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MOONSTRUCK

Neil Armstrong is said to have made history in 1969 as the first human to have set foot on Earth's moon, "one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind." This feat is commemorated in his home town of Wapakoneta, Ohio, by the Armstrong Air and Space Museum, which contains the Apollo space suit he was depicted as wearing at the time.

We have all seen pictures of astronauts wearing similar suits, allegedly on the moon, but the authenticity of **these** has since been seriously challenged by photo analysts, who have suggested that they were in fact faked in a terrestrial studio. Why NASA should have done **this**, if indeed the critics' strictures are as valid as they seem, remains a mystery, but attention has since been directed to the capability of the space suits shown to preserve life in the lunar environment.

We remind ourselves that, with virtually no atmosphere, Man on the moon is exposed to the full force of lethal solar radiation in temperatures ranging from -180C to +110C, as well as to constant bombardment by micrometeorites. Perhaps someone should take an informed look at that space suit in Wapakoneta to see how well it met the specifications needed?

So far as we know, no one has claimed to have set foot on the moon since the Apollo 17 mission in December 1972. In those distant days we heard much of the inorganic wealth awaiting the lunar entrepreneur - oxygen from its rocks and such minerals as titanium and iron. It has since been suggested that water may also be found, opening up the possibility of a viable lunar base. There seems, however, to have been a total lack of interest since mankind's "giant leap" - and we would very much like to know why nothing further has been attempted in the past 28 years.

G.M.

This report was sent to Pegasus by Charles Stuart, our man in Ohio:-

Subject: UFO Sighting; Location: Between East Liverpool and Ashtabula, Ohio, Route 11 Date: Saturday night [July 22]/Sunday morning [July 23] Time: Between 11:00pm -1:00am.

Three motorists advised the Ashtabula County Highway Patrol office that they were "surrounded and paced by multiple red lights" while travelling northbound for nearly 40-miles on Route 11 between East Liverpool and Ashtabula, Ohio [Trumbull and Ashtabula Counties] around midnight on Saturday night, July 22.

The three motorists' ages range from between 60 to 70 years. They were viewed as highly credible by North-eastern Ohio researcher George Pindroh, who interviewed them on Sunday, July 23. The key witness is an ex-law enforcement officer. Pindroh, contacted for a statement on this report, graciously afforded information of the sighting. He also expressed his respect for the privacy of the witnesses.

Pindroh told of how the threesome, while driving late at night on a desolate stretch of Route 11, became alarmed as a red glow came into view. One passenger asked the driver if the light source was a truck on the road. As they continued to travel toward the light source, they report that 'many lights' suddenly became visible 'all around' their vehicle. One light was extremely huge [estimated to be at least 3-feet in diameter] and the other lights were smaller, basketball sized objects that were strangely seen all around the car, on top, on each side and in back of their auto, a Cadillac.

The witnesses related to Pindroh that the lights, estimated to number almost 35 at one time, were thought to be attached to one larger, unseen object, rather than free-flying light sources. The lights, said to be very close to and above the car, paced the threesome as they drove an estimated 40-miles along Route 11, headed south to north. One passenger told Pindroh of being "scared to death."

While driving along with the lights in pursuit, there was no traffic seen on Route 11 with the exception of one other car. It was thought that this car had stopped and its driver was looking out of his window at the lights. The threesome, however, continued on without stopping.

While travelling on, the ex-law enforcement officer reported to Pindroh that they had experienced an unusual 'dark area' that coincided with a disruption involving the car's burglar alarm system. The electronic car alarm was said to have 'went off' repeatedly while they drove along, further contributing to the mayhem. Strangely, a rain-like moisture had also accumulated on the bottom half of the windshield on the front exterior portion of the car.

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"As best they could describe," Pindroh reported, "a strange darkness occurred and everything went black." The claimants informed that the lights seemed to 'go to the left' and toward the front of their car as they approached their home. The first thing they did when entering the house was to rush to the phone and place a call to the police.

In investigation of the claims, researcher George Pindroh contacted the Ashtabula County State Highway Patrol office on Tuesday, July 25 and confirmed the advisement to their office of numerous red-lights by the claimants. Pindroh also learned that there were additional calls about 'red lights' received at the same office around the same time frame, and yet another call was received at the Highway Patrol Office on Sunday concerning red lights seen on Saturday night.

Learning that the automobile was later found to have had its pre-programmed radio stations 'reset' and its clock also found to be inaccurate due to electronic default, Pindroh consulted with a Cadillac dealer concerning the alarm system disruption and the radio/clock issue. The dealer was not able to fully explain the electronic oddities, noting that if the car had lost power during the experience, the driver would know as power steering would be lost and the car would have to be re-started. Further, the moisture on the vehicle as described by the witnesses is not compatible with condensation from the air conditioning system, according to the Cadillac dealer.

Thanks to George Pindroh of the Cleveland Ufology Project [CUP] for the preliminary details of this sighting that was reported to the Ashtabula County State Highway Patrol office and releasing the information for this summary. Pindroh further advises that a full and more detailed report on this case is pending.

UFO Research. <http://home.fuse.net/ufo/>

Northwich UFO caught on video

Researchers at the Cheshire-based British UFO Studies Centre, which recently celebrated its 20th birthday, have been "shocked" by the emergence of a new and "remarkable" video film of an anomalous object captured by a Northwich man on July 9th 2000.

The man saw the strange object in the sky at around 1400hrs and asked his wife to bring his video camera out so he could try and film the phenomenon. He was able to capture what experts at the British UFO Studies Centre say is the "best ever UFO film".

UFO Magazine's Russ Callaghan saw the footage on 16th July and says that it is "the best footage I have ever seen."

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The witness also recorded traffic using his frequency scanner which clearly indicates the presence of civilian passenger aircraft in the immediate vicinity at that time. There is a suggestion that aircraft may have been diverted away from the area.

BUFOSC believes that this raises urgent issues relating to air safety. This sighting was followed on 12th July by a major incident over nearby Stoke-on-Trent, where multiple witnesses report seeing a UFO being chased by three aircraft and a Chinook helicopter (There are a number of major military exercises currently underway in the UK.)

Eric Morris - BUFOSC Director - and Tim Matthews, well-known author and researcher of mysteries both ancient and modern - have both been amazed by the quality of the images, the clarity of the material and the object itself. Morris notes the incidence of strange phenomena in the South Manchester area and adds that Air Traffic Controllers they have spoken to are aware that, in the past, military test vehicles strayed into civilian space.

