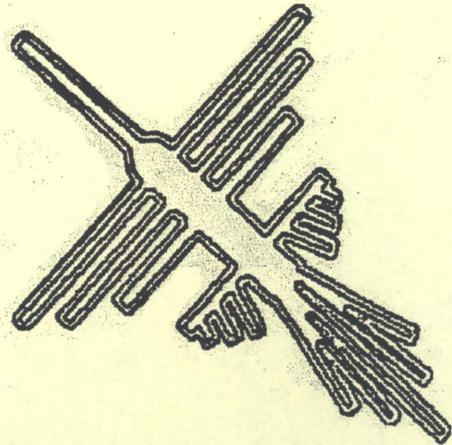
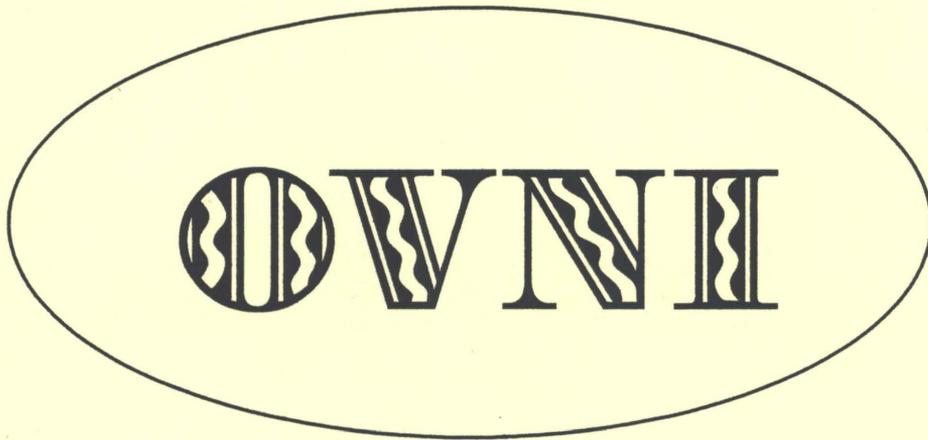
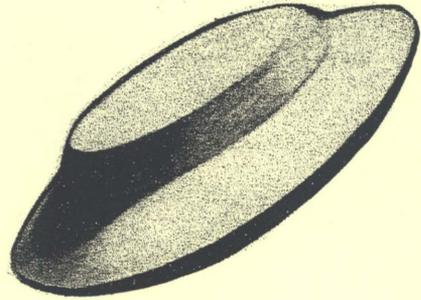
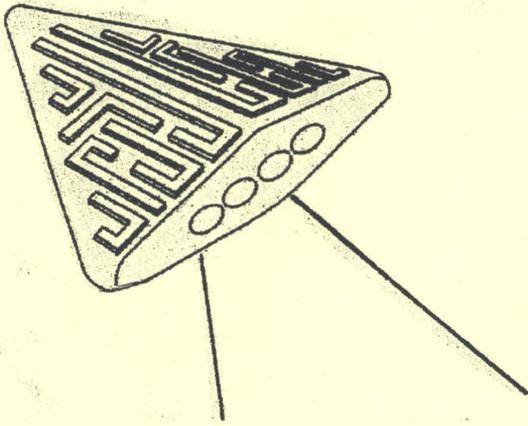


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## WINTER BLUES?

Welcome to the latest issue of the OVNI, this time with more colour pages added to brighten up these dark days of winter. Thanks to another fine contribution by our colleague and graphic artist David Sankey, we have a fine colour picture for you on page three. This depicts his interpretation of the landing at Socorro, NM, USA in 1964, with a full description of the scene on the preceding page.

The forces of nature continue to flex their muscles, particularly in the Caribbean part of the globe. Once again demonstrating the vulnerability of man's existence on this planet, a fact that the majority of the population appear to be oblivious of in their frantic search for material gain. The stripping of our planets resources is seen as the way of making a 'fast buck' without any thought of the future consequences.

The persistent emphasis given to our civilisations contribution to 'Global Warming' has failed to recognise that the Earths changes have been recorded in similar cycles over past thousands of years, as verified by the extensive ice core samples taken from the Polar regions. It appears that our warming Sun is the culprit. The present massive CME's occurring unscheduled and out of sequence to the Suns normal cycle could give us a clue!

Mitch Battros (ECTV) has pointed this out with his simple equation: ***Sunspots => Solar Flares => Magnetic Field Shift => Shifting Ocean and Jet Stream Currents => Extreme Weather and Human Disruption.***

Mitch has also referred to the following ..... "Carlos Barrios has told me that he has convened with the Mayan high priest counsel to review the signs of recent events in part as outlined in the **Mayan Calendar**, and has prophesied possible future events. At this time, all I can say is what Carlos repeated to me several times stated below."

"First there was water, then there was air, then there will be dirt (earth), then there will come fire".

I can tell only this much... Carlos said the water was the Indian Ocean tsunami, the air was Katrina/Rita, the earth or dirt is not only the recent Pakistan quake killing over 30,000 people, but more and larger to come. The fire will be the coming volcanoes; not one but many. The time period is not 2012 or 2007, it is "now" and will continue and escalate over the next 18 months.

