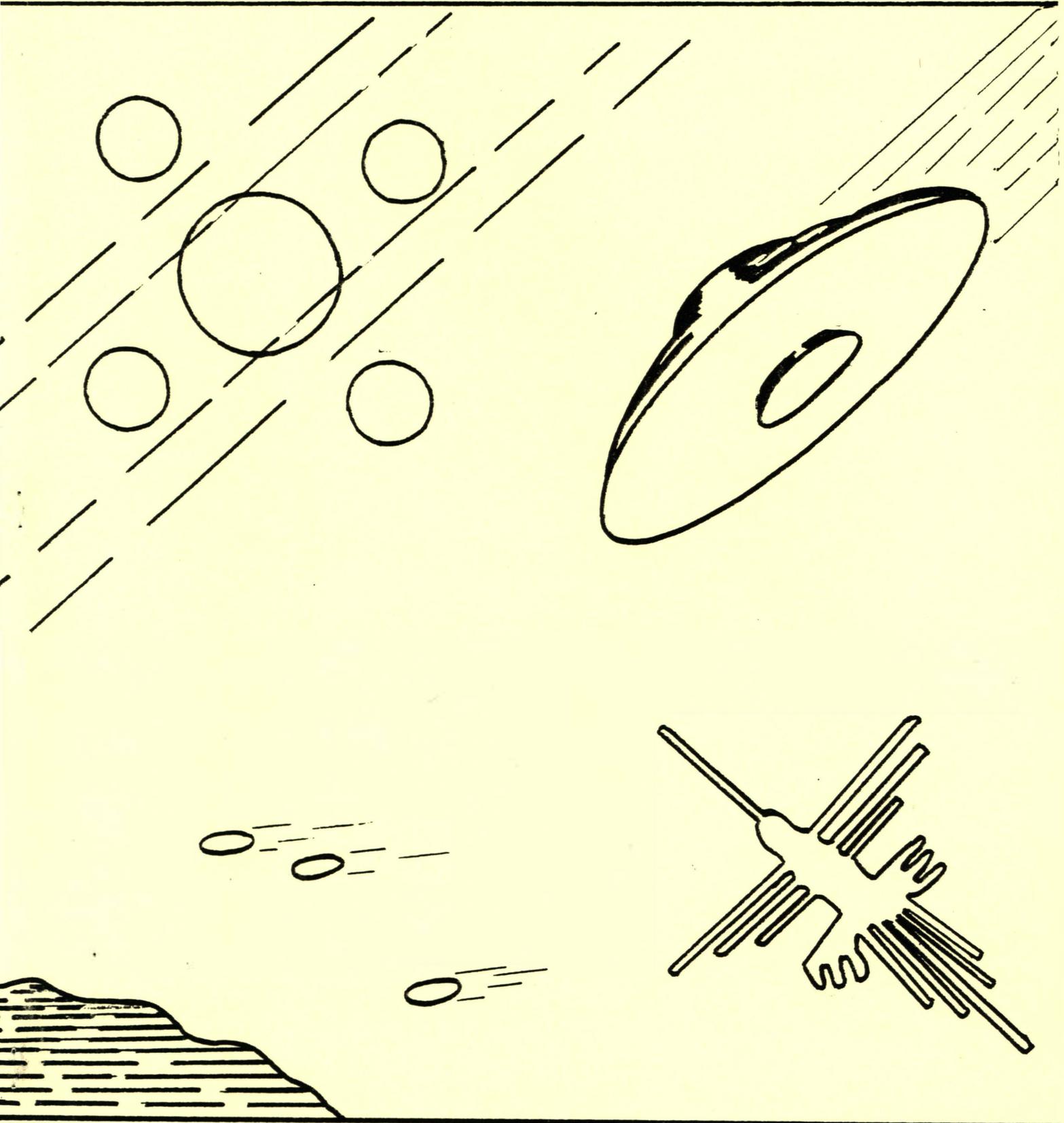


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MORE CIRCLE SNIPPET'S

Although there appears to be a reduced amount of UFO activity generally throughout the country, an increasing amount of data both old and new is reaching us in connection with the Crop Circle phenomenon. A number of news items are included in the OVNI this month, some of them are exclusive to our newsletter.

The circles, crosses and semi-circles that appeared in a wheatfield near Keil, Germany on July 26th last year, have now been confirmed as hoaxes.

North German television has stated that four German students have admitted making circles in ten fields, similar to the circles that have appeared in England. They said that they wanted to show that what the English can do, they could do just as well. A film was shown of the four students using planks to flatten the crop into circles and other shapes.

Before the disclosure, Swiss author Erich Von Daniken told a German radio station that he believed the circles and other symbols were attempts by aliens to contact Earth. The circles in the cornfields are Cosmic intelligence tests, he said, but he discounted theories that they were UFO landing sites. (Reuter)

Tokyo: March 24th. Professor Ohtsuki of Waseda University has traced the origin of the small circles (approx 1" dia) that have appeared recently on the walls of tunnels in the underground railway system. The circles were reported on Japanese Television and the transport authorities warned against sightseers wandering into the tunnels. Professor Ohtsuki stated that the circles had been caused by plasma or hot and highly conductive ionised gas emanating from the high-voltage railway power lines.