"The best-known similar case was the so-called Manchester Near-Miss in January 1995 where two airline pilots made an official report to the Civil Aviation Authority about a wedge-shaped object that shot past their plane whilst on approach to Manchester International" said Morris.

But the researchers are not coming to any conclusions yet; they have contacted the Ministry of Defence's Nick Pope, the man who shot to prominence after challenging his employer's official line that UFOs are of "no defence significance." Morris, Matthews and Pope, who is actively assisting BUFOSC with its enquiries, all believe that UFOs are of Extreme Defence Significance.

There does not appear to be a prosaic explanation for the object seen on film - and it is very similar to UFOs captured on film in and around the Nellis Test Range, home to Area 51 in the Nevada Desert. Although the vast majority of UFO sightings - around 95% are misidentifications of mundane phenomena, occasionally something like this fires the imagination. Checks with Manchester Air Traffic Control, the MOD and other official bodies are continuing but thus far nobody has been able to shed light on this mystery.

It is, of course, BUFOSC's view that if objects like this are able to appear at will and operate in or near busy and restricted airspace, then somebody must have an answer. Nevertheless, answers are not often forthcoming... This video footage however, after various authentications, will be forthcoming. It is claimed that this may become the most famous UFO footage of all time.

For those interested in ET searches in local space, the following may be of interest.

The Re-Enchantment of the Solar System: A Proposed Search for Local ETs

By Dr. Gregory L. Matloff. <http://www.accessnv.com/nids/essaycomp/gmatloff.html/>
Adjunct Professor of Physics and Astronomy, NYU, CUNY, Pace University, The New School, SUNY.

Co-author (with E. Mallove) of The Starflight Handbook, Wiley, NY (1989), Fellow of The British Interplanetary Society Member of the Interstellar Exploration Subcommittee, International Academy of Astronautics.

ABSTRACT

It is argued using a conservative approach to interstellar travel that intelligent extraterrestrials (ETs) may be present in our solar system, living in world ships that have colonised cometary or asteroidal objects during the last billion years. The originating star systems for these advanced beings could be solar-type stars that fortuitously approach our Sun within a light year or so at intervals of about a million years or nearby stars that have left the main sequence, prompting interstellar migration. If we are indeed within such a "Dyson Sphere" of artificial worldlets, we could detect their presence through astronomical means since a space habitat will emit more infrared radiation than a like-sized comet or asteroid.

Interestingly, several Kuiper-Belt objects have recently been found to have an unexpected and substantial red excess. It is argued that, in opposition to the assumptions of current SETI searches, the very advanced occupants of this possible local Dyson Sphere may have as little interest in beaming radio signals in our direction as we do in communicating with termites. A research program is proposed whereby large and small college observatories would routinely monitor the spectral irradiances of Near Earth and Kuiper Belt objects while a concurrent theoretical effort models the spectral characteristics of various proposed space habitats.

Much of the observational work, at least, could be dovetailed with projects designed to detect Near-Earth Objects (NEOs) that might impact Earth in the future. Possible strategies and protocols for direct contact, requiring humans to be the active contactees are presented to be considered for use if such intelligent ET's are discovered within our solar system...

[Continued: <http://www.accessnv.com/nids/essaycomp/gmatloff.html>]

WEIRD "ICE CIRCLE" FOUND IN DELTA, ONTARIO

A strange "ice ring" was found on a pond near the village of Delta in Eastern Ontario province, Canada. The weird formation apparently was created during the night of Saturday, December 2, 2000. According to Paul Anderson of Circles Phenomenon Research-Canada, the "ice ring" was investigated by the group's Ontario director, Drew Cauley. "The ring is in pond ice about 15 feet (4.5 metres) in diameter and three inches (7.5 centimetres) wide. The ice is very thin and cannot support (the weight of) anyone walking upon it. The surrounding area has a light covering of snow, and no footprints were seen anywhere," Cauley and Anderson reported. "Although not a 'crop circle,' this is the tenth report of circle-type phenomena received this year," Anderson added, "I have received three such reports of ice formations in Ontario and Quebec since 1999."

(Many thanks to Paul Anderson of CPR-Canada for this report.)

UFOs over Lincolnshire

Multiple UFO sightings were reported near Grimsby, Lincolnshire, UK during April 2000, including two incidents of "direct contact" with humans.

The flap began on Friday, March 24, 2000 when Elaine King, 40, of Tetney Lock, near Grimsby, Lincs. "was transported from her bed to an alien space craft that was constructed entirely of a steel-like material." The "incident" "occurred" at 9:30 a.m.

"Mrs. King explained, 'I was in bed and felt myself getting weaker and weaker like I was collapsing. Next thing I knew, I was in this corridor.' While on board the alien ship, she opened a door and was shocked to find a human male 'spread-eagled' on a table while aliens "peeled back his skin to look at his insides.'

"There was a female being who was milky white and wearing some sort of wig. I think it was to make her look less frightening and more human. She communicated to me, telling me not to worry about my cats and dog, that they would be looked after. She didn't speak to me in words, just put thoughts in my head. She didn't scare me. I thought she was trying to help,' said Mrs. King.

"She said she thought she was going to die, but the next thing she knew she was back in her bed and only eleven and a half minutes had passed. 'I am so relieved to be back. I thought I was gone for good,' she said.

"Mrs. King said she knows people will perceive her as 'mad' but she honestly believes it was an abduction attempt. She claims to have had many 'alien' encounters, including seeing unearthly lights in the sky, having out-of-body experiences, hearing unexplained humming and seeing UFOs while riding her pony." The same day, March 24, a fruit vendor "from Grimsby's Freeman Street saw what he believes was a UFO hovering in the sky above Willingham Street" at 2 p.m. "Thirty-seven-year-old Tony Kirby claimed he saw a pure white unearthly object (hovering) still in the sky. And investigations with the RAF revealed they did not have any aircraft in the area at the time."

At 8 p.m. that evening, "11-year-old Reshi Kumar was seated in the back of his father's car stalled in traffic when he noticed 'a really bright round light in the sky. It was hovering in the same position, then it dropped really sharply, and left a white line behind it.'