Watch for an increase in volcanic and earthquake activity. Also watch for new tropical storms, or current tropical storms to increase. Also watch for sudden wind shears, straight-line winds, micro-burst, and tornadoes. This may also take the form of new winter storms involving heavy snow, also watch for rapid temperature shifts of as much as a 20 degree differential!

ED. It seems that all is not well with our planet and that we have numerous disasters yet to come. Maybe it is natures way of 'cleansing' Mother Earth and starting again from scratch.

It is interesting that we have previously had few clues as to what may have preceded our present civilisation. It was a real eye opener to learn from a recent scientific TV programme, that DNA research has now proved that Europeans arrived and populated parts of Central America some 12,000 years ago!

***"This is not my home. This planet, to me, is like a railroad station. People are here today and gone tomorrow." – Sun Ra (1914-1993)***

## THE LANDING AT SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO, USA. 24th APRIL 1964

The landing at Socorro has become one of the classic UFO cases, a legend in UFO folklore.

It occurred on April 24, 1964 when Officer Zamora of the Socorro, New Mexico, Police department had been on patrol in his police car and was at that moment pursuing a car that was apparently speeding through the town.

Lonnie Zamora states "At this time, I heard a roar and saw a flame in the sky to the southwest, some distance away-possibly half a mile or a mile. It came to mind that a dynamite shack in the area had blown up, I decided to let the chased car go."

"The flame was bluish and sort of orange too. I could not tell the size of the flame, which was slowly descending.



Lonnie Zamora

The noise was like a roar, not like a blast, not like a jet. It changed from high frequency to low frequency and then stopped. I was going towards it at that time on the rough gravel road."

"After the roar and flame I did not note anything, while going up that steep hill-had to back up and try again, two more times. After I got to the top I travelled slowly on the gravel road westwardly. Noted nothing for a while, possibly ten or fifteen seconds and I went slowly, looking for the shack.



Zamora with Sgt. Chavez at the Socorro landing site 1964

"Suddenly I noted a shiny object to the south, about 150 to 200 yards. It looked, at first, like a car turned upside down. I thought some kids might have turned it over, then I saw two people in white coveralls very close to the object."

"One of these persons seemed to turn and look straight at my car and seemed startled-seemed to quickly jump somewhat."

"At this time I started to move my car towards them quickly, with the idea to help. I had stopped only a couple of seconds. The object was like aluminium-it was whitish against the mesa background, but not chrome. Seemed like oval in shape and I, at first glance, took it to be an overturned white car. Car appeared turned up, like standing on radiator or car trunk, at this first glance. The only time I saw these two persons was when I had stopped, for possibly two seconds or so, to glance at the object. I don't recall noting any particular shape or possibly any hats or headgear. Those persons appeared normal in shape -but possibly they were small adults or large kids."

"Then I paid attention to the road while I drove towards the scene. I radioed to the Sheriff's office (*informing them that he was about to stop and investigate the upturned car*). I stopped the car and was still talking on the radio as I started to get out, then the mike fell down, I reached back to pick up the mike and placed it in the slot (*holder*) and got out of the car. I had hardly turned around from the car, when I heard a roar (was not exactly a blast), very loud roar-at that close, it was real loud, not like a jet-I know what a jet sounds like. It started with low frequency quickly, then rose in frequency and in loudness from loud to very loud. At the same time as the roar, I saw the flame was under the object. The object was starting to go straight up-slowly. The flame was a light blue and at the bottom was a sort of orange colour. The object was oval (with long axis horizontal). It was smooth, no windows or doors. I started running and I glanced back a couple of times, I guess I had run about 25 feet when I glanced back and saw the object level with the car. I was still running and I jumped over the hill, then I stopped because I did not hear the roar. I looked up and saw the object going away from me. As it disappeared, it had no flame whatsoever as it was travelling over the ground and made no smoke or noise, then it disappeared as it went over the mountains. (*A full investigation was detailed by W.T.Powers in 'The Humanoids'*).



Sacorro, NM April 24th 1984 © 2005 D. Sankey

## EXTRAORDINARY LIGHTS SEEN OVER PRESTON 2nd SEPTEMBER 05

A report from Mr David Broderick\*

In the early hours of the 2nd September 2005, I observed on looking through my kitchen window, an object of unidentifiable proportions flying through the sky commencing at 0030 hrs and continuing until 0100 hrs.

I had gone into my kitchen and looked up at the night sky, as I always do. The Plough was visible and other stars, but there was some cloud that obscured the stars at times. Suddenly I saw a blue flash of light go past! I thought 'what was that?' I then waited to see if it would come back and it did!

There were a series of oval blue lights, then as they came around again, they had changed to a V-shaped object with an accompanying oval flying fast through the sky. (see sketch 1). The main craft had two 'tail' fins, one side shorter than the other and they all moved at great speed and their shape was sharply defined and clear.

The objects were shooting right to left and then would stop for a fraction of second, making five or six passes right to left, disappearing from view and then coming back in an arc over my house and away over the River Ribble (see sketch 2). I opened my window but could hear no noise. I did not go outside, thinking that perhaps they would disappear if I did.

I am not sure what height they were, but it was below cloud level. The objects were a light blue colour like that of gas flame, it was a different colour to the stars. The wing shape seemed very large compared to a plane and the oval at the tail end was always perfect in shape.

The lights continued to do this for half an hour and then disappeared. I waited a further 20 minutes but they never returned. I was in awe and the hairs on the back of my neck were standing on end!

