny are doing this), THIS IS A NATIONAL EVENT. Nobody is excluded.

All you have to do is ring the control phone number before you start watching, and ring again when you stop (even when outside for only half an hour). RING IMMEDIATELY IF ANY UNKNOWNNS ARE OBSERVED.

The skywatch programmes were circulated to most groups and many individuals, but copies and log sheets are still available from me at:

69 HIGH STREET RYTON-ON-DUNSMORE COVENTRY (Tel 304119)

Skywatches should be held from 6pm to 6am. Control will be open 6pm to 8am, (Subject to weather conditions and events)

The CONTROL NUMBER is COVENTRY (0203) 610711

So let us all do something constructive. Make October 15 & November 19 nights to remember

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UFOLOGY IS THE CURSE OF PUNK ROCK* Nigel Watson (SUFORS) * Based on a recent 'Sex rifles' release

Earlier this year I wrote of the apparant madness of forming local ufo groups and within weeks helped reform the 'pretentious' named Scunthorpe UFO Research Society. Of course there was a reason, I came into contact with several people interested in UFOs, and they all lived in different parts of Scunthorpe. The only answer was to have regular meetings and SUFORS now has a membership of around 20. All is going smoothly (That is until BUFORA come along and offer their help. Woe Woe Woe Beware the Ides of March or is it the March of the Idles or even Idols!!! EDITOR)

To keep the group alive and encourage new members we have thought of some new ideas. We hold drinking competitions, arm wrestling, tug of war, beer mat throwing championships and by calling the writings of Eric Von Daniken 'the works of an idiot' or just plain (cobblers), we seek to stimulate open discussion and debate. This can be the signal for the more prepared members to bring out the knives. Some may describe this as open warfare, but as group organiser I would argue that it is merely 'an interchange of views between fellow ufologists'. Usually members of the public like to join in. Recently a gang of teddy boys gathered outside chanting, "UFOs are rubbish! Elvis is king!" Our cannon fire was too much for them, and the rest were mopped up with tommy guns and a few grenades.

Punk rockers are not so soft, and we have lost several members to their flame throwers. Mining Scunthorpe High Street has eliminated some of them. At first our activities interested the police, but now the Army are giving us visits. As we are pinned down by ten armed divisions we have decided on a drastic decision. At this very moment the SUFORS treasurer is painting 'UFOs or die' in red on a netron bo.....

(Will SUFORS survive? Tune in next month for Nigel vs Godzilla, or is it Lionel Beer?)

It is becoming apparant from recent contactee cases that we must completely rethink our attitude towards ufology and the wheres and whyfores of the situation we find ourselves enclosed in.

The theories of the past, the ETH or EDH, are not wrong... but they are not right either. When a problem starts developing a series of multiple solutions it can often be said that all these solutions are incorrect but could combine to form the answer if done so correctly. This answer, if one may call it that, must not be anticipated. This is the mistake the old theories made. It will suddenly make itself clear. Each presently held theory has arisen essentially from one group of people looking at a small section of the data and choosing to ignore or disbelieve the rest of the data available.

Ufologists must now discard their misconceptions and start to look at all the data. This means the ufos that fly into aircraft or the latest edition to the field - the psychic contactee (labelled a CE-4 in our new book, thanks to John's suggestion -EDITOR).

Ufo reports from the distant past show that the UFOs manifested themselves as objects familiar to the people of the day, or as ideas and concepts of that day. In the early 1900's they were airships. Now they are Martians - and of course they are hostile, because they are 'invaders' from a far planet which is running out of resources. Yet this is the very same phenomenon which has manifested itself in our minds for centuries. As Jenny Randles said in an article in the Summer 77 issue of UFO RESEARCH REVIEW it is clear that our present day impressions are as inaccurate as those of the past... or is it?

We must ask ourselves why these vastly different concepts of the phenomenon have arisen. Could it be a purely differential sociology, ie the interpretation of a strange phenomenon varies according to the whims of the day, or a complex 'presentation' for the study of our reactions or to induce a change in society.

We need to be very wary of the data that has been collected. It could be that a great deal of this data is simply the end product of a series of highly complex events which come together to form a reality which is in fact completely false. We have, however, reacted to this false reality and treated it as a true reality. It is my conclusion that much of the ufo evidence is merely an elusive reality which has been construed by the witnesses, who have acted in a certain psychological sequence. This has over accentuated some points, according to the mood of the times, and thus incorporated massive psychological distortion of the facts. Historically these facts become more distorted until we end up with the confused picture of today.

