

The Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena is affiliated to the 'British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association' and their united aims are to promote the unbiased investigation and research into Unidentified Flying Object Phenomena.

ENQUIRIES to the Hon. Sec. R. Beet, 16, Hillcrest Road, Guildford, Surrey.

There can be no doubt that at the present time we are in the midst of a great deal of UFO activity in this area, this is either due to an actual increase in sightings or the fact that thanks to the publicity that the subject is receiving as a result of the Skywatch etc, people are now less reluctant to report some of the strange things being seen.

However, it is essential that a proper investigation is carried out where possible, as the following article will show.....

Guildford Sighting Report :- 2215 25/6/67

SIGAP received a report on Monday 26th June, that an oval white UFO had hovered motionless in the North East at an elevation of 20 degrees and this had been seen by four witnesses in a car travelling along the Hogs Back two miles West of Guildford. The object then appeared to travel towards the North and then it dimmed until it was only a pinpoint of light. On the following Thursday, Mrs Pearce (a SIGAP member) found another witness who had also seen this object, from Beechcroft Drive off the A3, opposite Coombs Service Station.

The original main witness, Mr B. Knowles (a 21 year old music student) also stated that he had seen a similar object one week before on Sunday 18th June at a similar time. With this additional information and their curiosity aroused, a group of twelve people proceeded to the junction of Beechcroft Rd and the A3, where at 2225 on Sunday July 2nd they were able to see a bright shimmering light appear at a position 40 degrees East of North. It hovered for 20 seconds then dimmed sharply and moved towards the North, about two minutes later the object increased in brightness until it reached a magnitude of -2 (that of Venus). It was then observed through binoculars by Dick Beet who observed two bright lights close together, these moved towards the North then, rapidly losing altitude until they virtually landed. The last position was approx. 25 degrees East of North and at the last instant, a flashing red light was seen directly behind the light source.

With this information it became obvious that the light had in fact been an aircraft landing at London Airport (at least 20 miles away) with its twin landing lights showing the course of its approach. A further check was carried out in daylight and L.A.P. proved to be in exactly the position plotted the night before. All witnesses agreed that the lights they had seen were identical to the aircraft landing lights investigated on the July 2nd. As a final check, we have contacted L.A.P. and arranged to have a list of the aircraft landings for that particular period of time.

We feel that this investigation has been well worth while and we wish to thank the witnesses that came forward with the initial reports. Richard Beet.

The International Skywatch June 24th.

We were very pleased to be honoured with the arrival of the BUFORA radio van and the PANORAMA T.V. outside broadcast team, as the Powley Downs site had been chosen the No 1. site of the country. The watchers included members of BUFORA and the International Sky Scouts as well as the SIGAP members, the total number of genuine spotters was 23, but without doubt local interest was aroused, as by lam on the Sunday morning we had over 60 people on the site. By 4pm on Saturday the radio van had made contact with other groups around London and the first UFO report came over the radio at 5.5pm, it was of a cigar shaped object over Fayden Bois in Essex. At 7pm the night watch officially began and because of poor visibility there were no reports until 11.23pm as by then the cloud began to clear. The latter report was of an orange light bobbing up and down in the W.S.W. approx 5 degrees above the horizon, this was visible for only a few seconds. There was little to report apart from the fact that many onlookers were seeing their first satellites, until at 12.25am someone spotted a thin black line running from side to side across the centre of the moon. This may have been the contrail of a high flying aircraft, as the line seemed to move downwards towards the bottom of the moon. This could be explained by the moon 'rising' up and not the line moving down... At 12.23am a bright twinkling light sped rapidly across the sky from West to East, this was described as a retrograde satellite, (one about to enter the earth's atmosphere and burn up). By 1.50am the weather had clamped and a cold mist completely covered the sky, however by 3.30am the cloud or mist had broken into patchy areas and at 3.46am a small twinkling light was seen moving toward the East and about the same time a standard satellite was seen moving W.N.W. to E.S.E. The former light was of interest because as a rule satellites move from a Westerly direction to the East, because of the rotation of the Earth and the extra thrust needed to put one into the opposite direction against the Earth's rotation.