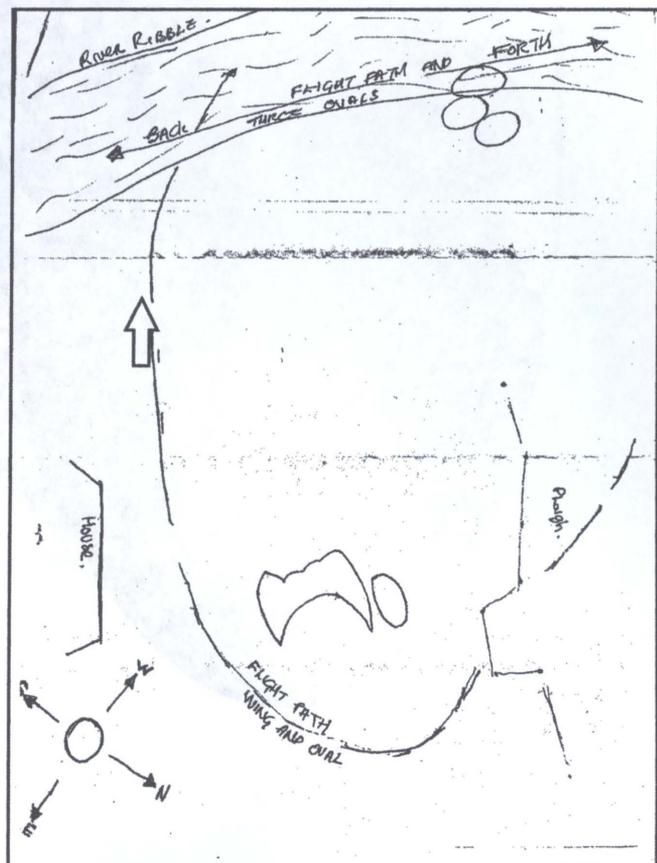
I have tried to think of an explanation and I can't. At first I thought of lasers, but there was no beam. I have never seen anything like it before and was truly amazed.



Sketch 1

\* Mr David Broderick (47) lives in Preston and is a web Designer (ACTIP) and photographer (LRPS).

He has been in touch with PRA and discussed his sighting in detail. He is anxious to find an answer to this mysterious incident and has requested our assistance to this end. O.F.



Sketch 2

## The Patterns of Martian Fossils

### NASA would have you believe that this is random erosion

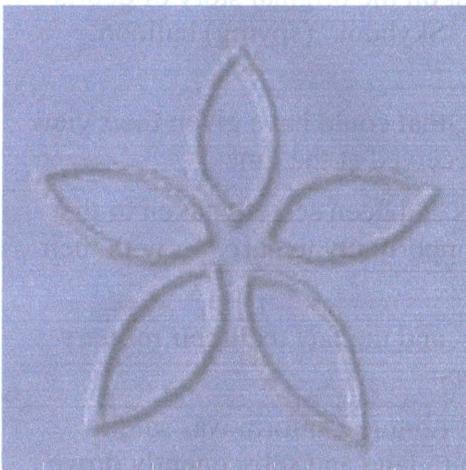
From: Sir Charles W. Shults III, K. B. B. Xenotech Research .

(With thanks to Andrew Johnson for drawing this to our attention.)



What if you found a rock- and it had this pattern on it? Would you think that the action of wind and sand and erosion had produced it? Or would you think that some odd crystal process had produced it? Since it has regular five and ten sided symmetry, crystals are out. No natural crystal form produces regular five sided or ten sided figures. That would mean that either somebody carved it, or it was the result of some other biological process.

NASA would have you think that this was just some random bit of erosion, but it makes no sense that they would claim this. After all, a discovery of this magnitude would mean lots of funding for future Mars exploration. Well then, what if you found a rock that had this pattern on it? It is set into the rock, and the patterns are made of uniformly thick lines.



It is bilaterally symmetrical, having right and left halves that are mirror images of each other. What sort of erosion would cut this pattern into a rock and leave such fine, precise lines for the oval and spokes? What erosion process would make such a perfect triangle with such perfect lines so carefully placed inside it? Once again, NASA dismisses this and does not even bother to explain it. No word on what it might be or what might have produced it. Okay, what about a leaf pattern? Not just a leaf shaped pattern, but one that is made of uniform lines and shows what appears to be segments along their lengths. It would be extraordinary to find one of these on a rock, and to find an explanation for how it could have gotten there. After all, erosion is a blunt mallet and does not produce fine, symmetrical features like this on a regular basis. This is only the tip of the iceberg.



As most people know, if something is improbable, the chance of it happening many times becomes wildly more improbable. So finding one of these patterns is unusual, but FIVE of them, on the same rock, and arranged in a perfect pentagram?

Now we are talking about a very improbable event. After all, crystals do not create these forms, and erosion most certainly does not!

You may as well expect to find your name written in Greek and Egyptian on a random piece of stone. Once again, this is five sided form, and it shows what is called pentagonal or five fold rotational symmetry. This can only be the result of either human intervention or biological processes. So where are all these odd features located?