"One minute it was there, the next it was gone. It was really weird,' explained Reshi, who does not believe in aliens, despite being an avid X-Files follower. Reshi added, 'At first I thought it must have been a plane but the object didn't have any red or blue lights. It's definitely one for Mulder and Scully because I don't know what it was.'"

In early April 2000, Cliff Blyth, 68, of Corn Mews, Cleethorpes, Lincs., was reportedly shot by aliens. Blyth told the Grimsby Evening Telegraph that he was struck in the chest by "a two-inch red ball of fire that came right through the window and passed through" his chest.

Blyth reported no adverse physiological effects as a result of being struck by the small sphere. "Cliff and Margaret Blyth, of Corn Mews, Cleethorpes, got the shock of their lives when an unidentified red ball hurtled towards their house and passed through Mr. Blyth's body. Mrs. Blyth was on the telephone when her husband shouted at her to rush to the window.

"I left the phone dangling, and I saw a two-inch red ball of fire come through the window and pass through my husband's chest. We immediately lifted his shirt to see if it had left any mark, but there was nothing there. We daredn't tell anyone at first," Ms. Blyth said, "It was very frightening."

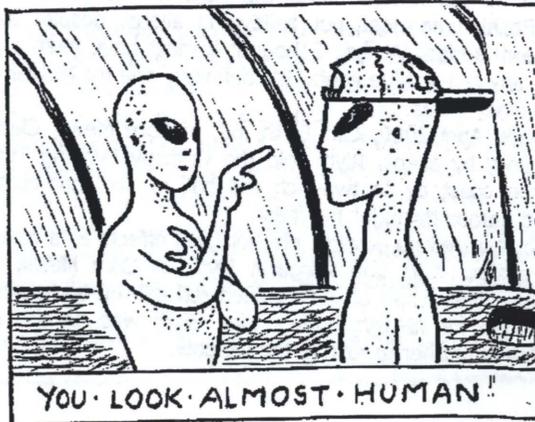
"People will think we're mad, but there was something in the sky," Mr. Blyth said, "I'm too old to be scared. It didn't hurt, but we both saw it, and my wife never drinks."

On Thursday, April 6, 2000, John and Dorothy Ramsden of Lidyard Road, Humberston, Lincs., had a UFO experience at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Ramsden "thought her husband was joking when he claimed to have seen a UFO in the form of a silver cigar." Dorothy Ramsden, who saw a UFO in Danbury Street forty years ago, said, "We were about to get into our car when my husband said he'd seen an unidentified flying object. At first I thought he was pulling my leg. But then I saw the lovely silver object with a pinky (pinkish) glow hovering in the sky."

"John Ramsden," aged 63 like his wife, "a self-proclaimed sceptic who refuses to watch sci-fi on television, said, 'When I first spotted it, I thought, What the hell is that? It was fascinating. We just stared at it in amazement for around six minutes, and I could see it from as far away as Toll Br School.' The couple, who were not frightened by the experience, described the object as hanging at an angle without moving."

On Friday, April 7, 2000, Mrs. Elaine Reed of Princes Road, Cleethorpes, Lincs. spotted a daylight disc. "Mrs. Reid "described the object as 'red and as big as an aerosol (can).' She said, 'My husband told me I was seeing things and that I should forget about it. At first I thought it was a helicopter but it moved so quietly that I knew it couldn't have been'"

She added that it was 'a bright light travelling slowly across the sky down the (river) Humber.' Another anonymous witness told the Telegraph that "he saw 'a really bright light hovering above Brundell Park.' He said, 'It was like a comet. It was so quick it couldn't have been an aeroplane or a helicopter. It was travelling at a height (altitude) between 3,000 and 5,000 feet. I can't describe it. I've never seen anything like it.'" (See the Grimsby Evening Telegraph for April 4, April 5, April 10 and April 14, 2000.



B. Baskerville

Elderly man - a known Austin eccentric - spent more than \$500,000 for seat on spaceship.

Report emailed by Mark Shippey

AUSTIN ---- This week a Central Texas judge is expected to divide up \$290,000 worth of gold coins left by an elderly man who hoped the money would earn him a seat on a spaceship to immortality.

When Dave Overton died in 1996 at the age of 81, his neighbours had no idea the eccentric hermit had quietly given gold coins worth \$390,000 at the time and \$170,000 in cash to the Phoenix Institute for Research and Education. Overton was well-known in Austin. A former maths professor at the University of Texas, he bathed with a hose in the neighbours' yard and scampered barefoot and naked atop his house to install a new roof when he was 75.

Inside his cluttered house, he slept on a bare mattress on the living room floor. Overton believed that a 9-foot, bald alien named Hatonn would someday beam him away, and cut down an ash tree in his front yard to make room for the ship, according to the Austin American-Statesman. To make sure he wasn't left behind, he wired orange traffic cones to the tops of trees surrounding his house.

He also gave more than \$500,000 to a California group claiming to be in contact with Hatonn, who they refer to as the "Commander in Chief of the Pleiades Flight Sector. He was just convinced that giving that money was essential to show his faith so he would get a ride on the spaceship," Laird Palmer, an attorney who tried to get Overton to change his mind, told the American-Statesman.

For nine years, various parties have staked a claim to the gold. The Phoenix Institute says it's theirs. A rebel institute member once took the gold and buried it in his yard, claiming it was his alone. Since Overton's death, lawyers representing his estate have claimed it for friends named in his 1995 will. Now, a Travis County probate court judge is set to divide up the gold coins on Monday as part of a settlement reached between the institute and Overton's friends.

In 1994, Nevada State District Judge David Gamble ruled that the institute had swindled Overton, though the group is still in operation. "The whole thing was pretty weird," Gamble said recently. "It was just so clear Mr. Overton was being defrauded by a bunch of swindlers. I was ashamed the court had to hear something so nonsensical."

Gamble said testimony showed that Hatonn's followers believed that Jesus' real name is Sananda and that he's circling the earth in a spaceship. Court documents also show the group believes former President George Bush is really a synthetic "robotoid" and that the government cannot be trusted.

The Hudson Valley UFO: a review

Thanks to Mark Shippey of Texas for bringing this article to our attention.

While society has embraced aliens as part of our modern mythology, are we ready to handle biological competition of that magnitude? By Stefanie Ramp.

It was 17 years ago this month when the phenomenon known as the Hudson Valley UFO commenced its high-profile tour through the Northeast. Particularly fond of Westchester County, it was nicknamed the "Westchester Boomerang," though it spent a great deal of time in Connecticut as well.