One must always consider the condition the witness was in when the observation was made or when the phenomenon was visible, whether this was by design of the witness or by coincidence. Many witnesses exhibit a trance like state during encounters (eg the CE-4 witnesses). John has given a more detailed paper on this at the conference (see Conference proceedings when published, EDITOR)

It is apparant, in conclusion, that although there is a physical side to UFOs there is a wider, deeper and vastly more important side which involves social and psychological aspects. Unless we sort this out, perhaps by retracing the patterns involved, we will not be able to obtain a correct perspective and thus start to construct the true reality of the situation rather than following the false images we have at present. As one editor of the NUN said in a recent editorial, these images are leading us backwards up a blind alley. That alley seems to lead to nowhere.

(I think Miles and John will find the book by Peter Warrington and myself of some interest as we seem to be arguing much along the same lines, although we have tried to provide case study evidence and develop these thoughts into a theory to explain the whole range of data seemingly available. Personally, I feel both Keel and Vallee are partly right and, following the maxim expressed above, the answer lies as a combination of the two. In the book we try two combinations. Perhaps one is right.)

JENNY RANGLES

INVESTIGATION REPORTS

Report 6614 September 1966 Cholmondeston, Cheshire LEVEL A FUFOR

✓ A young man, aged 20 at the time, was walking home his girlfriend at a time we assume to be about 23.00. Above a barn on the opposite side of the road they saw a dull silver egg shape, of a size estimated to be about four times that of the Goodyear Airship (FUFOR consider this to be an overestimate). As they watched a similar object, but smaller, rose from behind the barn and travelled upwards towards the stationary shape. This second object was about one eighth the size of the initial 'egg'. It seemed to merge into the former object, and the whole then began to shimmer. The combined object now rose at an angle and moved away westwards.

Report 7124 October 1971 Bardon Mill, Northumberland LEVEL C Bill Muir

✗ A young man and 'friend' were returning from a pub at about 23.00 when they saw a triangular cluster of lights in the sky almost directly overhead. They were coloured orange and white and seemed to alternate in colours, but unlike the pulsation of an aircraft's lights. After about twenty seconds, during which the cluster had moved along in a wobbling path, the lights dropped down behind some trees, seemingly onto the ground. The witnesses tried to pursue, but were forced back by thick mud. One witness lost a shoe - the price of chasing UFOs!

✓ Report 7227 October 1972 Haslington, Cheshire LEVEL A FUFOR

A couple returning home from Blackpool on a clear and starry night had a shock as they drove along an old Roman road on the outskirts of Crewe. It was between 22.00 and 22.30 as they rounded Cottage Corner and came face to face with a shimmering, silvery mass hovering about one foot off the ground. The car drove on and the mass passed over the rooftop making no sound at all. The observation was over in a matter of seconds, but both witnesses are sure of what they saw.

✗ Report 7228 Oct/Nov 1972 Birmingham, West Midlands LEVEL B UFOSIS

Mr Shale, his wife and two friends of the family, were driving through the outskirts of Birmingham when they saw an intensely brilliant pale blue light. This was travelling very fast and moved across the sky from one side to the other. They were able to keep it in view for about five minutes before losing it behind some tall buildings.

✗ Report 7339 November 5 1973 Newcastle, Tyneside LEVEL C Bill Muir

A bus driver on leave from his job in London awoke at 5.45am to see some white flashes on the wall of his home. Realising that they could not be reflections of car headlamps due to blocking houses he looked out and saw a golden ball of light with rims round the edge. It remained stationary for 30 minutes and faded as day light came. The witness admits to knowing nothing about UFOs or astronomy and it seems reasonable to conclude that what was seen was in fact a bright star - although Venus was not in a position to account for it.

ENTITY ENCOUNTER ON NORTH WALES ROAD?

✓ Report 75/150 July 10 1975 Ewloe, Clwyd LEVEL B MUFORA

Whilst there is no direct evidence to label this an entity encounter, and there are still some logical possibilities to be checked out by local investigator Paul Whetnall, there is enough data here of a ufological interest to make the story of interest.

