

The Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena extends a welcome to all members in this the first newsletter since our formation one month ago.

We have received excellent publicity from the "Surrey Advertiser" and also in the "Evening Standard" as the result of our participation in the forthcoming National Sky Watch Day on Saturday, June 24th. It has also been noteworthy that our Group has become affiliated to B.U.F.O.R.A. the main British UFO research Group. We are in fact working in close co-operation with them in connection with the organised night watch on the 24th. We may well be lucky enough to have the BUFORA mobile research headquarters in this area on the night. This consists of a van which is fitted out with all of the available UFO detection equipment and is standing by to go to the scene of any area of UFO activity as part of the sky watch plan. As we in the Surrey area have had fairly regular activity, it is quite possible that we may have the benefit of this vanfull of "gadgets".

Apart from the co-operation with BUFORA, we have been contacted by a group of the International Sky Scouts, based at Shepperton and we have been invited to attend their meeting of the 10th June, to discuss how we can mutually gain the maximum benefit from taking part in the sky watch. In order to discuss the results of this meeting and to finalise our own plans for the night of the 24th, we will hold our first meeting in the canteen of Plastic Coatings Ltd, (behind Grays Garage on the By-Pass) at 7.30 pm on Monday the 19th of June. This will be an informal get together of members and friends interested in the UFO phenomena, at this stage we do not anticipate inviting lecturers from London etc, although this will eventually come. First of all we need to increase our membership (we have twenty members at present) and then we will not only be ready to invite eminent speakers down, but we will be able to trace more sightings within the local population and this is what our group is all about.

UFO REPORTS IN SURREY.

During the last twelve months and before the official starting of the Group, we have investigated fifteen sighting cases and interviewed a total of twenty five people, one particular interview being carried out on behalf of the Cambridge University Group (CUGI UFO). We have had the Guildford 'Double Bubble' mystery and the latest report on April 29th, speaks of a star like object moving across the sky and then hovering. The very latest report which we only received during the last week of May, is of a cone shaped object seen over Caterham, we are hoping to interview this person in the near future. If the details are of sufficient interest, for instance similar to the report in the Sunday Express of May 21st, then we will pass on the information to BUFORA.

Newspaper Reports On UFO's

In the latter report above, coastguards reported to the RAF and Ministry of Defence at Plymouth, that a cone shaped object had been seen flying over Brixham in Devon, for nearly an hour. It appeared to hover at 15,000ft. and as it slowly rotated, a door could be seen on its side. The Ministry at first denied that they had received any reports, but they later stated that it might have been the reflection of car headlights or some sort of meteorological phenomena,the time was midday.

From the Evening Standard Tuesday April 14th, "Mystery Of The Missing Sputnik": -Russia has created another Space mystery. One of her Spacecraft has literally fallen out of orbit. The question that Western Scientists were asking today was "Did it fall or was it pushed?"

The Sputnik was MOLNYA 2, it was thought to have been a communications satellite, the second in a series of four relay stations for telephone calls, radio and T.V. which the Russians have launched since the Spring of 1965.... But was it? The craft apparently unmanned was put into an egg-shaped orbit ranging from 350 to 24,000 miles out in space. According to all the laws of nature, it should have stayed up for at least 20 years, but it has come down suddenly after 18 months. Western tracking stations have found no trace of it on their radar screens since March 17th, the day before Russia's huge new spaceship was brought back to earth after an eight day mystery mission.

From the SUN Monday February 20th,...Flying Saucer "Seen".

Fifty Space watchers claimed yesterday that they saw a flying saucer hovering over a small country town at the weekend. The 50 members of the International Sky Scouts staged an all night vigil at Warminster Wilts. They claim that seven times they saw the "long cigar shaped object" hovering over the town. From a hilltop viewpoint they saw the object change colours from white to red, green to orange and back to white.

Keith Palmer who is secretary of the International Sky Scouts said, "Unidentified Flying Objects have been seen here frequently over Warminster and we have decided to try and identify them positively by keeping long vigils". "Unfortunately this time the rain has hampered us, but 50 of our members saw the saucer. That definitely exist and may be dangerous", he added, "When we get positive proof on film, we are going to demand an official Government Investigation into the objects".

The newspaper extracts above are for general interest and are not necessarily the views held by S.I.G.A.P.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA.

About a year ago, friends of my family moved out to Australia to an area around ADELAIDE called Para Hills. This area has for many years been a focal point of UFO activity in Australia and before the family left England, I light heartedly warned them to watch out for UFO's, but the family took it as a great joke and the mother of the group in particular.

A few months passed and we received from them this letter ... "Tell .. (me) that there have been some flying objects around Adelaide, that have not been identified. In fact we saw one about two months ago, across the field. We watched it from the lounge window, several people saw it and they still don't know what it was". (23rd November 1966).....an even more interesting extract follows, from a letter dated the 12th April 1967..... "Police are at the moment investigating a Flying Saucer seen over the Northern Area of S.A. They are as big as cars and have stopped some cars on a certain stretch of road. The driver of one car reckoned that when it hovered over him it emitted a 'mercury glow' and then stopped the car engine, as soon as it flew off, the engine started again!" "There has also been seen, an object 'rising like a sky rocket, then rotating and hovering over a paddock, but making no sound" (she quotes a newspaper from Adelaide) and then continues.... "It makes you wonder if we are being watched".....it does indeed... O.F.

The extracts from the two letters are extremely interesting, especially as they are from a former cynic. The behaviour pattern is typical of what we know about the UFO mystery, the silent hovering, the stopping of car engines and the strange glow. It all adds up to plenty of activity in South Australia and I have urgently requested newspaper cuttings of these and any further incidents.

Before we leave the Australian scene, there is just one point that we should realise and that is, these sightings are being reported because there are people there to tell the story, can you imagine what might be going on in the rest of Australia where there is no one to tell the tale. It is on record that in the Northern Territory, where only the aboriginals live, there have been countless activity and the aboriginals refer to UFO's as the things from "dreamland".

SIGAP LIBRARY BOOKS.

With the help of the members subscriptions we are now building up a library of UFO books, magazines and tapes. Lists of the books available should reach you all shortly. The tapes, which cover various interviews and talks, are on two track and the standard speed of $3\frac{3}{4}$ "...Apply to O. Fowler.

STOP PRESS, Latest sighting, a light over Guildford at 1am May 27th.

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