**I have located every one of these features on various rocks- but there are many, many more. In fact, many features are repeated on many rocks in different locations, and there is only one explanation for this- one that NASA must finally admit is true- every single one of these features is a marking on a fossil !**

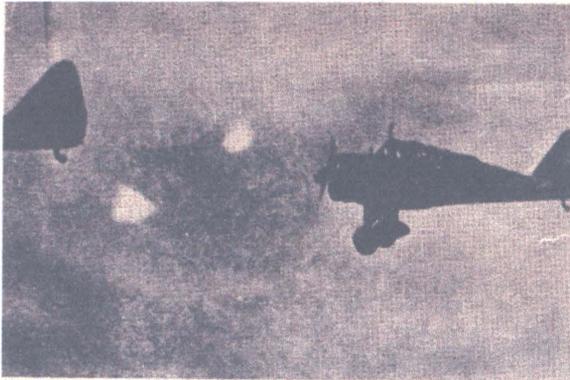
For full details see: <http://www.xenotechresearch.com/random01.htm>

## CHANNEL 4's 'UFO'S THE HIDDEN EVIDENCE' (13th Oct. 05.)

TV Programme Reviewed by **Omar Fowler**

This was a two hour programme presented by defence journalist Nick Cook, who travelled to Poland, the USA and Russia to collect data for this presentation. In a nutshell, he might just as well have stayed in the UK and attended a few of our monthly meetings! He would have discovered 90% of his programme content, plus more facts than he had decided to disclose in this two hour epic.

Commencing with German secret weapon development during WW2, (which was interesting to aircraft enthusiasts) he went on to hint that the 'Foo Fighters' were a German secret weapon designed to fly into Allied aircraft formations over Germany. This was followed by several aircraft photos being flashed across the screen, including the old chestnut of a flight a Japanese Tachikawa Ki-36 aircraft photographed over Manchuria in 1939! (see left)



With such a gaff starting the programme, I sat to wait for further exciting disclosures and the next error! 'UFO reports started in 1947 with the Kenneth Arnold sighting' was the next. (See page 10 for a UFO sighting in 1939).

The Roswell incident was briefly discussed, with much doubt being cast on the original story of debris strewn over the ground from an Alien craft. Emphasis was given to the 'Skyhook' (spying) balloon, atmospheric abnormalities and lenticular clouds.

There was no attempt to track down any of the few witnesses still alive, that could have given their view on what had happened and the threats from the Military that they had received at the time.

The thread of the programme returned to the fact that German scientists had been secretly taken to the USA at the end of WW2 (operation 'Paper Clip') and were given the opportunity to carry on with their work on the V2 (rocket) at the White Sands proving ground.

Details were given of UFO incidents in the USSR during the 'cold war' and the fact that their military forces had been ordered to report all UFO incidents to their commanders.

The Socorro incident was dealt with briefly and once again incorrectly! Lonnie Zamorra was said to have watched a saucer (with typical animation being shown) coming in to land and subsequently drove over to watch it. The 'people' in white coveralls were described as technicians, who were working on an early 'Luna Module' prototype and the indentation shown in the ground was the result of a scoop made by the prototype craft. Fact...Zamorra did not see a saucer approach and there were four indentations in the ground (from the landing gear), not one! See page 2 of this issue of the OVNI for the correct report.

However, there were a few redeeming features in the two hour programme. Mainly the investigation and disclosures made of secret aircraft development in the USA. There was an old film sequence showing the Canadian 'Avrocar' (almost impossible to control) and the secret Stealth developments made by the USA.

There was a most interesting revelation made, referring to the mysterious 'Aurora' craft, which if it does exist, is supposedly capable of flying at 8,000 mph. The photo

On the right shows a view taken by a weather satellite and this revealed a white 'pop-pop' trail across the USA probably made by this mysterious craft. (End)





*(With thanks to Felicity Jones for sending this article)*

From -Yorkshire Post Today.

"We saw a disc in the sky... our jaws dropped". Recent reports claim that UFO-spotting is in crisis. But as Chris Bond discovered at the Great British UFO Show at the weekend, there is more to the phenomenon than meets the eye.

If you believe recent newspaper reports these are difficult times for UFO enthusiasts. Only last month, the Cumbrian branch of the British UFO Hunters reported no sightings so far this year, compared to 40 last year and 60 the year before that. **Russel Callaghan**, who organised the event, and runs a UFO website [www.ufodata.co.uk](http://www.ufodata.co.uk) disagrees.

"The UFO subject is alive and well," he says. "There are hundreds and hundreds of websites dedicated to the subject so I don't think the interest is waning, it's still there you just have to look for it in different areas. "Websites now make it so much easier for groups to pool information and internet forums have taken over from UFO meetings," he says.

The whole notion of flying saucers and extra-terrestrial beings has always sailed close to the wind in terms of credibility, though. It is deemed perfectly acceptable to watch films like *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* or *War of the Worlds* and believe in the possibility of alien life, but mention you are a UFO-spotter and you'll probably be met with the kind of response that greeted Copernicus when he suggested the world was round.

Callaghan, who lives in Kippax, near Castleford, admits there are a few oddballs but insists they are outweighed by more serious-minded ufologists. "Yes there's a few kooks out there, we know that, but we've got doctors, we've got professors, nuclear physicists, people with PhDs, pilots and policeman and they're not afraid to come forward," he says. "All the pundits tell us that 95 per cent of what goes on can be explained and fair enough, accepted, but that still leaves a small portion that were unknown aircraft or don't have a logical explanation. Something is happening that makes people believe that this subject is founded on reality." Callaghan himself has been fascinated by UFOs ever since he spotted something hovering over Bradford in 1980.