The report comes from a Mr and Mrs Taylor, who were returning to Manchester along the A55 at Ewloe, near Queensferry, at about 13.00 on the date in question. What they observed was not immediately connected with UFOs, as no object itself was seen, but when Mrs Coombes reported her sighting of a silver suited entity looking into her living room in South Wales earlier this year the Taylors heard the description and were amazed. It tallied exactly with their own sighting. They in fact spoke to Mrs Coombes on BBC radio in a two way interview in April and MUFORA unsuccessfully tried to follow through the case then. However, she has now approached them direct and investigator Ron Sargeant has carried out the investigation.

ENTITY ENCOUNTER ON NORTH WALES ROAD³ Cont...

The figure was seen for only a matter of seconds as they drove by on a bend in the road, however they were able to take in quite a bit of detail.

The factor which immediately made them feel that this was not a normal man was the size. He was at least 6'6" tall - probably 7' or more. This they feel capable of estimating as they have a son who is 6'3" tall. The clothing was bright silver and a cross between a diving suit and a boiler suit, surmounted with a hat which looked like a balaclava. The face seemed normal, though with a mask like appearance, which stared at them in an 'alien' fashion. When first seen the figure was at the base of a tall embankment about 12 feet high with a hedgerow on top. It was facing away from the road with arms stretched up as if it had climbed down the banking (the area is open country). It then turned to face them and followed the car round whilst stooping with the left hand to retrieve an unseen object from the ground.



Certainly interesting in view of recent CE 3 encounters, but by no means conclusive that it was not someone insecticide spraying or something similar. Perhaps just as interesting is the fact that the Taylors were visited by a ufo investigator after the BBC programme. This investigator turns out to be the once famous TV personality Simon Dee, who says he worked for a UFO organisation. So far we have no idea who!!

✓ Report 77/142 April 3 1977 Rutherglen, Scotland LEVEL E Ian Cresswell

A single witness from a town near to Glasgow reports that at 23.30 he saw a triangular shaped object with a blue glow associated with it. After a while it began to accelerate and then simply vanished.

✓ Report 77/143 April 17 1977 Lanark, Scotland LEVEL E Ian Cresswell

A strange object seen over Lanark from parts of West Lothian puzzled Turnhouse Airport and Edinburgh Observatory. It was first seen at 20.12 and appeared like a diamond. After ten minutes it was seen to change shape and became different colours: blue, red and silver. It then split into two and yellow and blue balls were seen to shoot from one to the other. The objects then merged back into a cigar shape with a shadow behind it and remained in view until about 21.10.

✓ Report 77/144 May 16 1977 Auchinairn, Scotland LEVEL E Ian Cresswell

A couple observed a very bright light, apparently high in a clear night sky. It moved very fast to the south east and was seen by other witnesses also.

✓ Report 77/145 May 1977 Warrington, Cheshire LEVEL C MUFORA

A young man returning from his girlfriends at 01.00 on a clear night was running. He was stopped by a policeman to see why he was running, and as the policeman took his name and address they both observed a silver star like object in the eastern sky. It was moving slowly for about five minutes and then it suddenly grew smaller, sped away at a new direction and disappeared from view.

✓ Report 7783 May 22 1977 Upermill, Greater Manchester LEVEL A MUFORA

Upermill has been the scene of some strange encounters in the past. Although it is but a small village it is on the foothills of the Pennines and rather desolate. At 23.40 Mr Rouse was collecting his car from the garage to take his in laws home. He saw a white pendant shaped object appear over the hill behind his home. He watched it for two minutes as it rose above the hill and then called his wife and her parents. They all watched it for a further ten minutes. It was the size of $1\frac{1}{2}$ times the full moon and white in colour. Mr Rouse went in doors to get some binoculars but as he left he was called back to see the object grow smaller and dimmer as it moved away. A few minutes later, whilst driving, the object appeared again, but it had disappeared before he had chance to stop the car.

A witness was observing the weather on a fine morning at 05.00 when he saw an intense white light in the sky, which disappeared after about forty seconds. It remained stationary. He describes it as looking like a 1000 watt firefly!

