

THE NEW YEAR STARTS WITH A RUSH

(See new reports:inside pages)

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JEAN ROOK OF THE "DAILY EXPRESS"

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Greetings to all our members and Best Wishes for 1979. Once again we have an interesting collection of UFO news and events for you in the newsletter. Unfortunately we have been unable to produce our publication in the usual high quality print, but we are sure that the contents will make up for the small loss in presentation.

It is intended to produce the SIGAP NEWS on a more regular basis in order to keep members up to date with the local UFO news and events.

This issue will cover the latest reports received in 1979 and a full list of reports investigated in 1978 will be ready in time for our next issue.

We intend to up date our list of investigators and anyone who is interested should fill in the form enclosed with this issue and return it as detailed. The work involves visiting and interviewing witnesses of UFO "events" and it is intended to discuss our investigation procedure at the next SIGAP meeting at the "Prospect Club" on February 15th (details inside).

A 1937 UFO IN SURREY

By: Major F.Turner-Bridger
(Interviewed by M.Prewett & O.Fowler)

About September or October 1937 at about 4pm in the afternoon, my wife and I were motoring back to Haslemere where I then lived. We were returning from a visit to my sister who lived in Sussex.

On turning onto the main Haslemere road near Northchapel, I turned into a side road and suddenly pulled up as I saw a mysterious object. It was over on my left, at the brow of Blackdown Hill.

On the summit, I noticed this unusual object hovering, it was like a flaming orange circle with a lump in the middle, the whole thing was surrounded by orange flame.

I was watching this curious object when I noticed that another car had also pulled up behind me. The object obviously noticed the cars in this isolated place, then suddenly flew back along the edge of Blackdown Hill out of sight. I waited some few minutes and then noticed that the same object had re-appeared again some distance along the ridge than previously.

I presumed that in this very lovely and isolated spot, the occupant had been surprised to find a car below and on the appearance of the second car it retired back along the ridge. I watched from below as it disappeared at a terrific speed.

I sat there and began to wonder what it could have been and as Farnborough (the experimental aircraft establishment) was only a few miles away, I imagined that it was a new special aircraft of some kind being tested out.

At that time (1937) I may add that many peoples minds were on a possible war and therefore I decided not to say anything.....

N.B. Major Turner-Bridger had previously served in Kings Own Scottish , Borderers in the trenches in the First World War, before being wounded and transferring to the Royal Flying Corps in 1916.

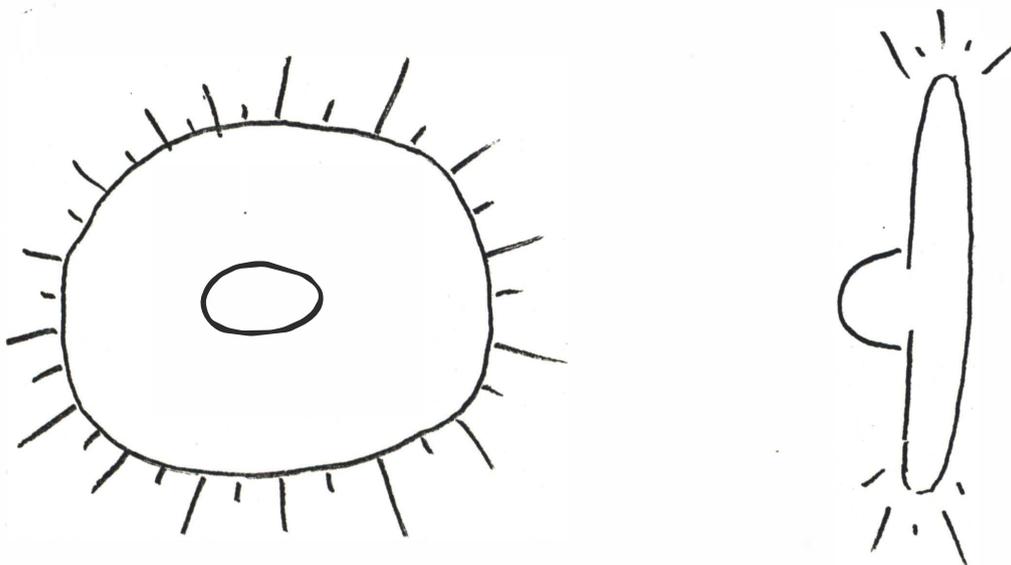
It seems unlikely that even if the object had been reported to the R.A.F., that any action would, or could have been taken to investigate the incident.