Hundreds of local citizens reported sightings to the police and numerous police officers witnessed the spectacle firsthand. According to Philip Imbrogno, a UFO investigator and co-author of *Night Siege: The Hudson Valley UFO Sightings* (written with Dr. J. Allen Hynek and Bob Pratt), which chronicles the most impressive reports, says more than 5,000 people have reported seeing a triangular or boomerang-shaped object larger than a football field hovering in our skies.

The Hudson Valley UFO sightings occurred with surprising regularity throughout the 1980s, and the phenomenon was immortalised in *Communion*, Whitley Streiber's autobiographical account of abduction from his cabin in Pine Bush, N. Y. The sightings continue to this day, though with much less frequency. Mark Cashman of the Connecticut chapter of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) said that although investigators are unsure why, UFO phenomenon has always come in waves since it was first tracked in the late 1940s.

The Hudson Valley sightings were so widespread in the 1980s that the Hudson Valley UFO barely registers as an anomaly anymore. Rather, it seems to have been embraced as a local bragging right. Numerous people I know personally profess to have seen it, including one woman who was walking around downtown Fairfield, Conn., with a friend one night about 12 years ago when the phenomenon appeared cruising over the centre of town.

A Fairfield police officer patrolling nearby witnessed it as well. Everyone who has seen it describes nearly the same thing: a triangular object larger than a football field with a "V" of lights moving at about 25 miles-per-hour, only a couple hundred feet up in the sky, making little or no noise - far less than any aeroplane.

Local authorities alternately blamed the phenomena on military aircraft, though no agency would take credit for them, and motorised hang gliders called ultralights allegedly rigged with special effects lighting. This latter theory persisted despite the fact that ultralight experts testified that such a hoax would be impossible to pull off; it's also illegal to fly ultralights at night, which is when the vast majority of the Hudson Valley sightings took place.

Though no logical explanation seems to exist for the Hudson Valley UFO, it certainly doesn't prove the existence of another intelligent life force. However, there are many people who claim to be in contact with alien intelligence as a result of, or in conjunction with, the Hudson Valley sightings.

In the course of researching this story, one of my sources insisted that it was no accident I'd decided to write about UFOs. He believed that some alien intelligence was in telepathic communication with me and informing my decision to delve into a topic that is routinely ridiculed by the scientific community and in the media.

I certainly don't have a rational answer as to why the subject fascinates me; people's reactions to the possibility of alien life intrigue me as much as the possibility of alien life itself. The heyday of the Hudson Valley sightings was long before I moved to the East Coast from Indiana; I thought UFOs only harassed red necks in the Midwest.

Imbrogno has heard so many contact reports -- close to 300 -- that he co-authored a sequel to *Night Siege* with Marianne Horrigan called *Contact of the 5th Kind*. Imbrogno now lives in Danbury, Conn., and has taught science at the Windward School in White Plains, N. Y., for nearly 20 years. He also sits on the board of directors at the Bowman Observatory in Greenwich and writes a soon-to-be syndicated astronomy column for the *Greenwich Times*.

In a recent interview, Imbrogno noted that while absolute proof of UFOs and extra-terrestrial phenomenon remains elusive, he's been confronted with a multitude of very convincing evidence through his investigations. One of the most impressive cases Imbrogno handled in conjunction with the Hudson Valley UFO was that of Dean Fagerstrom of Brewster, N. Y. Although Imbrogno estimates that more than 90 percent of "channelling cases," or instances where a non-human presence communicates through an individual, are decidedly "bunk," he believes that Fagerstrom may be one of the very few individuals in communication with non-human intelligence.

Fagerstrom, now in his late 60s, was a security specialist after an 11-year military career and a stint in Vietnam. During a recent interview with the Weekly, Fagerstrom explained that he's been experiencing bizarre phenomena all his life. Fagerstrom, who fled the seminary in his early 20s, said that what most people would consider to be alien and religious phenomena are all part of the same spiritual destiny for him. He claims that in 1964, an Adonis-like entity named Donestra, hailing from the planet Solarian, visited him while he was working on some peculiar mathematical sequences which, according to Imbrogno, were designed to predict the lottery.

Fagerstrom maintains that Donestra helped him win the lottery, but he said that Donestra's real interest in his equations had to do with a divine form of mathematics based on the true date of Christ's birth. "[Donestra] discussed various things that I was aware of at least in theory, but not so much factually the way he expressed it, and this was to the effect that there were multiple civilisations and he was one representative and he was particularly interested in my mathematical pursuits which had begun at that time and have continued to this day," Fagerstrom explained.

Fagerstrom claims that a divine entity named Aphax has channelled this revelatory mathematical system through him, which he compiled in an unpublished manuscript called the "Book of Anglion." He believes it will spark a revolution in the field of computer science.

According to Fagerstrom, Anglion is the name of a spiritual society in "the other world" headed by Emmanuel Swedenborg who was a Swedish theologian, scientist and philosopher who lived from 1688 to 1772. Much of Fagerstrom's spiritual and extra-terrestrial ideologies seem to come from Swedenborg's work, which he referenced often during our interview.

Despite his fantastical tangents, Fagerstrom has interested Imbrogno since their first meeting in 1982 because of the material Fagerstrom has produced ostensibly through contact with Donestra and several other angelic and extra-terrestrial entities.

On Jan. 9, 1968, Fagerstrom says he awoke at 4 a.m. and saw something that looked like an old-fashioned microphone hovering in the air over his bed. It approached him with an extended needle-like probe, which began vibrating and made his whole head and body resonate. Fagerstrom then felt compelled to draw multiple diagrams depicting various kinds of futuristic technology; he allegedly shut himself up in a room for three days and produced 32 diagrams. While well executed for someone who claims to have no art or

engineering background, the designs don't provide the specifics of construction or purpose. The diagrams, which Fagerstrom gave to Imbrogno, impressed the late Dr. Allen Hynek who worked with Imbrogno on Night Siege. Hynek was an astrophysicist who served as the Air Force's UFO consultant when UFO phenomenon was under official investigation throughout the '50s and '60s. He was later a Professor of Astronomy at Northwestern University.