An extraordinary aerial photograph of a large six ring circle that appeared at Woodford, Northants on the 24th of August 1991, is reproduced in the April 1992 issue of Pat Delgado's Newsletter. The photograph, which gives no details other than it was taken by the Milton Keynes Crop Circle Group, has a diameter of over eight "tramlines". I have estimated the diameter as being approx. 430'. If we are successful in obtaining permission to reproduce the photograph, it will appear in the next issue of OVNI.

We have heard from "Busty" Taylor who gave a presentation at the recent CCCS AGM, that Professor Archie E. Roy of Glasgow University and the President of the Centre For Crop Circle Studies, commented that we "are doing excellent work". This refers to our investigation of microwave activity in Crop Circles. This phenomenon has now been identified worldwide by various researchers, including Busty' Taylor who has supplied us with slides from Minnesota USA. showing burn marks on maize stems.

CIRCLES IN AUSTRALIA

(Contributor: John Clamp)

A letter recently received and written from the "outback" on March 10th, has disclosed news about the "circles", heard on radio station SCK, Port Pirie, South Australia.

The events occurred near the mining community of "Broken Hill", N.E. of Adelaide. Mining of various minerals is carried out in the area and may have some bearing on the subject.

Radio reporter Jane Newland interviewed Mr Ian Jackson, a property owner 100km East of Broken Hill. While mustering sheep, one of Mr Jackson's men drove over a "circle" in the grassland, he stopped and discovered another two circles close by. The first circle was described as being 27' in diameter, with the whole circle being black and the vegetation and flowers being bent down and facing outwards. When the stems were snapped open, the inside was found to be still green. There were fifteen witnesses at the time of the discovery and it was noticed that the sheepdogs were alarmed and attempted to run off.

Photographs were taken at the site and a Government department was contacted in Adelaide. They requested the photographs and samples of soil and vegetation to be sent in sterile containers. Mr Jackson is now believed to be having problems in getting his photographs returned.

During the past month, many "lights in the sky" have been seen in the "Broken Hill" area. The witnesses have included (sheep) station workers and shearers. One man had the experience of a light following him home and upon arriving, the light circled his house! In another case, a large orange-white light rose up from the horizon and was seen bobbing around before disappearing.

The radio interview was carried out in a calm sensible manner and Mr Jackson commented that, had he seen a landing take place, he would most certainly have gone out and investigated it.

Owing to the radio broadcast taking place at one of the busiest times of the sheep station season and the demands of work at the time, only part of the interview was heard.

N.B. Concerning the above, ref: OVNI March, Jeff Whitear predicts whole fields of wheat being destroyed by fire. Recently, Gordon Creighton, Editor of Flying Saucer Review, stated that 99% of the population seem to be unaware of what is happening in respect of our "subject". This is quite correct and you could say whoever or whatever is behind all this phenomena has taken care to ensure just that.

If as Jeff Whitear says, the energy is increasing each year, blazing wheatfields would thus signal a big change in the intentions of these beings.

John Clamp (Nottingham)

SPANISH AUTHOR'S INTEREST

Your Editor, visited Spanish author and media broadcaster Antonio Ribera last month at his home in the mountains of Barcelona Province. "Tony" is an old friend and has written over thirty books on the subject of UFO's, several of which have been translated into other languages. In the mid 60's he led a Spanish expedition to Easter Island, this included an underwater exploration of the coast. He made a number of interesting discoveries which included finding an answer to the fate of the missing "long ears" Island race and the fact that the Easter Island native language uses a number of words in common with ancient Greek.

Antonio Ribera also studied the world famous statues in great detail and described how they were individually cut from pumice (lava) with hand axes made from stone by the Island slaves of the "long ears". Erich Von Daniken who had visited Easter Island briefly, described the making and movement of the stone statues as one of the World's great mysteries, but Antonio Ribera discussed this with the Island natives and was told how the statues, which were not as heavy as Von Daniken had indicated, were moved by pulling them with ropes across layers of wet seaweed. The stone figures, which all have individual features, were fitted with stone "hats" at one time and had eyes made from mother of pearl. They are situated on the coast and face inwards, towards the interior of the island. Many were pulled down by the native slaves after they revolted against their "long ears" masters. I interviewed Antonio Ribera on video in 1989.

As a result of his successful expedition he was given an award by Jacques Causteau the well known French underwater explorer. At present Tony is recovering from an illness that laid him out in hospital for over a month at the end of last year. He was eager to discuss the latest news about the Crop Circles in England. As a result of our meeting, he intends to publish an article in a Spanish magazine on the work carried out by the PRA in the study of burnt wheat stems and their connection with microwave activity in Crop Circles.

Pictured below: Omar Fowler and Antonio Ribera.