After more reports from other parts of the country, particularly the area around Manchester, which seemed to be having a number of peculiar lights bobbing around, the Sky Watch at Powley Downs ended at 7am.

Although nothing "spectacular" was seen at Guildford during the watch, the organisation ran very well and a great deal has been learned about the planning needed for such a venture. Remember this was the first time that a civilian body had set out to organise a sky watch over Britain without any kind of support.

from the services. (O.Fowler.) The film of the Skywatch appeared on PANORAMA
 _____ 8pm Monday July 10th.

U.F.O. Reports In Surrey.

Since the publication of our first newsletter, a number of sightings have been reported and the majority of these have now been investigated and listed. It is interesting to note that whereas in previous months the reports have numbered an average of two per month, since our last report in the newsletter of June 1st, we have received ten reports of UFO activity around the Guildford and Woking area.

Two of the most interesting reports are briefly detailed here :-

Firstly, a woman at Woking was feeling unwell, so she decided to get up (it was lam)
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she casually looked out of the window and saw a satellite passing over, it was the first one that she had seen, so she paused for a moment to watch it pass over when her attention was attracted to what appeared to be a red aircraft light. This rapidly grew larger, until it had reached the size of two large plates glowing red, the woman grew alarmed and would have shouted for her husband if their baby had not been asleep, however the red light suddenly moved away at terrific speed and was gone. The next day the woman told her two neighbours, but one was not interested and the other made a comment about drinking (how many times have we heard this?) but luckily the woman persevered and told the police, we were then informed of the incident via the International Sky Scouts group at Shepperton, with whom we are working in close co-operation.

The second case is even more mysterious, it concerns a retired R.A.F. Sqdn. Leader and his wife... they were walking along a footpath at Newlands Corner on Tuesday the 27th June at 12.30pm. Their attention was attracted by what appeared to be a white horse running up and down in a field near Albury Church (approx 1½ miles away) they paused to watch it and then they suddenly realised that it was not a white horse they were watching, but a brilliant white globe like object, about 15ft diameter. This white object appeared to be moving rapidly up and down the field and then it changed direction and cut across at right angles to its previous course. It followed the line of a hedge, then flew over it, skirted around a small herd of cows, approached a line of trees and then after a pause it floated up and over the trees and was last seen moving Eastwards behind the Church.... This is being investigated by I.S.S., B.U.F.O.R.A. & S.I.G.A.P.

There is also the case of two boys who were in a small party camping in the area of Pewley Downs.... They were in their tent and wide awake at lam on the 3rd of June, when they heard what they described as a loud sucking noise, one boy jokingly said it was a flying saucer, they looked out of their tent and.... it was. We have interviewed the boys independently and are satisfied that they did see what they claimed to have seen... a glowing white disc, with lights around the edge flashing on and off. After hovering for a minute or so, the disc sped off Northwards.

The S.I.G.A.P. Meeting

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This took place in the canteen of Plastic Coatings Ltd and a number of points were discussed, including the possibility of confusing lenticular clouds with UFO's. A Committee was formed and consists of the following persons :- Mr O. Fowler Chairman, Mr R. Beet, Secretary, Mr A. Wake, Treasurer and two further members Mr N. Wynn and Mrs A. Pearce.

A Constitution was accepted by the meeting and copies of this will be sent to each member in the near future. There was a completely unplanned episode, when a Mr J. Birch arrived just as the meeting was ending, to give an account of a Saucer sighting he had, some five years previously. He had never related the complete story to anyone and the members present were able to sit down and listen to the story first hand. This particular report concerned a UFO near the Worplesdon Road.

Stop Press Miss Melissa Marston has kindly donated one of the new UFO Detectors to the Group.