According to Imbrogno, the late John Stokes, an associate of Hynek's, constructed a helical coil depicted in one of Fagerstrom's diagrams. It allegedly produced an electromagnetic pulse much greater than any similar technology can produce today, but the coil burned itself out within a matter of seconds. No further attempts to build Fagerstrom's diagrams have been made.

In 1972, Fagerstrom was staring down at a blank clipboard when he started writing pages of unidentifiable symbols, which look something like Arabic. Fagerstrom believes he was channelling an angelic language which delivered a subliminal message to him though he's unclear on what that message was.

A linguist told Imbrogno that the writing appeared to be a language similar to ancient Babylonian (Sumerian, according to Fagerstrom) with more than 200 characters. Sixteen years later, Fagerstrom allegedly produced more inexplicable material through channelling. Despite the fact that he can't play the piano, Fagerstrom claims to have spontaneously played 100 compositions, which he attributes to the pianist Franz Liszt who lived from 1811 to 1886.

Fagerstrom recalled a vision he had in 1988 of a 42-foot piano which Liszt played before a celestial audience of whom he said, "They were in heavenly ecstasy because this music was penetrating their very beings and it was telling them internal kinds of secrets which had nothing to do with notes."

Imbrogno says he's heard Fagerstrom in action and believes he had no pre-existing musical skill, but proof is slippery and restricted to Fagerstrom's word. Fagerstrom said he has seen many UFOs over the years and claims that Donestra attributed the multitude of visitations to the fact that Jesus, a divinity recognised by all cosmic civilisations, was born on Earth. Fagerstrom said his various strange experiences have left him with a sense of purpose. "I want to see a love for the truth, a love for God and a love for each other. This is everything."

Assigning motivations to alien life forms has become something of a national pastime spawning countless hypotheses.

While Fagerstrom believes extra- terrestrials are manifestations of the divine, MUFON's investigator Peter Jordan adamantly maintains that the phenomena he's investigated is not so benign.

"Whatever this is, it does do physical things, and many of those things are physically harmful. This is a phenomenon that is extremely selfish and in many cases extremely sinister. It is certainly deceptive and that alone makes it unworthy of being embraced completely. I mean it can be studied, yes, but embraced, no."

Jordan, a national lecturer on paranormal occurrences, has noticed a link between supernatural phenomenon and occurrences that are generally associated with extra-terrestrials; he suggests one common denominator is a controversial concept called plasma. Plasma, which in simple terms is ionised particles, has been called the fourth state of matter. According to Jordan, although most scientists believe in it theoretically, it's incredibly difficult to study in a controlled environment.

Jordan says that plasma, created when quartz crystals are placed under extreme pressure, may be partially responsible for many anomalies in various parts of the country. "The Hudson Valley region is one of those areas that has always attracted an incredible bevy of paranormal phenomenon," Jordan said.

Based on his research and personal experience, Jordan theorised that plasma can create a ball of travelling light consistent with many sightings attributed to both ghosts and aliens. Plasma may be an alternate life form, according to some researchers, including a physicist at London University who told Jordan he believed plasma was organic matter. Plasma is one of the many oddities being investigated by Vesitigia, a non-profit and independent national organisation of scientists studying paranormal activity of which Jordan is a member.

Although he believes there is a lot going on for which we have no explanation, including UFO phenomenon, Jordan is more skeptical about abduction and contact cases -- particularly those remembered through hypnosis. "In the year 2000, every single person on every single street corner in the United States knows what's involved in a UFO scenario. So all you end up with is a mirror-like reflection of that scenario. It's circular reasoning," he argues.

Further muddying the waters, Jordan suggests that if alien abductions are really taking place, this non-human intelligence may be interacting with our consciousness and helping to shape our perception of extra-terrestrial life. In other words, the shape-

shifting entity appears in the form we expect it to take; for most of us that's the hydrocephalic creature with the big eyes.

Jordan also suspects that the government is responsible for at least some of the phenomena attributed to alien sources. Without divulging the specifics, he explained that his research has led him to believe that the government may attempt to simulate alien intelligence for the sake of psychological experimentation. When I admonished Jordan for leaving me more confused than ever he quipped, "Why are you expecting a simple answer from aliens?"

Most UFO investigators believe that the government knows something it's not telling us and has no plans of enlightening the public anytime soon. Peter Gersten, a founding member of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, or CAUS (Ufolawyer@caus.org), has brought several lawsuits against the U. S. government in an effort to uncover its knowledge of UFO and extra-terrestrial phenomenon.

Gersten began his career as a prosecutor for the Kings County District Attorney's office in Brooklyn and then went into private practice. In 1977, he was hired by Ground Saucer Watch to acquire CIA documents concerning UFO phenomenon under the newly enacted Freedom of Information Act. "Lo and behold, about a year later, the CIA released 900 pages of documents on a subject that they had stated up until that time that not only weren't they studying but basically didn't exist," Gersten recalled in a recent interview. "The CIA documents confirmed the reality of the objects."

In addition to the 900 released documents, 57 others were found but withheld on the grounds of national security, thereby setting a precedent that UFOs were considered real enough to affect national security. Several hundred more documents were found that originated in other agencies and were out of CIA jurisdiction. All agencies eventually released the documents voluntarily except for the National Security Agency, which continues to withhold 135 documents on the grounds of national security despite several appeals.

Gersten has two suits pending, one of which seeks the release of Department of Defense documents pertaining to the Hudson Valley UFO. The DOD claims it has no such documents, but the case received a favourable motion in February when a judge ruled the DOD must share its search methods and prove that it conducted a thorough investigation for the documents.

Gersten's real interest lies in the "intelligence behind the UFOs" and he insists he can prove in a court of law beyond reasonable doubt that we are in contact with another intelligence, which he believes is non-biological and co-exists with us on this

planet independent of the laws of physics as we understand them. "It's my belief that this intelligence takes different forms depending on the evolutionary and historical status of our species," he explained. "At one point it was angels, at another point gods, here it's extra-terrestrials because that's where we're at."

While none of these theories can be proved or disproved, the proliferation of UFO phenomenon and philosophy tends to muddy the very real and indisputable evidence of unidentified flying objects that researchers have collected over the last 50 years.

Mark Cashman, state director of MUFON's Connecticut chapter, applies as much hard science to his investigations as possible and has even developed a system of measurement called triangulation, similar to methods used by surveyors to more accurately assess the size, distance and speed of reported UFOs. Cashman is the first to admit that UFO research is constrained by the fact that the field is primarily populated by amateurs and believes no real progress will be made until the government and scientific community support UFO research. He's not holding his breath.