A CANADIAN CIRCLE (1980)

I recently came across a circle report in the Canadian publication "Journal UFO" dated March 1981. It concerns a suspected UFO landing site in pastureland on Manitoulin Island, Ontario:-

The traces consisted of a perfectly circular track measuring 21 feet 5 inches in diameter, gouged out of the pastureland to a depth of one to two inches. The track itself measured five to seven inches in width, and the soil and vegetation gouged from the ring was thrown outside the circle to a distance of three to four inches, presumably by something travelling in the track in a clockwise direction.

The ring was discovered around October 20 (1980) by Farquhar Anglin and Sam Debassige who were crossing part of Anglin's farm in a truck. The area in question was abandoned pastureland which had not been used for about a year. Debassige noticed the ring, and brought it to Anglin's attention. They stopped the truck and both men examined their curious discovery. It appeared to have been freshly made, but it was a few days before Anglin brought it to the attention of (Officer) Keith Size, who was a neighbour and who then went out to look at it.

Mr Size reported that the ring was about half a mile from the road and that it took him about five minutes to reach it by car. It is also quite close to the CBC transmission tower. In spite of a few days of rain, Size noticed that the ring was still perfectly visible. There was also a large boulder in the ring, not in the exact centre, but not far from it. The officer could find no traces of anything having been hauled into the area which could have done the damage; he was completely unable to explain the phenomenon.

There were no UFO reports from the area, nor any other strange occurrences such as off-hand animal behaviour. Mr Size was told by a local farmer of three similar rings being discovered on his farm near Silverwater (West Manitoulin) around 1964. One was forty-five feet in diameter, the other two considerably smaller, about sixteen feet across.

Traces of radioactivity were detected in the soil (Manitoulin), higher readings for that taken from the surface and lower inside the trench.

The cause of the ring still remains unexplained at this time.

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Diagram of ring showing soil sample locations

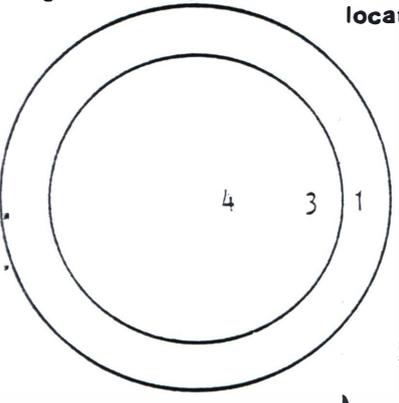


TABLE 1 - Radioactivity Readings (Six 60 sec. readings for each sample)

SAMPLE	READINGS						MEAN	AVG. DEV.	DEV. FROM BACKGROUND	% ABOVE BACKGROUND
Background	20	22	20	19	17	18	19.3	1.3	-	-
Sample 1	21	16	21	21	20	16	19.2	2.1	- .1	- .5%
Sample 2	17	34	18	24	23	22	23.0	4.0	3.7	19.3%
Sample 3	18	31	24	17	20	17	21.2	4.2	1.9	9.8%
Sample 4	17	18	27	22	27	25	22.6	3.7	3.3	17.1%
Sample 5	25	17	33	17	25	30	24.5	5.0	4.2	21.8%

loose soil thrown from ring

TALE ENDERS

Owing to other Supernatural commitments, Mark Hayward of the Mansfield UFO Group has postponed his talk on Ghost Hunting until a later date. Mark is currently involved in the strange going's on at a well known ancient stately home in Nottinghamshire. It should make his future talk even more interesting.

Pat Delgado's new book "Crop Circles: Conclusive Evidence" (07475 1282 5) will be available in May, priced at £14.99. It contains over 100 aerial and groundshot photographs. Meanwhile....we still have a few autographed copies of "The Crop Circle Enigma" for sale at £9.95 and sets of 8 Crop Circle postcards at £2.00.

We have heard from Jurgen Kronig, who represents a German publishing company and lives in Wiltshire. When investigating the Crop Circle nicknamed "The Brain" and "The Serpent" (Hungerford Aug.91), he found standing stems cut off at the top and he also noticed that the tops were black (burnt?). This could well indicate its authenticity.

We understand that prominent researcher Tony Dodd has left the "Quest International" UFO study group.

The morning TV programme "This Morning" is due to have a UFO "talk-in" on May 12th.

In a recent letter, Jeff Whitear mentioned that he has been plotting the increase in earthquake activity in recent years....and this was before the activity of Mount Etna and the large tremor in Germany occurred!

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Readers will be interested to hear that the well known author and researcher Jenny Randles has recently contacted us with a view to exchanging information. Currently Jenny will be speaking at the Manchester UFO Conference to be held on Saturday 25th April. Tickets at £8, available from Stuart Smith, 15 Rydal Street, Burnley, Lancs. BB10 1HS.

NEXT MEETING

Will be held at the Stanley Club, Stanley Common, Nr. Ilkeston. Derbys. There will be a colour slide presentation showing Crop Circle events from around the world, including China, Russia, the USA and U.K., followed by a UFO feature.

During the evening, the new "Microdet" Microwave detector unit, invented by Paul Foster for field research in Crop Circles, will be demonstrated.

The meeting will take place at 8pm on Wednesday 22nd April.

(Non-members welcome: 50p entrance)