A sketch of the object and picture of Mike Prewitt discussing the incident with Major Turner-Bridger appears on the next page.

The interview was carried out at the Majors home in Southsea, Portsmouth in August of 1978 .



Mike Prewett discusses the 1937 UFO with Major Turner - Bridger.



Two sketches supplied from the witness: Plan view & Side view.

The interview was recorded and is now on file and available for reference at any future date. This is standard procedure for all witness interviews.

IN THE SKY

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Waking up no reason why,
It was 2a.m., I looked to the sky,
Up there a brilliant light I could see,
I had a feeling, it was looking at me.

Then I got up and went to the door,
no star like that had I seen before.
It was bright, six inches long,
so silently there it shone.

Once or twice it went quite dim,
then the brightness shone again.
I stared at it, I could'nt believe,
and when it went I was quite relieved.

So back to bed with a grin,
thinking of that thing I had seen.
I was'nt dreaming, it was quite true,
someone is up there, but I don't know who...

Mrs R.Cutler.

(our first poetic report)

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AS A MATTER OF INTEREST

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During 1978, UFO Lectures were given to the following:-

The "Ghost Club" : London.
Ladies Circle: Fleet.
Young Wives Assc: Frimley.
Workers Educational Assc: Haslemere.
Surrey Young Farmers: Guildford.
Woking Science Fiction Club.
Astronomical Society of Haringey.
The Vogue Society: Windsor.

Radio Talks to:-

Radio Lion (Hospitals) & Radio 210 .

VIEW FROM THE PRESS.

As a result of the extensive publicity given to the New Zealand UFO', various explanations were given in the Press, ranging from the planet Jupiter, to lights from Japanese fishing boats reflected in the sky.

Jean Rook of the Daily Express wrote in her column on January 3rd 79, " I don't care if they are balloons, aircraft, hallucinations or Patrick Moore lit up, Nothing will crack my belief in Flying Saucers".

This prompted yours truly, to write to the "First Lady of Fleet Street" and the following reply was received:-

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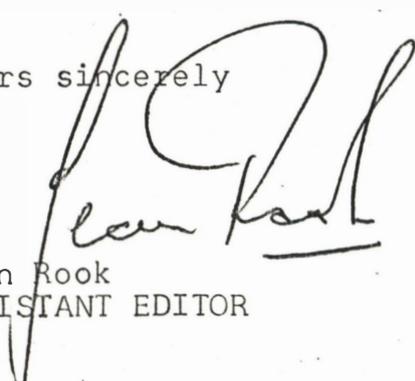
11 January 1979

O F Fowler Esq MISM
149 Mytchett Road
Mytchett
CAMBERLEY
Surrey

Dear Mr Fowler

Many thanks for your letter and the extremely interesting enclosures. I am sure that time will prove us all right.

Yours sincerely


Jean Rook
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Application to assist with area investigations & interviews.

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TODAY:
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TOMORROW

You and
the stars
for '79

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WEDNESDAY
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YOUNG West Australian Kim Hughes (right) led Australia's chase for runs in the Third Test at the MCG yesterday.

Hughes delighted the crowd with a soaring six and four boundaries in his innings of 46 as Australia battled to set England a large total to chase in the last innings.

At stumps Australia was 7-163, with a lead of 278.

● Report, more pictures, Page 55 and Back Page.