Several PRA members attended the conference, the first since the sad loss of Graham Birdsall some 2 years ago. A small beginning, with attendance around 200, but destined to become a greater attraction in the future.

Speakers were; Philip Mantle, John Hanson, Malcom Robinson, Christopher Martin & Ann and Jason Andrews.

John Hanson's presentation was disappointing due to the first part spent listening to old, barely decipherable tape recordings, which resulted in amazing video footage of strange lights over Rendlesham Forest, being crammed into the last few minutes.

'Jason' claimed to be an abductee or even part Alien, but although he spoke with authority, some of his claims were difficult to accept. We will look forward to next year!



A Conference member takes a quizzical look at the PRA display.

## NORWEGIAN 'FLYING TRIANGLE' CASES 2003

*Translated from 'UFO NORGE' by Eileen Fletcher*

INCIDENT LOCATION: HEKSTAD in ROGALUND, near FLEKKEFORD.

DATE: 22/9/03 TIME: 2320 NST. DURATION OF SIGHTING: 10 mins. Approx.

SOUND: NONE COLOURS NOTED: RED & GREEN.

A woman from Flekkeford in West Agder, sent in a report about a triangular object with red and green lights. She described the incident as follows-

I was on the road from Sandnes to Flekkeford, at Hekstad in Rogalund (90km. NW of Flekkeford), when my attention was attracted by unusual red and green lights in the sky. There were too many lights for it to be an aircraft, furthermore they did not move.

The lights must have been very high up, almost with the stars. After looking at the lights for a moment, I drove further on.

It was several minutes later that, looking through the windscreen, I caught sight of an object in the sky. I then stopped the car and got out.

There right before me, a triangular object hung completely silent in the sky. It was enormous, much bigger than any aircraft or helicopters that I have seen.

On the underside of the object I saw three red and three green pulsating lights, which were placed in a precise equal sided triangle. The body of the craft was also like a large equally sided triangle.

*(The witness estimated the size of one side of the triangle as being between 40 to 50 metres long.)*

After a few minutes, the object (FT) began to move silently in a south-westerly direction.

It 'glided' calmly over a hill and disappeared out of sight, but I was still able to glimpse some glare from behind the hill, however the glow may have come from some houses on the other side of the hill.

It seemed as though the object had come down towards me directly from high above. *(It may have spotted the car headlights? ED.)*

During the time of my observation, I was not scared and it seemed as though the object had wished to show itself to me.

It was a beautiful and fascinating sight and I wondered how I had experienced such a phenomenon without being frightened.

UFO NORGE NOTE; The incident is too old to investigate any involvement with the Military or Civil Aviation. As to whether it had been an aircraft or other activity in the area we do not know.

There have been other FT reports from Norway including others from Hesdalen.

Something flew over KJERRINGOY at 20.45hrs on the 6th July 2003.

It was first reported as a speck in the sky, then as it came nearer, two observers saw that it was triangular in form and that it moved in an unusual way.

It appeared to rotate and had a waving motion (*falling leaf motion*), then it became stationary for a period of about five minutes, then it continued in a southerly direction towards BODO.

The FT was observed for a period of 20 –30 minutes. During this time, it appears that there was unusual unrest noted among the grazing animals on the pastures.

The UFO NORGE group contacted Stavanger operation headquarters, but they were unable to offer any solution to the strange event and had no answer to the mystery.

## THE OLD PILOT'S ADVENTURE.

**The story of Major F.Turner-Bridger (Retd) interviewed by Omar Fowler in 1978**

It was the autumn of 1916, the little BE2c struggled for height as it headed for the German lines somewhere down in that shell pocked landscape. The little plane was piloted by Major F.Turner- Bridger and for the first time, he had a companion behind him in the wind blown cockpit. The "16th Air Reconnaissance Squadron" had been suffering appalling losses, the BE2c's had never been designed for combat and were no match for the German Fokker Triplanes. The Major cursed at having to take on extra weight, one man with his machine gun, a vain attempt to stop the slaughter of the air crews, over France.

Their difficult task was to "spot" for the artillery batteries, hidden somewhere below, to try and direct their fire onto a suitable target. It was a job strewn with danger, there was the German anti-aircraft fire, the real fear of being attacked by enemy fighters and of course the difficult job in itself of trying to keep the little plane airborne with it's heavy load, two men and a machine gun.

The Hispano-Suiza engine thundered on, one hundred and fifty horse power pulling them gradually skyward, higher and higher. The fact that they had no parachutes barely crossed the mind of Major Turner-Bridger, he was intent on keeping an eye open for German fighter planes, he was not to be disappointed...He spotted a small speck in the distance, now coming closer. Before long he was able to make out the familiar tri-plane structure. The glint of the sun on the big black German crosses only confirmed what he had thought, it was a Fokker Tri-plane! They were dead men unless his machine gunner could scare the enemy plane off!

The Major reached behind him and jabbed at the gunner furiously, but the man had also seen the fighter coming and had slid down onto the bottom of his cockpit floor. The Major jabbed again, but it was no use, the gunner was terrified, he and his gun were just useless extra weight in the little biplane. He made a snap decision, they were of no use, they would have to go!

