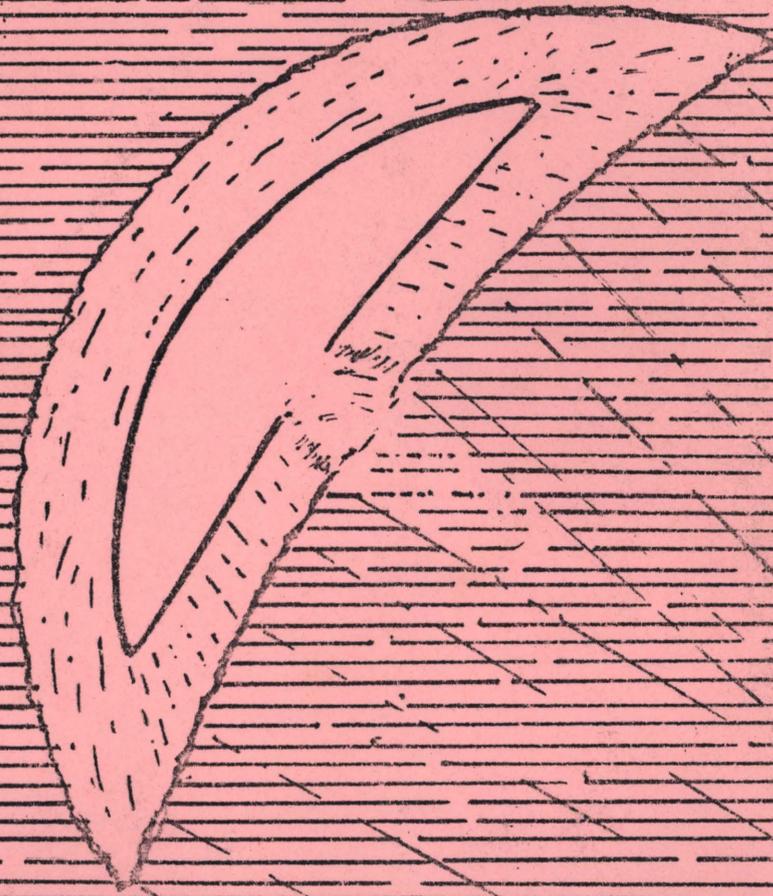
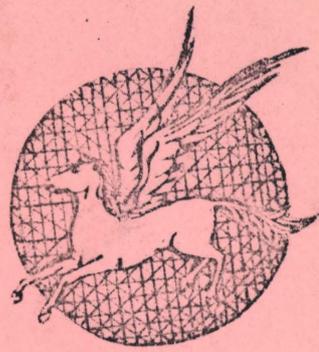


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Owing, to the bad weather experienced during recent weeks, there has been a marked drop in the number of sighting reports. To date, we have about a dozen, the most interesting case is featured on the front cover (Farnborough Milkman Has A Fright).

We have nevertheless been active in many fields. We have for instance, located a Norfolk UFO witness, after three months of searching. This has been at the request of a researcher in San Diego, U.S.A. who is investigating an incident that took place ten years ago... It is hoped to visit the witness in the near future.

SIGAP were featured on Thames Valley Radio 210, during an hours "Phone-In" programme on UFO's during the evening of Thursday 13th March. The producer of the programme was delighted at the success of the phone-in and reported that the switchboard was jammed by the end of the hour. SIGAP were represented by Omar Fowler and Hilda Downes (who was pre-recorded). A "member of the public" Mr Martin Salked, who showed a wide knowledge of UFO publications, also took part under the guidance of the programme presenter Graham Seaman. A follow-up broadcast has been requested, the date has yet to be fixed.

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NEXT MEETING 26th March

A meeting will be held at the "Prospect Club", Prospect Rd, Ash Vale, at 8pm on Wednesday 26th March. Open Discussion of current cases, including the "Norfolk Incident". The meeting is open to non-members.

"MILKMAN HAS A FRIGHT AT COVE"
(Case S946. Investigator O.Fowler)

In the early hours of the morning on Sunday 20th January this year, Mr Fred Smith, a milkman on his rounds in Middleton Gardens Cove, Nr Farnborough, Hants, casually looked up and surveyed the dark, star studded sky, what a night, so clear. He was about to carry on with his milk round, when he noticed a star like object approaching from the North.