Close Encounter and EM effects in Durham

LEVEL A CHRYSIS

This case has already been referred to briefly in the previous issue and thanks to Brian Straight of CHRYSIS we are now able to give a full report. The incident took place on June 6th 1977 on the B6278, which is a dark country road near Barnard Castle in County Durham. Sixteen year old Mark Henshall was driving his motorcycle at about 30-35 mph through heavy rain. To the south he saw two purple objects looking like full beam lights on cars. They seemed to pace his motorcycle for a short distance and then they vanished. Mark now noticed a Jaguar car about to overtake him, and at the same time a brilliant light enveloping both the car and his motorcycle. This was pinky/purple and oval in shape with sharp edges. It was above and behind and Mark had to lift his visor, but still did not get a proper view. Mark now noticed that power was draining from his bike. He applied the brakes and yet the bike still was 'pulled' forward. He was approaching a slight hill and was 'pulled' over this. At the same time he felt heat all round him. His wet driving suit began to steam, and a few moments later when he stopped he found that the petrol tank and sides of his bike were very warm. The object vanished suddenly after a few seconds and power returned to his motorcycle. As all of this had been happening Mark had noticed that the car was experiencing similar problems. It too was losing power. As it passed by he heard the power draining from it, but the object overhead was silent.

After the incident was over both drivers stopped and conversed. The car driver had seen less of the object than Mark but both were mystified. He was very reticent about publicity and confirmed Mark's story to the press, but has so far been untraceable (of course CHRYSIS are still trying).

On return home Mark's mother noticed that his face was very flushed and red. This effect quickly passed. The breaks of the motorcycle were checked the next day and found to be so worn as to need resetting. Mark also commented that his jacket was stiffer after the event than before. Although CHRYSIS examined it and found it to be rough it was not significantly unusual.

Mark does not know how the story got into the press, and he feels it cost him his job. CHRYSIS found him a most reliable and helpful witness and feel that this is a significant case.

X Report 77/147 Blackpool, Lancs June 19 1977 LEVEL C MUFORA

Two teenage girls and their boyfriends were on the pleasure beach at about 22.00 riding on a high 'Aeroplane'. Out to the west over the sea they saw an orange/red oblong shape which was the apparant size of a two pence piece at arms length. It was in view for the five minutes that they were on the ride. As this finished they walked down to the beach in the hope that they might see it better but it had disappeared.

X Report 77/148 Valley, Anglesey July 1977 LEVEL B FUFOR

A couple were on holiday at this resort off the North Wales coast, probably during the first two weeks in the month. There was a clear sky and it was cool. At about 23.15 they observed an oval object in the north with a coloured band along the middle. Overall the colour was white. It remained silent and was at an elevation of about 30 degrees. It stayed in view for about 15 minutes and the witnesses do not know how it disappeared.



As the area has a military airfield close by (actually called Valley) FUFOR feel that this may have something to do with the explanation.

X Report 77/149 July 14 1977 Dalmellington, Scotland LEVEL E Ian Cresswell

Two women out for a walk at 23.15 on this night saw a silvery ball of light appear suddenly in the sky in front of them. It remained stationary for two or three seconds and then shot away at a terrific speed towards Glasgow. It here hovered again momentarily and then vanished instantly.

X Report 77/150 August 3 1977 Sheffield, S. Yorkshire LEVEL B UFORUM

A couple who own a public house were up late at 02.45 and looking out of their living room window to the north east when they saw a brilliant light. This dimmed out and then became much brighter. Tiny 'flecks' of blue and red then appeared. She called to her husband who got a pair of binoculars. Through these he could see that the 'flecks' were in fact blue and red lights which were flashing. The object faded out and came back again (exactly as it had before) This it did twice before fading into a 'speck similar to a star'. It was then lost from view. The duration of the sighting was fifteen minutes.

X Report 77/151 August 9 1977 Lowton, Cheshire LEVEL A MUFORA & DIGAP

This report is of great interest not because of what we know but because of what we do not know! MUFORA were first alerted by a brief press cutting in the Leigh and District Weekly News. DIGAP had in fact already commenced work on the case but both teams of investigators found reticence on the part of the witnesses to discuss what had happened. The witnesses were teenage boys (two) and were walking home at 23.00 along a dark country lane from a discoteque in Culceth. They saw an object flying low over a nearby wood. It was cigar shaped and had flashing lights along its length. Shortly afterwards they saw a cigar shaped light in the sky. This moved very fast on a downwards path and seemed to land in a field behind some trees. Being now quite frightened they contacted the police. They took them in a police car to the scene and conducted a brief search but nothing was found. The police returned alone the next day for a more thorough search, again however nothing was found. The police did confirm that the chief witness, an Andrew Owen, was shaking with fright and shivering when they first picked him up. Steve Balon of DIGAP went over the area with a geiger counter, but nothing peculiar was found. However, it was discovered that a man on one of the nearby farms died on the night that the sightings occurred. Whether or not this had anything to do with the case is of course another matter. The investigators are left feeling that there might be something more to this case than first meets the eye, but of course it is fruitless to try to find out any more than we already have. It is interesting that MUFORA have suddenly started to come up against this reticence from witnesses to potentially important cases (another incident in Altrincham is having similar difficulties). It is noticed that CHRYSIS are having problems with the EM case. Peter Warrington has noted that this reticence seems to come in waves. Have any other groups noted an increase of late in lack of cooperation from witnesses?