The Major jinked his plane down and around as fast as he dare and headed down to the British "lines". All he could see was a zig-zag line of trenches, shell holes and lines of barbed wire. Anxiously he looked for somewhere to land. A small strip of bumpy ground by one of the leading trenches was the only chance, he flattened out from his shallow dive, quickly touched down and bumped to a stop.

He turned around in his cockpit, grabbed the gunner by the scruff of his neck and threw him out of the plane, his gun followed him. Then with the aid of a few British soldiers, he turned the plane around then revved up the engine as much as he dare. The soldiers hung on grimly to the vibrating biplane and then, at a signal from the Major, they let go. The biplane bobbed and bounced across the rough ground and then with one final bounce, it was airborne.

*This then was the calibre of the man, Major F. Turner Bridger, who was to encounter an even stranger aerial machine 'twenty one years later' in October 1937... ..See over page.*

## MAJOR F.TURNER-BRIDGER'S UFO ENCOUNTER IN 1937

(Related to Omar Fowler in 1986)

It was about September or October 1937 and about 4pm in the afternoon when my wife and I were motoring back from Sussex to Haslemere (*Surrey*) where I then lived.

On returning to the main road from Haslemere to Northchapel, I drove along a bye-way lane, where I suddenly pulled up, as I saw a mysterious object on my left, at the brow of Blackdown Hill. I pulled up on the side of the lane, next to an unused field.

On the summit of Blackdown Hill I suddenly noticed an unusual object hovering, I have drawn a sketch showing the shape of the object and also a side view (see below).

The object had a hump in the centre and was surrounded by an orange flaming surround.

It so happened that whilst I was watching this curious object, I noticed another car had also pulled up behind me. The object obviously noticed a car in this isolated lane

Suddenly the object flew back over the ridge of Blackdown Hill and out of sight. I waited some five minutes or longer and then noticed the same object had re-appeared again some distance along this ridge than previously.

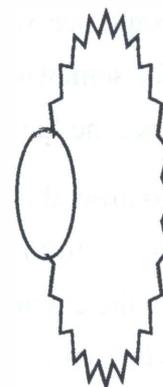
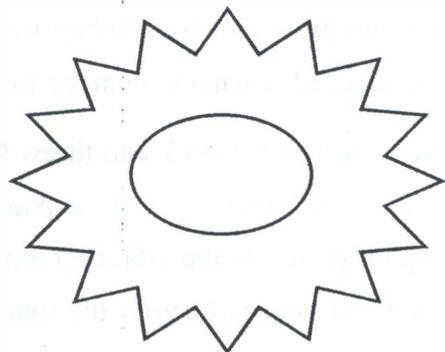
I presumed that in this very lonely spot, the 'occupants' were surprised to find a car below and had moved off, later to return to the ridge of the hill. **I watched it in wonderment as it eventually disappeared at terrific speed.**

My thoughts then began to wonder and as Farnborough (*Royal Aircraft Establishment*) was not many miles away, I imagined that it a very scientific object being tested out. At this point I may mention that the view covered almost the whole terrain of Surrey.

I may add that I, as many people had since told me, I envisaged the coming war (WW2 1939-45). I even went to Poland with my family, to verify my thoughts and my observations on my return were known to many. I have since been told that "if everyone had listened to you there wouldn't have been a war."

As an ex-flying pilot in the R.F.C. (Royal Flying Corps) in 1916 (having previously been in the trenches in 1915 with the Kings Own Scottish Borderers), I thought that this amazing object that I had seen was evidence of a secret experiment being carried out at Farnborough.

Over these past years I have thought a great deal of this experience and was pleased to hear you mention on the ITV Television that you would like to hear from anyone with a UFO experience, past or present. I then telephoned you.



Drawings based on the Majors sketch

### INTERNET FLYING TRIANGLE REPORT FROM BROOKLYN N.Y.

THIS IS A TRUE STATEMENT OF WHAT I WITNESS ON THE SUMMER OF 1989 I,WAS DRIVING ON THE BELTPKWAY,(BROOKLYN,NEW.YORK-11223),GOING EAST OVER LOOKING THE NARROWS BRIDGE WHEN (TELEPATICALLY-MY MIND STARTS TO TINGLE ),(IT?) SAID TO ME QUOTE(JOHNNY LOOK AT ME! UN QUOTE),AUTOMATICALLY I TURN MY HEAD TO THE LEFT AND THEIR(IT?)WAS (A BLUE METALLIC-(TRIANGLE) OB'JECT) HOVERING,(HOVERCRAFT) ON TOP OF A BUILDING NOT TO FAR FROM BAY 8TH EXIT (IT?)(WANTED ME TO OBSERVE IT'S TRUE FORM),I WAS LOOKING AT (IT?) FOR FIVE MINUTES(THATS IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE I WAS DRIVING AT FORTY FIVE MPH!),(TIME STOOD STILL),...JOHN FERRANTE 70 LAKE PLACE BROOKLYN,NEW.YORK 11223.

### DRIVER IN JOHN MACK ACCIDENT SENTENCED

[ECETI News] 7 October 2005



The late Dr John E Mack

John E. Mack was a Professor of Psychiatry at the Harvard Medical School at the Cambridge Hospital and Founding Director of the Center for Psychology and Social Change.