The time was 0407 and he looked again at the light, which he could now see was crescent shaped and flying at very high altitude. He checked the position again, it was coming more from the Northwest and it was rapidly becoming larger and brighter. At this point, he became uneasy and he began to suspect that this glowing crescent shaped object was not man made, it was so unusual with a bluish - white glow now visible around the white crescent. As he watched the object approaching quite fast, the speed slackened and it stopped and hovered.... he felt the hair on the back of his neck tingle and stand on end. After a short time the object turned slowly and then facing North, accelerated rapidly across the sky and was gone. Mr Smith stopped and wondered for a moment and then decided to carry on with his milk round.

It was nearly 1½ hours later (0526), when his attention was drawn skyward again, as a Boeing 747 flew over quite low. The lighted windows could be clearly seen as the huge aircraft cruised across the sky. Then he noticed a moving star coming from the North again, he realized that the "thing" was coming back once more. It was approaching very fast, it was soon overhead and then started to circle around Farnborough. It moved in a "skidding" motion, almost a sideways movement and then it flew inwards from its circling motion and stopped, hovering over Farnborough for a period that Mr Smith estimated to be 6 to 7 minutes. During this period, Mr Smith was able to sketch the object and a piece of cardboard (see cover), it then turned through 180° and then accelerated rapidly in a straight line to the North and was gone...

Mr Smith added that he had observed a bright light behind the object, in the centre and this appeared white in the bluish glow, surrounding the white crescent. Viewing conditions were ideal and the time checks were with the aid of his wrist watch. There was no sound heard from the object during the sighting.

Investigations continue and one other witness has been found.

We are pleased to introduce a new feature for the magazine, a report from Scotland by Peter A Hill AMR FMS FSS Secretary of the Edinburgh Branch of BUFORA and a SIGAP member.

"SCOTTISH NEWSLETTER"

I am pleased to report on Ufology in Scotland. I hope that this will be the first of a series of reports from North of the border. We have a small, but growing, Branch of BUFORA based in Edinburgh. This has followed two former societies, the Scottish UFO Society and the Edinburgh University UFO Society. In 1976, there was a small Society under the latter name. Only a minority of the members were still actively connected with the University. It was therefore decided to become a Branch of BUFORA and open membership to all who joined the BUFORA group, in the area.

Recently there was an interesting event in Livingstone New Town, West Lothian, which made the news in a number of national and local papers and was also featured on T.V. Potentially, this is possibly one of the most significant reports to come from Scotland. The event took place on Friday 9th November 1979. The reporter is Mr Bob Taylor a Livingstone forestry worker, of Broomieknowe Drive, Livingstone, who was making a routine check on a forest area, when he was confronted with a "top shaped" object in a clearing. Two ovals appeared to come from the object and approached him. They apparently attempted to grab him by the hips and drag him towards the larger object, Mr Taylor then fainted. When he recovered, he could not walk and was unable to drive his vehicle. He crawled to his home, where Mrs Taylor reported the incident to Mr Taylor's chief Mr Malcom Drummond, Head of the Livingston Development Corporation Forestry Department, he in turn informed the police.

Mr S.Campbell and I have visited the site of the incident, taken photographs, measurements and interviewed the police, who were most co-operative. Mr Campbell has also interviewed the witness, who is agreed by all to be a stable, reliable reporter.

The police have passed the matter to the CID and have had the torn clothing examined in the Forensic Department of the Police H.Q. at Edinburgh.

Mr Campbell was given permission to enter the area and talk to those concerned. I understand that the opinion was expressed that the

clothing was not torn by crawling on the ground alone, but also by what would appear to be a sharp implement on both sides of the trousers.

The case remains unidentified at the present. It would appear to be extremely hazardous to land a helicopter or a VTOL aircraft in the confined space of the incident site and it is agreed that this would only be contemplated in the most extreme emergency. There is no evidence that this was the case and it can be virtually ruled out.

Other explanations considered have been plasma, ball lightning, a vivid dream or hallucination. The chance of the incident being a hoax is very remote.

It is not without interest that a short time later, a very similar case was reported near Paris. The description appeared to have much in common with the Livingstone case. The main difference being that a man was reported missing and later turned up again. I have not yet seen a report of an interview with this person or an evaluation of the reliability of the report. It should be treated with caution until this is seen.

To move to another matter, I can report that England has no monopoly on the "Surrey Puma", as a similar animal appears to be around in Scotland. According to a report by a veterinary surgeon, the paw marks are not those of the native wildcat found in some parts of Scotland. Perhaps I should close by asking colleagues in Surrey if they are wedded to the name of "Surrey Puma" or whether it should be redesignated as the "British Puma" ? P.H.