X Report 77/152 August 10 1977 Hull, N. Humberside LEVEL D Derick Shelton

A policeman on duty in the middle of the night had a strange encounter on some playing fields near eastern Hull. He was frightened to death by the appearance of three goulis who seemed to be jogging around an invisible maypole. One of these was a small creature in a green jerkin. Another appeared to be an old woman with a shawl. The press of course latched on to this and decided that this could have been the ghost of 'Old Mother Riley' (Arthur Lucan the actor who made famous this role is buried in east Hull). Oh Riley.

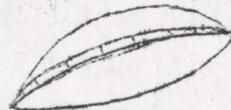
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Subscriptions to the NUN are due in December, although it would greatly help if these could be sent in as soon as possible to facilitate ordering of stocks at cheaper prices. Inflation has made it necessary to increase the costs BUT have no fear a bi-monthly supplement on important new overseas cases, edited by Bryan Hartley, is to be added FREE. The new subscription will be £3.00..... (Multiple rates on request)

As a special offer to help you overcome this if you can find someone to take another subscription out (both copies to be sent to your address) you can have the two copies for £4 - ie the old price!

Report 77/153 August 24 1977 Nantwich, Cheshire LEVEL A FUFOR

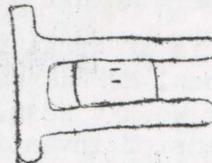
At between 11.30 and 12 noon on a dry sunny day Mrs Gerrard, her young son and her mother went down to the shops. Mrs Gerrard saw a huge oval object over some bugalows. It was dull silver in colour and appeared to have windows. Her mother saw the latter stages of the sighting but her son was totally oblivious to its presence (although he later said that he did in fact see it). When the object was in view the witnesses said that the streets (normally very busy) became quiet and empty. After hovering for some seconds the object accelerated away at a tremendous speed.



THE CUMBRIA FLAP CONTINUES Report 77/154 August 28 1977 Ian Cresswell LEVEL C

Reports continue to pour in from the remote locations of the Lake District, seemingly matching reports in the North Eastern part of Britain. Ian Cresswell continues to investigate these cases, one of which involves a vast array of witnesses, at 00.30 on the date in question.

At Cartmel, Cumbria John Platt and his family (6 other witnesses) all saw a diagonal series of white lights seemingly attached to a larger object as it passed silently overhead (estimated height 600 feet). It moved slowly at first and then accelerated away to the south east. In the distance only two lights were visible. Two policemen in Windermere saw the lights moving across the lake also at the same time. To the south at Silverdale, Lancashire Mr J Currie and his wife saw two white headlamps from their car. They got out and watched the lights glide silently overhead. There was a charcoal coloured nonreflective shape behind it and as this came directly overhead it was seen to be a catamaran shape with a space in the middle which had two orange lights on it. The shape, though unusual, is reminiscent of one seen already in this Summers flap (see NUN Aug 77)



Report 77/155 September 5 1977 Uttoxeter, Staffs LEVEL A UFORA Staffs

Two teenage boys observed a cigar shaped object from their bedroom window. It had two white lights on the end and a red light on the mid underside. It appeared over the rooftops and was in view about 35 seconds as it moved towards a church. The size was that of a tennis ball at arms length. It disappeared by turning on its edge and just vanishing.



Report 77/156 September 9 1977 Nantwich, Cheshire LEVEL B FUFOR

At 20.39 four witnesses observed a white light which changed colour to red, yellow and green. It followed a series of zig-zag motions upwards and then moved away at an angle before disappearing. 45 minutes after this a similar object appeared. This moved away slowly at an angle and after about three minutes shot out a brief light beam of a diffuse nature to its rear. This lit up clouds similar to lightning. After ten minutes the object vanished as if switched off.