After investigating more than eighty cases of alien abduction and conducting thousands of hours of interviews, Dr Mack was convinced that these men, women and children were not making up their stories.

His book 'Abduction' (Human Encounters With Aliens) became a best seller and his publication 'A Prince of Our Disorder', a Prize-winning biography of T.E.Lawrence, gained him the Pulitzer Prize.

He was a friend of the PRA and exchanged letters and e-mails on various topics.

Sentencing of the automobile driver who struck and killed Harvard professor of psychiatry John E. Mack, M.D. on the night of September 27, 2004, took place today in London at the Wood Green Crown Court. Raymond Czechowski, 52, of Elstree, England, had earlier entered a plea of guilty "by careless driving whilst under the influence of alcohol".

Dr. Mack's family wrote to the Crown Court asking for leniency. "Although this was a tragic event for our family, we feel Mr. Czechowski's behaviour was neither malicious nor intentional, and we have no ill will toward him since we learned of the circumstances of the collision," the letter said. "We have had several talks as a family over the past year, and especially during these past few weeks as we anticipate the time for sentencing, and we all believe John Mack would not want Mr. Czechowski to go to jail. As for ourselves, our grief will not be lessened by knowing that he is incarcerated - in fact, we would wish that he not be."

In pronouncing sentence today, Judge Linda Stern told Czechowki that she had considered "the most generous letter written by the family of Professor Mack," but noted that a message must be sent that "you shouldn't drive with alcohol in your blood." Mr. Czechowski's blood/alcohol level recorded at the time of the accident was 97mg of alcohol in 100ml of blood. The legal limit in the UK is 80mg.

Mr. Czechowski was sentenced to 15 months imprisonment and was disqualified from driving for 3 years. The Judge also ordered that before Mr. Czechowski was allowed to return to driving he must take an extended driving test. Taking into account good behaviour, Mr Czechowski is expected to serve 6 months of the 15 month sentence.

## A 'FLYING TRIANGLE' REPORT

From the "Bognor Regis Observer" Thursday 27 October 05

### Strange lights 'could have been a UFO'

**STILL** coming to terms with a strange sighting in the night sky on Sunday is a Bognor man who believes he may have seen a unidentified flying object, UFO.

Craig Latimer is appealing to anyone who may have had a similar experience to contact him to clear up the mystery.

Mr Latimer (41), from Richmond Avenue claims he



heard a similar but lower pitch noise of a jet in the sky as he was walking along Wakefield Way which leads on to the Lower Bognor Road, on Sunday at around 9.30pm.

"I heard what I believed to be a sonic boom and a few minutes later saw three white lights and a red one in between a triangle shape.

"I stood there looking at it, it was definitely flying in the sky and I could hear it. It was very weird and I was quite amazed," a still stunned Mr Latimer told the *Observer* on Monday morning.

"It flew over me and went off towards the Chichester area making the same noise."

Mr Latimer is convinced that the

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### Mystery lights 'could be UFO'

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sighting was not an ordinary plane." It wasn't that high and the weather conditions were good."

And he claimed that as he continued to walk home towards the Martlets roundabout he started to feel physical symptoms which he also attributes to the UFO.

"I felt pain in three parts of my body. I had pains in my toe, a pain in my side and my neck became very stiff. It all came on together about five to six minutes after the sighting.

But when he arrived home he said his arm went numb and he started shaking - a feeling that remained with him the following day.

"In a way I would like to be proved wrong and need to know if anyone else heard or saw it."

And he asked: "What are these things flying around Bognor, where do they come from and what are they doing?"

"It shook me up a little bit and I can't understand it."

By Monday afternoon Mr Latimer was still concerned about his experience and believed that the sudden power failures on Monday afternoon could also have been triggered by the UFO.

The *Observer* phoned the Southern Coastguard, Ministry of Defence, Goodwood airfield and Gatwick airports, all of whom reported no untoward activity in the skies above the area.

Anyone who can shed some light on the sighting should contact Mr Latimer on 0774 785 0512.

With thanks to our colleague Dan Bright

## SCIENCE @ NASA

### 'Earth is orbiting through a swarm of space debris that may be producing an unusual number of night-time fireballs.'

November 3, 2005: "I thought some wise guy was shining a spotlight at me," says Josh Bowers of New Germany, Pennsylvania. "Then I realized what it was: a fireball in the southern sky. I was doing some backyard astronomy around 9 p.m. on Halloween (Oct. 31, 2005), and this meteor was so bright it made me lose my night vision."

Bowers wasn't the only one who saw the fireball. Lots of people were outdoors Trick or Treating. They saw what Bowers saw ... and more. Before the night was over, reports of meteors "brighter than a full moon" were streaming in from coast to coast.

Astronomers have taken to calling these the "Halloween fireballs." But there's more to it than Halloween. The display has been going on for days.

On Oct. 30, for example, Bill Plaskon of Jonesport, Maine, was "observing Mars through a 10-inch telescope at 10:04 p.m. EST when a brilliant fireball lit up the sky and left a short corkscrew-like smoke trail that lasted about 1 minute.

"On Oct 28, Lance Taylor of Edmonton, Alberta, woke up early to go fishing with five friends. At about 6 a.m. they "noticed a nice fireball. Then 20 minutes later there was another," he says.