In view of the wide interest in the Livingstone case, a further version of the incident, reported in the NORTHERN UFO NEWS is given below.

AN ATTEMPTED ABDUCTION AT LIVINGSTON ?

News of this amazing case reached the national newspapers on Sunday November 11th 1979. It was immediately obvious that it was of great importance and UFOIN (UFO Investigators Network) asked Martin Keatman to immediately visit the site and to do a full investigation.

On Tuesday he travelled there with colleague Andy Collins and they spent three days living with the witness and evaluating the evidence. 4

They were in fact the first investigators to speak to the witness and the only ones to do so within a week of the sighting.

Bob Taylor, who is 61 years old, works for the forestry department of the Livingston Development Corporation. Part of his duties is to patrol an area of woodland near the M8 (Edinburgh-Glasgow) motorway. At 10.00 on this Friday morning, he parked his van and walked with his dog to inspect the area for straying animals etc. The dog was running around behind him, loose in the grass, when he rounded a corner into a clearing and was confronted by the wierdest object that he had ever seen.

It was domed shape with a rim on the middle containing flanges with what he called propellers (but more like aerials). It was metallic looking and about 20' high and wide. After staring in astonishment and being within 26 feet (measured from the traces) the bottom part faded out and the background could be seen through it. Then two spherical objects like landmines (?) about a foot wide and grey in colour, came towards him. They had six spikes on the side and rolled/bounced towards him, making a sucking noise as they embedded in the wet soil. Within seconds they had encircled him. Simultaneously he felt a tugging at his trousers and both smelt and tasted a foul stench (gas?). He seemingly passed out, face forwards onto the ground.

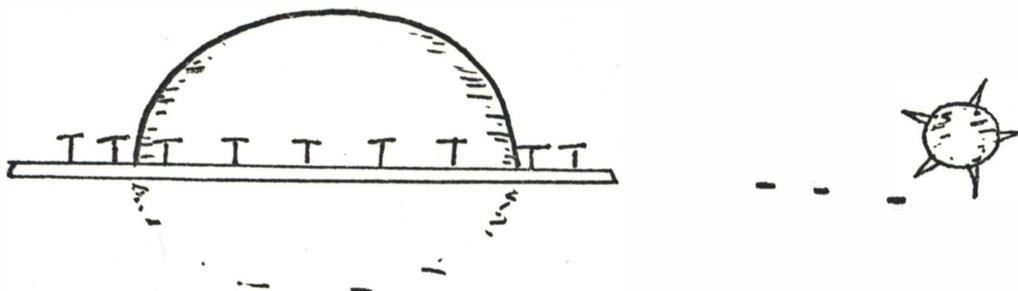
He recalls nothing more until coming to (seemingly just a few minutes later) with his dog excitedly jumping about beside him. He was covered in mud and felt so weak, he could not stand. He also had a pounding headache and severe thirst (these are common post-anaesthetic symptoms) he dragged himself away, noticing that marks had been left by the now vanished object and reached his van. He radioed his home base, but was not believed. He tried to drive off, but his movements were unco-ordinated and he drove into a ditch. Eventually he managed to stagger the one mile to home.

At home, he had a bath and noticed that his very thick, police issue, trousers were ripped at the hip, either side. His boss was called and he simply advised that he had been attacked. His boss came around and then went to the site and saw the marks. A doctor was then brought in and examined Bob, who was advised to have an X-Ray, although he was now feeling better. He went to the hospital, stayed 3 hours, but refused a full medical (apparently not out of character). The Police had been called and fenced off the area and also taken Bob's trousers for examination. They were quite serious about the incident.

The investigators, Andy and Martin, did a thorough job, and even succeeded in getting into the police forensic laboratory in Edinburgh to see the trousers. They appeared to have been ripped by a pincer of great strength and also had maize starch all over them (according to the analysis). The witness had no idea where this came from. As for the traces on site, these were unfortunately covered by snow on the Monday, but this in fact preserved them. With the help of the forestry workers the snow was cleared and the marks were visible. They matched the notes made by the police in their notebooks, made on Friday morning. The drawings were photocopied.