Although the government now scoffs at UFO research -- the Federal Aviation Administration and FBI barely kept a straight face when I asked if either agency has any current involvement with UFO reports -- its attitude used to be quite different.

"The history of this field has sort of vaporised for the modern generation," Cashman says. "They don't realise that during the 1950s and '60s there was tremendous ferment in this field and that the government at various times was really relatively open in terms of what they were doing."

The government, primarily via the Air Force, conducted official UFO research until 1969 when it turned the project over to the University of Colorado, Boulder. By this time, the UFO phenomenon had attracted enough fringe groups, eccentrics and hoaxes that scientists were beginning to dismiss it despite the general persistent interest. According to Cashman, the University of Colorado was a bit sheepish about taking on the project but needed the grant money. A memo later surfaced that advised those involved to make it look to the public like the project was being taken seriously but make it understood by the scientific community that it wasn't.

"Despite the fact that the project's findings were that they couldn't explain 30 percent of the sightings that they were given, the project director said there was nothing to it and that science shouldn't be paying attention," Cashman explained. "It was a disaster for people who wanted to find out what was going on scientifically because this was a very high-prestige study."

Colorado's attitude effectively ended official study of UFOs and ensured that no grant money would be forthcoming for future projects. "It's possible that if the study had swung the other way and had simply said, 'This is interesting, we should give some people some grants to look at this stuff,' we would know a tremendous amount by now and the fringe would never have come into it," Cashman said.

It's important to remember that legitimising the existence of UFOs isn't the same as sanctioning the reality of extra-terrestrials. UFOs are simply things in the sky that science can't explain. Documents released through Gersten's lawsuits prove that there have been many flying objects that science can't explain.

One of the most respected sources for government documentation of UFOs is E.J. Ruppelt's book *The Report On Unidentified Flying Objects* published in 1956. Ruppelt was an Air Force captain and headed the government's official UFO research, *Project Blue Book*, during the early '50s.

He was involved with multiple sightings, both on military radar and by the eyewitness accounts of Air Force pilots. One of the most incredible sightings took place on Sept. 12, 1953. An object was picked up on radar and two F-84s were dispatched to follow it, which they did although the object wouldn't let them get any closer than three miles.

"That intercept by the airforce is highly credible," Cashman remarked. "We've got military pilots, military radar operators, we've got multiple people seeing the same thing with different kinds of modalities -- they're seeing it with radar, they're seeing it with their eyes, they're flying up to it. That to me is the kind of stuff to focus in on."

There are many reports of the Air Force chasing after these objects and also evidence of them firing on UFOs. According to Cashman, there's even documentation from the 1950s of a radar trace indicating an object travelling at speeds greater than 9,000 miles an hour. Our modern M.A.C.H. technology can't even produce those kinds of speeds.

Cashman is cautious about UFO evidence and focuses on definitive scientific proof rather than theory in his search for the truth which, although it's undoubtedly out there, won't be forthcoming anytime soon. If a non-human intelligence is responsible for UFOs, the realisation of this truth will overturn every belief system humanity has ever held or created. While society has embraced aliens as part of our modern mythology, I'm not sure we're ready to handle biological competition of that magnitude.

However, the last thing we should do is stumble blindly into this potential reality. "If this is true, if what appears on the surface is in fact true, it's got to be one of the most important things we could know about the universe," Cashman said.

From The Sunday Times:- **Eureka! Scientists break speed of light!**

SCIENTISTS claim they have broken the ultimate speed barrier: the speed of light. In research carried out in the United States, particle physicists have shown that light pulses can be accelerated to up to 300 times their normal velocity of 186,000 miles per second. The implications, like the speed, are mind-boggling. On one interpretation it means that light will arrive at its destination almost before it has started its journey. In effect, it is leaping forward in time.

Exact details of the findings remain confidential because they have been submitted to Nature, the international scientific journal, for review prior to possible publication. The work was carried out by Dr Lijun Wang, of the NEC research institute in Princeton, who transmitted a pulse of light towards a chamber filled with specially treated caesium gas.

Before the pulse had fully entered the chamber it had gone right through it and travelled a further 60ft across the laboratory. In effect it existed in two places at once, a phenomenon that Wang explains by saying it travelled 300 times faster than light. The research is already causing controversy among physicists. What bothers them is that if light could travel forward in time it could carry information. This would breach one of the basic principles in physics - causality, which says that a cause must come before an effect. It would also shatter Einstein's theory of relativity since it depends in part on the speed of light being unbreachable.

This weekend Wang said he could not give details but confirmed: "Our light pulses did indeed travel faster than the accepted speed of light. I hope it will give us a much better understanding of the nature of light and how it behaves."

Dr Raymond Chiao, professor of physics at the University of California at Berkeley, who is familiar with Wang's work, said he was impressed by the findings. "This is a fascinating experiment," he said.

In Italy, another group of physicists has also succeeded in breaking the light speed barrier. In a newly published paper, physicists at the Italian National Research Council described how they propagated microwaves at 25% above normal light speed. The group speculates that it could be possible to transmit information faster than light. Dr Guenter Nimtz, of Cologne University, an expert in the field, agrees. He believes that information can be sent faster than light and last week gave a paper describing how it could be done to a conference in Edinburgh. He believes, however, that this will not breach the principle of causality because the time taken to interpret the signal would fritter away all the savings.

"The most likely application for this is not in time travel but in speeding up the way signals move through computer circuits," he said. Wang's experiment is the latest and possibly the most important evidence that the physical world may not operate according to any of the accepted conventions.

In the new world that modern science is beginning to perceive, sub-atomic particles can apparently exist in two places at the same time - making no distinction

between space and time. Separate experiments carried out by Chiao illustrate this. He showed that in certain circumstances photons - the particles of which light is made - could apparently jump between two points separated by a barrier in what appears to be zero time. The process, known as tunnelling, has been used to make some of the most sensitive electron microscopes.

The implications of Wang's experiments will arouse fierce debate. Many will question whether his work can be interpreted as proving that light can exceed its normal speed - suggesting that another mechanism may be at work. Neil Turok, professor of mathematical physics at Cambridge University, said he awaited the details with interest, but added: "I doubt this will change our view of the fundamental laws of physics."