The Sun
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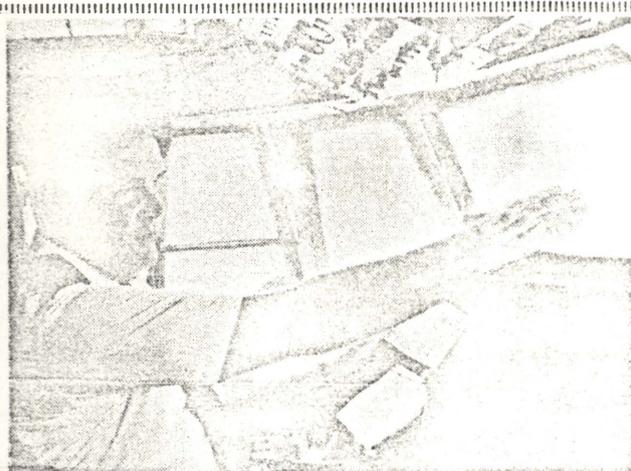
68 Pages — Including 4-Page Turf Guide

Melbourne, Tuesday, January 2, 1979

64 Pages

Bureau forecast — Early drizzle about the coast. A few clearing showers in east, otherwise fine. ● Details, Page 55.

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● ABOVE: Capt. Vern Powell shows how he first saw a UFO over Cook Strait on an earlier flight. BELOW: Illuminated in the night sky like a distant planet . . . the eerie picture of the latest UFO.

AIR FORCE PUT ON UFO ALERT

By DAVID GUTHRIE-JONES

A STRIKE squadron of the New Zealand Air Force was on stand by for a possible attack on UFO sightings over the country.

One or two of the country's Skyhawk fighter-bombers would be sent up if radar at Wellington airport picked up positive "bleeps," a defence official said.

The move follows several sightings of UFOs by planes and ground radar from near the Kalkoura mountains on the northern tip of the South Island in the past few days.

One unidentified object filmed by a TV news crew flying from Wellington to Christchurch early on Sunday morning New Zealand time was shown on Channel 0 in Melbourne last night (See Page 2).

It was filmed by freelance cameraman David Crockett, who was commissioned by Channel 0 reporter Quentin Fogarty. Fogarty, 32, had arranged to fly in a four-engine turbo-prop Argosy freighter, carrying Sunday newspapers on a similar run to one on which people reported seeing UFOs on the night of December 20-21.

On that earlier flight Captain Vern Powell, who has been flying for 26 years, reported seeing white objects with a red tinge moving at tremendous speed.

On the ground, Wellington airport radar picked up five "very strong radar targets" in an area where nothing should have been.

Quentin Fogarty said yesterday that on Sunday morning's flight, he was about to go "on camera" to say there was nothing happening when the Argosy skipper, Capt. Bill Startup called to the film crew to come up on the flight deck to see UFOs.

Capt. Startup told The Sun by phone from New Zealand yesterday: "We spotted lights which were

confirmed by ground radar in Wellington.

"Air traffic control then told us there was an object about one mile behind us, and I turned the plane around to have a look.

"We spotted something which kept accelerating to get close to us and would then fall back. I know of no plane which could carry out such a manoeuvre.

"We made a two-minute orbit, then continued the run because we did not want to push our luck," said Captain Startup, a pilot for 23 years.