A circular area where the object had been, was in evidence, plus drag marks about eight feet long, where the witness seems to have been dragged part of the way towards the object. Between the two, were 20-30 holes which fitted the spikes of the objects that bounced along. One of these was dug up in total for analysis and other traces are presently being analysed for UFOIN by Leeds University. The witness suffered scratches on his leg and also went off his food for several days (as did his dog). All checks with the family and friends confirmed to his integrity. The investigators believe this to be a singularly important case.

The investigators also came across other strange stories in the neighbourhood, including one directly co-operative independent sighting at 10.00 and several others later that day. There is also the mystery disappearance of a couple in a car on a short local drive. There is also the frightening local case, said to have happened a few days before Nov. 9th. Here, the back leg of a dog was all that remained, after it ran towards a landed UFO, which the dogs owner saw take off a few moments later.



Aero Mexico Meets A UFO On Flight 251.

A Report From Richard Colborne.

On December 28th 1979, our witness was one of several people, who saw an unidentified object, whilst in the air between the cities of Matamoros and Mexico, on an Aero Mexico airline flight number 251.

The flight apart from the sighting was routine. It started from Matamoros, Tamaulipas, which is near the U.S. border, at 19.50. local time. (Although the sighting occurred in winter, it should be noted that there is no adjustment for summertime in Mexico, as there is in the U.S.A.). The weather being overcast and rainy, the pilot decided to climb to a higher altitude, to avoid the bad weather.

It was about 20.30 and quite dark, when our witnesses attention was drawn to the object by one of the other passengers. Some difficulty was experienced in observing the object as due to it's position, which was ahead and slightly to the right (presumably to the West) and slightly below the aircraft. It could be seen only by putting ones face against the aircraft window and looking out at an acute angle.

During the brief observation of the object (approx.1min.), Elizabeth Gonzalez Rojas, saw a "halo" like object, apparently dark in colour and illuminated from a round central light on the upper surface. The light was red and varying in brightness, not with a regular pulsing, but with the irregular appearance of flames.

Whilst Elizabeth was observing the object, the pilot informed the passengers that an "OVNI" was in view. "There is something off the right wing" he said, "Maybe you can see it. It's like a red light". The pilot continued and said (as far as Elizabeth can recollect): "We had a lot of radio interference when the object was closer, maybe they were trying to communicate with us? We could'nt identify the sounds, they were not like the usual interference we get". The pilot also commented that the object had been in sight since they had left Matamoros and at one stage it had approached close to the aircraft. This raises the question as to why the pilot did not say anything to the passengers for some forty minutes?

Mexican UFO contd...

The pilot has not been interviewed and our witnesses account of what he said may not be entirely accurate, due to the translation from Spanish to English.

The object when viewed from a distance was like a small star. However its appearance differed when seen from the aircraft, as its light was brighter and without sequence. The light which emanated from the centre of the object, seemed to shrink and grow in size. Elizabeth didn't see the object go, because she gave up her seat in order that someone else could see it.

We have a tape cassette of one hour duration, but although there is much additional information regarding movements of people in the aircraft during the observation etc., there is not a lot of real interest.

I consider Elizabeths story to be a factual one, although I do have reservations about her ability to describe things accurately.

A sketch relating to the report is shown below.

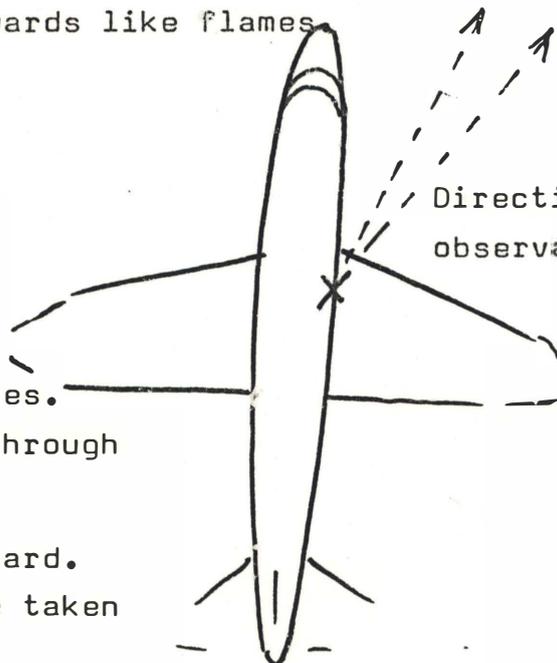
R.Colborne

24th February 1980



Flame in centre with expanded upwards and downwards like flames

Halo clearly defined
Centre light of Red colour.



Direction of observation.