Wang emphasises that his experiments are relevant only to light and may not apply to other physical entities. But scientists are beginning to accept that man may eventually exploit some of these characteristics for inter-stellar space travel.

Missouri OKs UFO initiative

<http://www.cosmiverse.com/paranormal032901.html>

In what may be a first for the UFO disclosure movement, the State of Missouri has approved a ballot initiative to crack government secrecy. The Missouri secretary of state has certified ballot petition language that would ask voter approval of a proclamation to urge congressional action for "ending the government cover up of the UFO experience."

Organisers of the Missouri initiative, the local affiliate of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), say they have until May 7 to gather 75,000 signatures to place the question on the fall general election ballot. Bruce Widaman, who's spearheading the effort, termed it "a grassroots means for empowering the voters to legislate statutory change." To meet the state's May 7 deadline, he said, "we have to round up at least 500 signature-gathering volunteers."

The group is setting up a 'donations' banking account at MUFON headquarters in Texas (<http://www.mufon.com>) to help support the project. Missouri is one of 16 states with a full initiative process. Widaman said the group hopes that other states will follow Missouri's lead in what he called "the Year of UFO Awareness." The other 15 states that could send a stronger message to Congress through the initiative process, he said, are Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

The MUFON Network's George Filer reported on Tuesday that numerous UFO researchers worldwide view this initiative as a formal means for gaining (and expressing) the sense of the electorate on a vital public issue: "If indeed the Earth is being visited by alien spacecraft, then we have a right to know and the government has the duty to tell," Widaman said.

Missouri Initiative Petition Approved Submitted by: Mutual UFO Network, Inc. PO Box 643 St. Charles, MO 63302 Contact spokesperson Bruce Widaman at (636) 946-1394 for further information.

UK Pilot Films UFO In Near-Miss Above Mojave Desert

http://www.MegaStar.co.uk/archive/today/news/latest/20000607n_encounter.html

What English pilot David Hastings saw as he flew his Cessna plane over the Mojave Desert in America came within a few feet of a mid-air collision.

David quickly snapped two colour photos as he and an ex-American military pilot dove frantically to avoid the oval-shaped spaceship. The first print, passed over to the United States Navy, showed an empty sky, but the second revealed a huge object with black rings around its top and bottom passing feet away from a wing. The Navy admits that it is completely baffled.

The near-miss is recounted for the first time in today's Pilot magazine. David said: "As we neared the Mojave Desert under radar control it happened. We both suddenly realised that we had fast traffic in our 12 o'clock.

"We pushed the control panel and ducked. A shadow flashed over us but there was absolutely no sound. We slowly raised our heads and asked: 'What the heck?'

"We called the radar control tower to check if they had another aircraft and the answer was no. We took the film to a one-hour photo shop and there it was. One shot had nothing, but the second had the blurred image of the UFO."

SIGHTINGS HOMEPAGE. <http://www.sightings.com>
<http://www.sightings.com/general2/nrms.htm>

THE DROPA STONES

In 1938 Chi Pu Tei, a professor of archaeology at Beijing University, was leading some his students on an expedition to survey a series of inter-linking caves in the Himalayan Mountains. According to one account, the caves may have been artificially carved, and were more like a complex system of tunnels and underground storerooms. The walls were squared and glazed, as if cut into the mountain with a source of extreme heat. Inside the caves were several ancient, but neatly arranged burial sites, and in them the skeletal remains of a strange people. The skeletons, measuring a little more than four feet tall, were frail and spindly with disproportionately large skulls.

At first, it was suggested by a member of the team that these might be the remains of an unknown species of mountain gorilla. Professor Chi Pu Tei is reputed to have

responded: "Who ever heard of apes burying one another?" Yet, what kind of human was this?

More discoveries made further in the caves all but ruled out the idea that these were apes. On the walls were carved pictograms of the heavens: the sun, the moon, the stars, and the Earth with lines of dots connecting them. Then the team made the most incredible discovery of all. Half buried in the dirt floor of the cave was an odd stone disc, obviously fashioned by the hand of an intelligent creature.

The disc was approximately nine inches in diameter and three-quarters of an inch thick. In the exact centre was a perfectly round, 3/4" hole, and etched in its face was a fine groove spiralling out from the centre to the rim, making the disc look for all the world like some kind of primitive phonograph record.



This one plate, dated to be between 10,000 and 12,000 years old -- older by far than the great pyramids of Egypt -- was fantastic enough, but the wonder was multiplied manifold. In all, 716 such plates were found. And each held an incredible secret. The groove, upon further inspection, was not a groove at all, but a continuous line of strange carved hieroglyphics -- writing!

The tiny, almost microscopic characters were in a language never encountered before. It wasn't until 1962 that another Chinese scientist was able to decode the message of the stone plates.

The Message of the Dropas:

Dr. Tsum Um Nui felt the smooth face of the disc with the palm of his hand. "What could this disc possibly be?" he wondered. He knew of its recent history; how it was discovered in 1938 by a Chinese archaeologist in a cave high in the Himalayas, along with 715 similar discs; how buried nearby were skeletons of a strange tribe of people averaging only a little over four feet high; how it was found that each disc was inscribed with a tiny groove that spiralled around its face, and that the groove turned out to be an unknown hieroglyphic.

He also knew how the discs, as remarkable as they were, had been simply labelled along with other finds of the expedition and stored away at Beijing University for 20 years. During that time, others had attempted to decipher the strange inscriptions, but without success. Perhaps now, in 1962, he could. The professor painstakingly transcribed the characters from the disc to paper. The writing was so small he had to

use a magnifying glass to see it clearly. But the stones were old -- perhaps 12,000 years old, it was estimated -- and much of the hieroglyphics were difficult to make out or had been worn away by time and the elements. As he worked, many questions nagged the professor:

- ◆ How did these primitive people fashion these precise stones?
- ◆ How did they manage the almost microscopic writing?
- ◆ Who were they and what was the purpose of these hundreds of stones?

Once the characters were transcribed, Dr. Tsum Um Nui began the arduous task of trying to decode its message. Eventually, he began to make progress. A word emerged. Then another. A phrase became understandable, then an entire sentence. He had broken the code. He discerned that the messages on the stones were written by a people who called themselves the Dropa. But what they were saying to him 12,000 years later made no sense.