Wife was scared

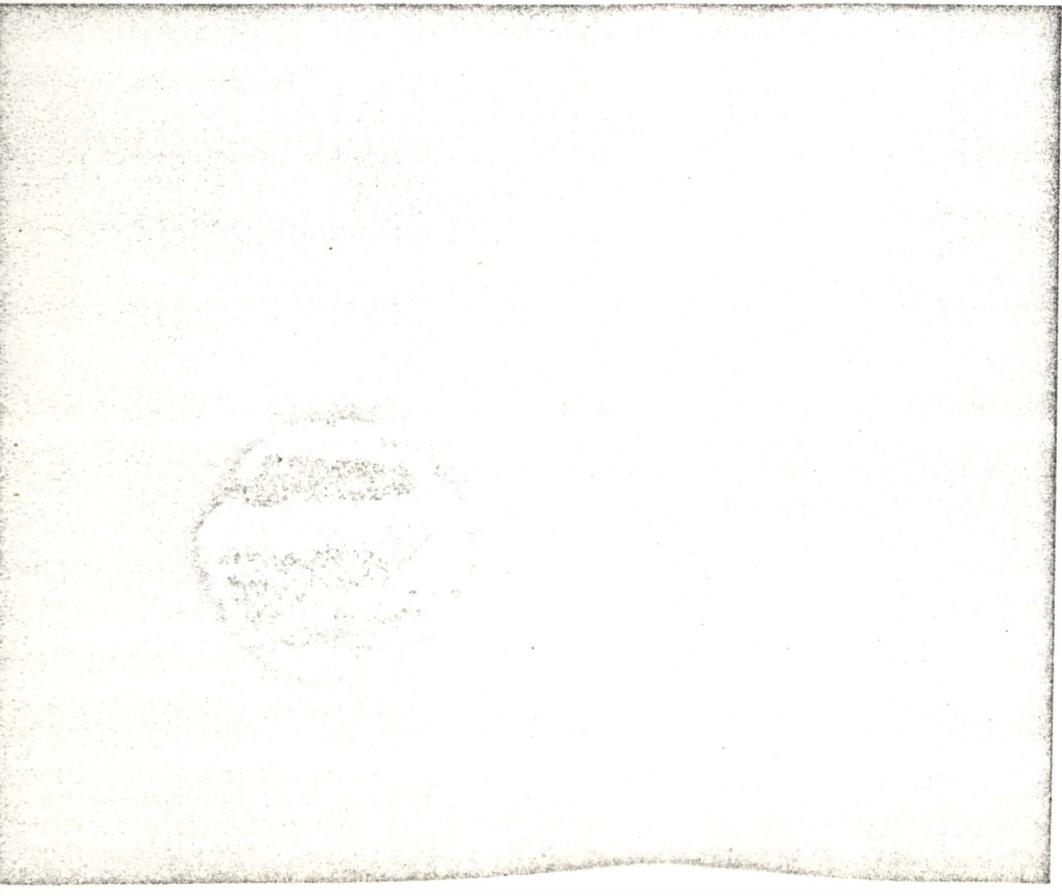
At Christchurch, the cameraman's wife, Mrs. Ngaire Crockett, who accompanies her husband on assignments, left the flight because she was "frightened," her husband told The Sun last night.

Local New Zealand TV reporter Mr. Douglas Grant then joined the others for the return trip.

Capt. Startup said: "As we were climbing out of Christchurch at 3000 feet, I spotted a 'hot' travelling parallel to us.

"We turned 60 degrees and got within 10 miles of it. It overtook us, stayed above us, came in front and then shot away."

Mr. Crockett said: "At one time there was an object travelling about a mile behind us. Later there were three following us. It got a bit scary."



Are UFO's Flaming "Coronas" ?
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I was informed of an "OVNI" sighting which was supposed to have occurred about 7.30pm on the evening of Sunday 3rd December 78.

An engineer with Fermitex saw a wing shaped object which had approached to within "5 blocks" and had incandescent lights or flames upon or under it. I have since met the witness and he is willing to fill out a form, questionnaire, provided he can do so in Spanish. (SIGAP will supply these) .

I have since witnessed myself, a very strange spectacle which may account for the sighting.

An aircraft carrying an advertisement for "Corona" flew over me the other evening. The sign is illuminated by small bulbs on the underside of the wing and the lighting sequence moves from right to left. It is very effective when seen flying overhead, however when seen at an angle of 45° or less the words cannot be seen and only a rippling light effect is visible. The polluted atmosphere could have accounted for the orange effect, it is certainly one of the most spectacular man made "UFO's" I have seen.

The papers have recently carried headlines saying "The OVNI'S (UFO's) ARE BACK", but so far I have been unable to obtain a copy. However I did read recently in the "NEWS" an English language paper, that information has just been released of a landing in Spain 18 years ago and the occupants were captured. The details were to have been released at the forthcoming IBERIAN UFO CONFERENCE, I will try and get more details.

(Richard Colborne recently moved to Mexico and will be a regular subscriber).



Richards sketch showing details of the lights.