Altitude of aircraft 9,000metres.
Stars visible after climbing through cloud cover.

Only about 40 passengers on board.
One passenger believed to have taken a photo of object.

Drawing based on original sketch by witness.

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"STANDARDS IN UFO RESEARCH"

Report on Working Party.

The report just published by the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA LTD), is available to members on request. It has been recently reviewed by two SIGAP members and their comments are given below.

Ron Harman writes:- Thank you for the BUFORA report, I think that if an International Standard Computer Data System can be set up, with a good exchange of information between countries, then this must be the right way to go. There is even the possibility that with such information being available, it may be possible to predict UFO sightings. I am still not sure how such a project can be financed, this could present many problems, but we must move in this direction.

Bill Fishwick says:- In general the standards seem to hold a sensible base for future research and analytical studies. There does however, seem to be a deficiency in the coverage of some countries, namely the Far-East, Australia, Japan, China and India to name a few. No doubt many reports may come out of these countries, but unless they are classified in common with the suggested standardisation, the overall system will become inoperative, particularly for data computing, which demands a common standard.

Bill Fishwick made a number of other points :-

I feel that a computer report will be written in computer "jargon" and lose the fluency of a written report. There is also the question of how accessible will be the report to an individual inquisition, once it is on computer.

We may end up with all the effort being spent on the administration of the computer and the punching of data and less time being spent on the study of the information?

All written comments will be passed onto the Working Party of BUFORA.

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IDENTIFIED SPACE DEBRIS 1978.

By Tim Childerhouse.

1978 went out with a bang. Remember the reports which came from Northern Europe on the night of 31st December, well here is a report from "Die Harke" a local German newspaper dated 8th Jan.79.

PART OF AN IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT CRASHES DOWN IN BRUCHHAGEN. At last it has happened, can it be that on New Years Eve, visitors from outer space hovered above Kreis Nienberg? Yet there must be some truth in it, because of the many reports by the locals. The fact of the matter is that sometime during the night of the 31st December, a small, but as yet, Unidentified Flying Object, landed in a field belonging to Friedhelm Schumacher and set the police and other interested authorities a riddle.

This is how it happened, just before 20.00 Hilde and Friedhelm Schumacher were on their way to a New Years Eve party. They were walking from their lonely small holding, when suddenly they saw several illuminated objects moving slowly and at a great height. "At first we thought they were fireworks" explained Hilde, "but they were too high and lasted too long". She also noticed that the objects followed a gentle curve. One object was large and the other was small, both had a yellow body and tails. She was extremely concerned that the objects might fall on their house and was relieved to see that the N-E trajectory took them well above the roof.

Some days later, much to her surprise, she saw at about 200m from the house in an open field, a metal object sticking out of the ground. It was clearly too large to be carried away. The Schumachers did not give this burnt out object much further thought, until a UFO story appeared in the "Harke". They decided to report their discovery to the local police. Mother-in-law Else Schumacher also remembered that on New Years Eve, she was awakened by an unusual noise, this so disturbed her that she had difficulty in getting back to sleep.

The metal object was buried in the frozen ground, the dark object was skittle shaped and open at both ends. At the top there were scorch marks. After the report, the local police secured the area and called in the nearby Dutch Airforce team to check radiation levels, but it was not radioactive.

Despite the speculation about UFO's (there were 25 UFO reports that night) the sections were almost certainly parts of a satellite re-entry.

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To investigate the UFO phenomenon locally, a small group of people got together early in 1967. The outcome - the **Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena**. Primarily founded to investigate reports in Surrey and surrounding counties, Sigap has contributed to studies in many parts of Southern England.

News of a sighting - often through the Sigap 'Hot-line' - Farnborough 41012 - triggers an instant and well-established course of action. This preliminary enquiry procedure is designed to eliminate obvious explanations. With so much going on in the sky today - much of it generated by man himself - over 80 per cent of reports can be explained in terms of natural and man-made phenomena.

If Sigap investigators find no immediate explanation as a result of preliminary enquiries, the group will send someone to interview the witnesses, and where possible, will visit the site from which the observation was made. Sigap then calls on the expertise of its own consultants in an effort to explain the sighting. The group liaises with similar organisations throughout the country, and often finds a pattern of activity consistent with that in other areas.

Our most significant reports are sent to the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Illinois, USA. The Center is run by Dr J Allen Hynek, Professor of Astronomy at Northwestern University, and for 20 years, was consultant to the US Air Force on UFOs.

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