What the Dropa had written must have been one of their cultural myths, or was part of some prehistoric religious ceremony. Or was it? When he had completed the translation as much as he could, the professor sat back in his chair in disbelief. The story the Dropa related was nothing short of astounding. How would his colleagues react? How might the world react if this story was true?

The professor wrote up a paper on his findings and presented it to the university for publication. Their reaction was swift and emphatic: the paper would not be published. The Academy of Prehistory expressly forbade him to publish or even speak of his findings. The world, the academy decided, should not know about the Dropa and their fateful journey to Earth.

Dr. Tsum Um Nui's findings were eventually published, however, just two years later he published the paper entitled, "The Grooved Script Concerning Spaceships Which, as Recorded on the Discs, Landed on Earth 12,000 Years Ago."

By some accounts, the academy relented and gave permission to the professor to publish the paper, and by other accounts he published it despite the official ban. In either case, his translation and his theory were met with ridicule by the archaeological establishment. The translation was just too shattering to be taken at face value or as an historical account. It just could not be true. It would change everything we know about our history and humankind's place in the universe.

What the Stones Reveal

The Dropa discs tell the story of a space probe from a distant planet that crash-landed in the Baian-Kara-Ula Mountains of the Himalayas. The occupants of the spacecraft - the Dropa - found refuge in the caves of the mountains. Despite their peaceful intentions, the Dropa were misunderstood by members of the Ham tribe who were occupying neighbouring caves and who hunted down the aliens and even killed some of them.

A translation of one of the passages says: "The Dropa came down from the clouds in their aircraft. Our men, women, and children hid in the caves ten times before sunrise. When at last they understood the sign language of the Dropa, they realised that the newcomers had peaceful intentions." The stones go on to say how the Dropa were unable to repair their disabled spacecraft and could not return to their

home planet, and so were stranded on Earth. If that's true, have their descendants survived?

Today, the isolated area is inhabited by two tribes of people who, in fact, call themselves the Dropa and the Han. Anthropologists have been unable to categorise either tribe into any other known race; they are neither Chinese nor Tibetan. Both tribes are of pygmy stature, adults measuring between 3-foot-6 and 4-foot-7 with an average height of 4-foot-2, and body weights of 38 to 52 pounds. They are yellow-skinned with thin bodies and disproportionately large heads, corresponding to the skeletal remains found in the caves in 1938. They have sparse hair on their bodies and have large eyes that are not Asian in aspect, but have pale blue irises.

Supposedly, there also is an ancient Chinese tale that might bear-out the Dropa's claims. The tale relates the story of a small, slender, yellow-skinned people who descended to the Earth from the clouds, and who were shunned by everyone because of their ugliness.

Strange Properties

In 1968, the Dropa stones came to the attention of W. Saitsev, a Russian scientist who re-published the findings of Tsum Um Nui and conducted tests on the discs that revealed some very peculiar properties. Physically, the granite stones contained high concentrations of cobalt and other metals -- a very hard stone indeed that would have made it difficult for the primitive people to carve the lettering, especially with such minute characters. When testing a disc with an oscillograph, a surprising oscillation rhythm was recorded as if, the scientists said, they had once been electrically charged or had functioned as electrical conductors.

Whatever their true nature, origin, or meaning, the Dropa stones present an intriguing puzzle for archaeologists and anthropologists. Were the Dropa truly visitors from some distant planet, or is their story merely a creation myth imagined by a primitive culture? If the latter is true, it adds one more such "myth" to the large number of stories from ancient cultures that claim their descendants came to Earth from the heavens. And if the former is true, the Dropa stones could represent the first recorded visit of an alien civilisation to our planet. For now, the Dropa stones remain unexplained.

GEORGINA BRUNI'S NEW BOOK EXPLORES RENDLESHAM FOREST UFO CASE

"After years of government denials, a secret tape recording of a U.S. Air Force officer proves that a UFO landed" in East Anglia, UK in 1980. "A blockbuster new book, *You Can't Tell the People*, by Georgina Bruni (Macmillan, 2000) contains a spine-chilling 30-minute transcript of tapes made by U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Charles Halt, speaking into a recorder as he witnessed the spacecraft approach him and land in the woods." "Halt led the search party that was sent out after eerie lights were spotted near the U.S. air base in Suffolk, England." "It's moving from side to side.

Strange--it's like the pupil of an eye looking at you, and the flash is so bright that it almost burns your eye." "Halt then goes on to describe two other strange- looking objects in the night sky before the UFOs move away from him and his men." "'There's definitely some kind of phenomenon,' he says" on the tape, "We got two strange objects, half-moon shape, dancing around with coloured lights about five to ten miles out." "'The half-moons have now turned into full circles."

"Former (USAF) Sgt. Adrian Bustinza, who was also the search team and now works for the U.S. State Department supervising criminal investigations, says he saw the mysterious craft immediately before and after it landed." "When I arrived, it was going in and out through the trees, and at one stage it was hovering,' Bustinza told Bruni. 'Then it went over to a clearing at the edge of the forest.'" "'By the time we got to the clearing, it had already landed. When this thing landed, Halt was already there.'" "'I didn't see it land, but I saw it take off. It kind of hovered at first, then took off. At the time, I thought we were dealing with an extraterrestrial visitation. I can't say I saw beings, but I saw outlines of something.'" "Bruni has also found photos taken the next morning that show flattened patches of earth where the UFO sat, along with a cover letter from (RAF) Squadron Leader Donald Morland attached to Halt's report of the incident." "'The interesting thing about it is that it's titled UFO,' says Bruni, 'Now why did he call it that if it was something else?'"

(See the National Examiner for November 29, 2000, "Secret tape proves...UFO landed near U.S. Air Force base." page 42.)

You Can't Tell the People is available from Amazon.co.uk in Hardback and Paperback.

Surrey Earth Mysteries Group Web Site – Tony Wedd

Long standing SIGAP member and the man behind the Surrey Earth Mysteries Group, Jim Goddard is pleased to announce a new website dedicated to ley researcher Tony Wedd. The site contains a wealth of information about Tony's life and has streaming audio files featuring Tony speaking on a number of topics including extraterrestrial science, leys, magnetic currents, Adamski and Tesla. The site can be found at:

<http://members.netscapeonline.co.uk/jimgddrd/tonywedd/index.html>

and the SEMG site can be found at:

<http://www.strodes.ac.uk/semg/semg.htm>