Report 77/157 September 12 1977 Redcar, Cleveland LEVEL A CHRYSIS

Malcolm Leech, a local astronomer, saw seven lights flying in different directions. They crossed each others paths. The objects were roughly spherical and luminous. The first group of four were heading for the moors and disappeared within 11 seconds. The others moved off slowly out to sea where they vanished as if switched off. The total duration of the sighting was approximately 3 minutes.

Report 77/158 September 13 1977 North Ormesby, Cleveland LEVEL A CHRYSIS

A 26 year old steelworker was coming home at 05.20. He looked up in the sky and saw a blue/grey object which was silent and heading east to west. At first he thought it was a seagull as it had curved wings, but the object was slightly luminous and moved much too quickly to be a bird. It carried no lights and had no tail fin. After six seconds it 'just disappeared'.

Report 77/159 September 16 1977 Warrington, Cheshire LEVEL A MUFORA

Jenny Randles and Paul Whetnall were travelling from Chester to Warrington by train. At 19.42 Jenny noticed a brilliant white light apparently stationary in the south east. The sky was still light. At first it was considered to be an aircraft light but after about thirty seconds it suddenly grew in size and brilliance until it became the apparent size of a pea and orange coloured. It then began to fade away and move at the same time. Within seconds it had gone. Two other people on the train, a Mr and Mrs Harvey from Colwyn Bay, confirmed all details of the observation when they commented to Jenny Randles that they thought they had just seen a UFO. It was subsequently decided that this was probably an aircraft landing at Manchester Airport with full landing lights on.

Report 77/160 September 22 1977 Redcar, Cleveland LEVEL A CHRYSIS

The 12 year old son of Mrs Plant heard a whirring sound outside his window. His parents also heard it. The boy opened his window and saw a light flashing and describing a figure of eight motion. He resolved the object as being hexagonal in shape. It stopped moving then came towards him in a dip. Terrified he ran down stairs. When his parents went outside the sound had stopped and the object gone.

Report 77/161 September 22 1977 Linthorpe, Cleveland LEVEL A CHRYSIS

Dennis and John Proudler saw a strongly luminous reddish object pass to the north. The time was 22.23 and the object oscillated on its course. Its outline was blurred or fuzzy and it appeared to be oval in shape. The object was in view for a few seconds before it simply disappeared. Mr Proudler observed several meteors during the course of the evening and said they in no way resembled this.

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NEWS ROUND-UP Paul Whetnall (WUFOS)

Bryan Hartley (FAPURG) has produced issue 3 of NORTHERN UFOLOGY. It contains a major article on Bigfoot plus other contributions from Jenny Randles and Stephen Davies (NUFOIS). It is available from Bryan at 20p :-

23 Hastings Road Thornton-Le-Fylde LANCASHIRE

Bryan will also be editing the new Overseas Supplement which will review the most important new case from overseas. The first issue is supplied free with this issue of NUN to the groups. Copies are available from Bryan.

FUFOR are at present in the midst of a flap over Crewe. From all accounts there have been an exceptional number of reports, and these will come to be reviewed in future issues of the NUN. They have very good relations with the local press and the editor of the Crewe Chronicle passes on reports for further investigation. They have some articles in the MAPIT magazine, SKYWATCH. FUFOR also have a strange comment to make about the NUN, asking for some cases prior to 1970 to be included. There are usually one or two and last months issue had several, including one investigated by myself and Jenny Randles. the IURC tell of a radio programme in Ireland featuring author Desmond Leslie (of Adamski fame) and Terrance Murtagh (whom John Hind says is the Irish equivalent of Patrick Moore!!) The show was a total waste of time with Leslie plugging a hodge podge of ETH and Murtagh twittering on about the basic basics of astronomy. PULSE have a new contact address for all UFO data (having split into a ufo and a leyography section) this is NICK TURNER 95 Ripon STREET PRESTON Lancs. Pulsar will still be issued by Kathy Preston at the usual address and will be bi-monthly as from October 1977. Derek James of UFORA STAFFS has some comments to make about some of the smaller groups, especially the way that they prepare reports. Although I feel that in some ways this criticism is warranted it hardly seems to be the fault of the groups themselves who, of course, lack experience. These groups ought to ask for the help and advice of the groups around them. After all that is what NUFON is all about. A list is appended of all groups and their areas with approximate ages so that experience can be gauged. Do not be afraid to call out for help.