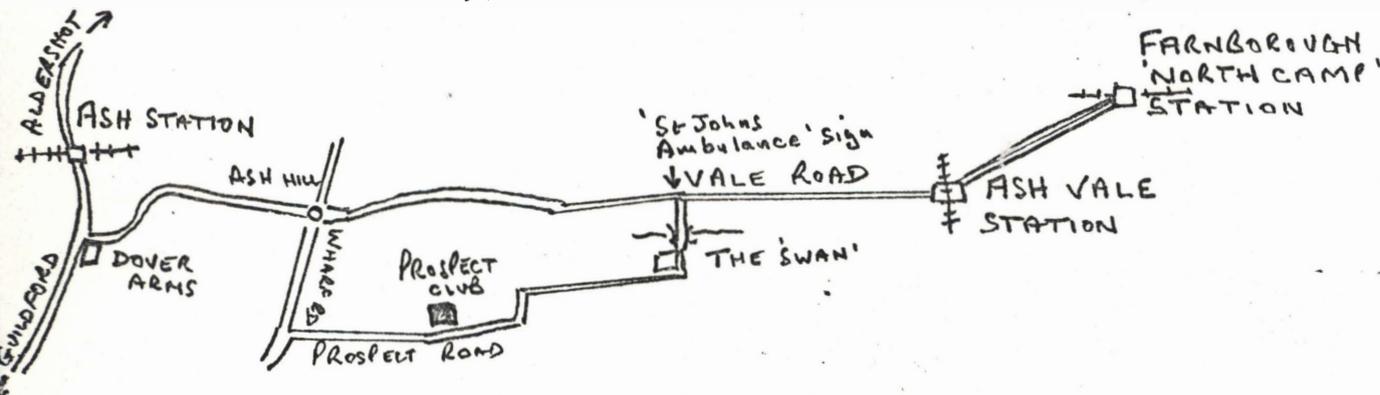
1978 UFO LIST

During 1978 we received and investigated 87 UFO reports. A full abbreviated list will be published in the next issue.

NEXT MEETING OF SIGAP

The next meeting will be held at the "Prospect Club", Prospect Road, Ash Vale at 8pm on February 15th.

There will be a review of the year 1978 and we will play a recording of the strange "UFO Noise" recorded by Stephen Osbiston at Aldershot on the night of October 20th 1978.



UFO REPORTS 1979

Number	Date	Details of incident	Remarks	On tape
901 See Page 10.	2/1/79	Oval object hovering over RIPLEY, Surrey	seen through binoculars. CE 1	No
902	9/1/79	Object with lights seen hovering over EPSOM. (Race course).	Known UFO activity in area. CE 1	No
903	9/1/97	Whizzing noises across roof in early hours at BOOKHAM Village.	Later ident- -ified as OWLS.	No
904	11/1/79	Sphere shaped object seen over Guildford in early morning.	Under Inv.	No

905	13/1/79	Large square shaped object flew over car and down M3. Lights /coloured.CAMBERLEY.	Under Inv. Witness ex RAF.Works LAP.	No
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ITALIAN INCIDENTS

September 1978
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Extracts from:LA Nazione
15.9.78

Province of Versilia.

An illuminated object was seen over Versia on 14/9/78. The object stopped twice in the air and when it stopped, the light vanished.

It is the second time this summer that objects have been seen in Versilia.

The object was first seen at 6am when miners from the marble quarries were changing shifts. There were four witnesses who described the UFO as having a bright blinding light and flying at "Aeroplane height". The object was seen flying towards Pisa & Bologna.

It was illuminated only when moving. When it stood still for about a minute it was not lit up , but then started to light up again and flew off.

The object was also reported from many other provinces : Grosseto, Lucca, Arezzo, Carrara, La Spezia and Valdivara.

It was described as being light in colour, cigar shaped and leaving a bluish red trail. It also emitted bright rays, moved up and down and then flew off.

In the province of Valdivara three fishermen were frightened when they saw the UFO send out a gree/bluish light towards the ground.

ROME: Object described as looking like a rugby ball, moving silently with a blinding light. A luminous ring came off the object and it moved away faster and out of sight.