On Nov. 2 in the Netherlands, "The sky lit up very bright," reports Koen Miskotte. "In the corner of my eye I saw a fireball about as bright [as a crescent moon]."

And so on....

What's happening? "People are probably seeing the Taurid meteor shower," says meteor expert David Asher of the Armagh Observatory in Northern Ireland.

Every year in late October and early November, he explains, Earth passes through a river of space dust associated with Comet Encke. Tiny grains hit our atmosphere at 65,000 mph. At that speed, even a tiny smidgen of dust makes a vivid streak of light--a meteor--when it disintegrates. Because these meteors shoot out of the constellation Taurus, they're called Taurids.

Most years the shower is weak, producing no more than five rather dim meteors every hour. But occasionally, the Taurids put on quite a show. Fireballs streak across the sky, ruining night vision and interrupting fishing trips. Asher thinks 2005 could be such a year.

According to Asher, the fireballs come from a swarm of particles bigger than the usual dust grains. "They're about the size of pebbles or small stones," he says. (It may seem unbelievable that a pebble can produce a fireball as bright as the Moon, but remember, these things hit the atmosphere at very high speed.) The rocky swarm moves within the greater Taurid dust stream, sometimes hitting Earth, sometimes not.

"In the early 1990s, when Victor Clube was supervising my PhD work on Taurids," recalls Asher, "we came up with this model of a swarm within the Taurid stream to explain enhanced numbers of bright Taurid meteors being observed in particular years." They listed "swarm years" in a 1993 paper in the *Quarterly Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society* and predicted an encounter in 2005.

According to the International Meteor Organization, the Taurid shower peaks between Nov. 5th and Nov. 12th (details). "Earth takes a week or two to traverse the swarm," notes Asher. "This comparatively long duration means you don't get spectacular outbursts like a Leonid meteor storm." It's more of a slow drizzle--"maybe one every few hours," says Asher.

A drizzle of *fireballs*, however, is nothing to sneeze at. So keep an eye on the sky this month for Taurids.

(Credit: Science@NASA )

## TALE ENDERS

**SOLAR FLARES. October 7, 2005:** Last month, the sun went haywire. Almost every day for two weeks in early September, solar flares issued from a giant sunspot named "active region 798/808." X-rays ionized Earth's upper atmosphere. Solar protons peppered the Moon. It was not a good time to be in space. Or was it?

During the storms, something strange happened onboard the International Space Station (ISS): radiation levels *dropped*. "The crew of the ISS absorbed about 30% fewer cosmic rays than usual," says Frank Cucinotta, NASA's chief radiation health officer at the Johnson Space Center. "The storms actually improved the radiation environment inside the station."

Even inside their ships, astronauts are exposed to a slow drizzle of cosmic rays coming right through the hull. The particles penetrate flesh, damaging tissue at the microscopic level. One possible side-effect is broken DNA, which can, over the course of time, cause cancer, cataracts and other maladies.

### **BBC TO SCREEN 'Dr WHO' (for 'adults' as a new spin-off show)**

The BBC has commissioned the Doctor Who scriptwriter Russell T Davies to make an adult post-watershed spin-off of its most famous sci-fi show. The new programme will be called **Torchwood** (an anagram of Doctor Who) and will follow a crack team investigating alien activities and crime in modern-day Britain. Torchwood will be shown next summer on BBC3 in 13 episodes, each lasting 45 minutes. The Times October 18, 2005

### **GRAHAM SHEPPARD HAS DIED**

A Pilot who risked professional censure for his readiness to speak publicly about unidentified flying objects. It was Graham Sheppard's contention that pilots had been sighting unidentified craft experiencing regular near-misses for decades. Sheppard was a telecommunications engineer and civil pilot who alarmed his superiors by speaking out about such experiences and, he claimed, the danger to civil aviation of near-collisions and panic reactions in the face of unidentified craft. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, and by two sons from a previous marriage.

Graham Sheppard, airline pilot, was born on December 11, 1942. He died on August 24, 2005, aged 62.

### **ASTEROID PROJECT**

The UK's first engineering feasibility study into missions for deflecting asteroids has begun. The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) is funding a new three-year study into interception and deflection strategies for asteroids found to be on a collision course with Earth.

**A 1936 'FLYING TRIANGLE'.** In a recent UFO programme shown on TV, a case was quoted of a group of miners in Alaska that witnessed a flying 'Flat Iron' passing over their camp at less than 1,000 ft.

**M25 UFO'S.** On the evening of October 20th, Gene Harley saw a gigantic fleet of UFOs flying close to the M25, which he managed to film on his mobile phone camera. Gene spotted the strange anomaly in the sky whilst driving with a group of friends along the M25 motorway. He stopped the car and retrieved his digital camera from the boot, which for some unknown reason decided not to work (a classic phenomena related to UFO encounters). Luckily, Gene had his mobile phone on him which incorporated a small camera and he took the photos and film footage. (Ref: Cosmic Conspiracies <http://www.ufos-aliens.co.uk>)

## NEXT PRA MEETING

Will be held at the Royal British Legion, Allenton, Derby, at 8pm on Tuesday 29th November 05.

**Andrew Johnson presents 'A Mystery In The Fields'**

An audio/visual presentation on the theory of Crop Circles

**(Last meeting of the year)** Non-members welcome: £1 on the night. (Plus free UFO book raffle)

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