NEWS ROUND UP Cont...

Derek James has offered to supply any group with R1 and R2 forms if they pay the postage. These forms are excellent for case investigation and this generous offer should be taken up. Derek quotes an instance where FUFOR sent a photographic case to the Evening Sentinel. Derek says it was printed upside down, the negative was lost and the object turned out to be the moon anyway! This was probably due to lack of experience which FUFOR inevitably must have, and of course they are by no means alone in NUFON and we are not singling them out here. So please ask for help and use the phone numbers when available. Let us improve the standards of work. SUFON, the southern network, are now off the ground and ask for any southern cases you come across to be sent to them. 1 Bladon Close, Denvilles, Havant, Hants.

EDITORIAL Cont... (From P.1)

an off the cuff series of reminiscences about his early days with the magazine and his favourite cases. Next came a paper which greatly impressed me from John Hind, of the IURC. He discussed the sociological and psychological aspects of UFO reports extending Vallee's 'Invisible College' towards some suggestions for research. Bob Morrell then came back into the fray with a more materialistic standpoint, arguing against John's ideas and those expressed by Peter Warrington and I of late (eg in the 'Gary Report') The debate which followed was only abated by the clock. A most enjoyable afternoon was rounded off by Ian Sanderson who discussed the results of the NUFON skywatch programme to date and initiated a debate on skywatches in general.

About a dozen or so people stayed overnight for the UFOIN get together on the Sunday. This not only enabled a more social evening, where the debates continued, but allowed a more leisurely pace on the Sunday to discuss current high strangeness cases and plan methodology. This I feel was the most important aspect of the weekend, which in future must be maintained. In general the organisation was good and the printed programme excellent. NUFON are to publish proceedings and these will be essential to all those who attended - as well as those who did not.

Problems as I saw them stemmed largely from trying to cram too much in (a common fault at such conferences). More time for each paper and a less congested time table would be useful for future reference. Mind you I suspect many people enjoyed the wide range of topics. Perhaps all papers ought to be vetted first before the time table is planned. But quibbles apart I enjoyed myself at the conference itself and outside it. I doubt if any of the 80 or so present did not feel 50p value for money!

NUFON GROUP DATA

THE NORTH WEST	Ian Cresswell	12 Newlands Rd	Morecambe	Lancashire	
THE NORTH EAST	CHRYSIS	7 Cotswold Drive,	Reecar,	Cleveland	(1974)
West Lancs	FAPURG,	23 Hastings Rd	Thornton Le Fylde.	Lancs	(1975)
Central Lancs	PULSE	95 Ripon Street	Preston	Lancs	(1975)
West Yorks	BUFORA	8 Central Park	Wellhead	Halifax HX1 2BT	(1963)
South Yorks	UFORUM	40 Badger Rd	Woodhouse	Sheffield	(1976)
Merseyside	WUFOS	760 New Chester Rd	Bromborough	Wirral L62 8HD	(1973)
South Lancs	DIGAP	24 Bent Fold Drive	Unsworth	Bury BL8 9NG	(1959)
Gtr Manchester	MUFORA	125 Beresford Street	Manchester	M14 4RY	(1963)
Cheshire (West)	FUFOR	2 Acer Avenue	Crewe	Cheshire	(1976)
Cheshire (East)	MAPIT	92 Hillcrest Rd	Offerton	Stockport SK2 1SE	(1973)
Staffs	UFORA	10 Bullockshouse Rd	Harriseahead	Stoke	(1972)
Notts/Derby	NUFOIS	443 Meadow Lane	Nottingham	NG2 3GB	(1973)
Lincolnshire	SUFORS	1 Angerstein Rd	Scunthorpe	Sth Humberside	(1972)
West Midlands	UFOSIS	136 Cleveland Tower	Holloway Circus	Birmingham	(1975)
NORTHERN IRELAND	IURC	19 Cairnshill Avenue,	Belfast	BT8 4NR	(1975)

QUESTIONNAIRE (Test this on your members and send us the results)

	<u>AGREE</u>	<u>NOT CERTAIN</u>	<u>DISAGREE</u>
UFOs are real physically			
UFOs are from space			
Some people have seen entities			
Contactees have had real experiences			
UFOs are related to psychic phenomena			