Editors Note (La Nazione) Usually we do not take such notice of these reports, but so many people have seen them , they cannot be ignored. They have been seen by many people who can be trusted.

2nd January 1979

A report from Mr J.Hodge of RIPLEY, Surrey.

I was awakened by a low flying aircraft about 7.15am. I saw a flashing light outside my bedroom window and got up to see what it was.

There in the distance I saw an aircraft flying away, with its lights flashing. I thought he is flying really low.

My attention was then attracted by a dull grey light higher in the sky. I thought that it could not have been a star, because the light became brighter and a round disc shape began to appear.

I grabbed my binoculars to get a better look and ran outside onto my drive, the thing was still there, but the light had faded as a cloud drifted across.

I waited for the cloud to pass so that I could get a better look, it was near freezing, but it was worth it because the cloud passed and I could see that the UFO now became brighter and it seemed to be coming towards me. Then it seemed to go away from me again and moved from side to side in a rocking motion. (1)

More cloud passed and then I could see it really clear, a silvery light, very bright, a little bluish. (2)

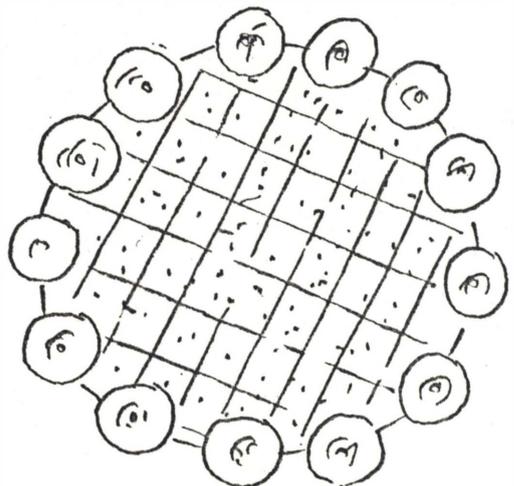
Then it appeared to turn on its side and was no longer oval, but now a complete circle, but around the edge of the circle I could see discs. (3) They seemed to be pulsating with a silver bluish light coming from them. Then I could see across the complete underside of the thing, bands, like broad bands of webbing, but it was pitted with studs or dots which were shiny.

I knew then it was a UFO and I ran off to a phone box to dial 999.

It was then that the object resumed its original position and flew off.



(3)



By M.Prewett.

On the night of October 20th 1978, between 2305 and 2320 a strange rhythmic noise was heard over ALDERSHOT, Hants.

Previously this same noise had been heard in the area of North Lane & Tongham. In one instance a witness heard the noise above the running of the car engine and by lowering his window and driving around the area, was able to locate it in the area of North Lane.

In this instance the droning was loud enough to be heard above the noise of traffic and was so loud that it attracted Mr Osbiston an 18 year old student living in Cargate Avenue, Aldershot.

Stephen Osbiston was able to record the noise from his bedroom window and the recording was used in a local radio programme "Radio 210" in its feature programme "60 minutes".

This incident was the climax to weeks of reports of strange droning noises and mystery lights in the sky, flooding in from the Aldershot and Farnborough area.

Subsequently the tape recording was passed to the R.A.E. Farnborough for analysis. The findings are given below:-

The tape recording waveforms, which are sinusoidal, have been studied on an oscilloscope and appears to be (the oscillating part only) a variation of frequency between 915Hz and 1kHz with a regular sweep rate of 0.23 sec.

The oscillation was also simulated using a Frequency Sweep Generator which produced almost an exact copy.

On detail listening there seems to be two possibilities:

(a) The noise is almost exactly the same as the sound made by a British Rail "Mainliner" track ballast and rail aligner, with the slow reciprocating sound of a diesel engine with the sound of gravel/ballast being sifted and scraping of the metal to metal contact of flanged wheels travelling slowly along a railway line.

There are also sounds of what appears to be a normal diesel locomotive on the early part of the tape.

(b) There is the possibility that the oscillating part could also be some type of experimental siren, but that does not fit precisely.

The tape will be played for everyone to hear, at the next SIGAP meeting, detailed earlier in this issue.

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