

"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". Secretary :- R.Beet, 195,Epsom Road, Guildford,Surrey.

Representatives of the group will attend a meeting of the BUFORA National Advisory Council next Saturday October 7th. It will be held at the Kensington Central Library and members from seventeen affiliated groups are expected to attend.

In order to discuss any relative news from the Council meeting, we will hold a meeting in the canteen of Plastic Coatings Ltd, at 8pm on Tuesday 10th Oct. We are expecting Mr Edgar Hatvany the BUFORA projects officer to attend and it is anticipated that there will be a general questions & answers discussion on UFO's. There are many members who I feel will want to ask a question about a particular problem and we will do our best to find an answer, at least from the information known to date.

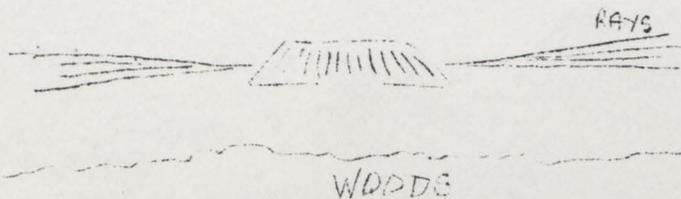
September Sighting Investigations.

There has been a decrease in the number of reports during this month, due I believe to the overcast weather experienced throughout the month. Nevertheless the reports that have come in are of particular interest. (There were six reports).

A Mr P.E.Brackfield reported on the 9th Sept. that on 21/8/67 he had seen a pale whitish light appear (about 10.30pm) in the EAST and move across the sky rapidly to the WEST. This took place at Tolworth, Sy. and the whole incident was over in about seven seconds.

You may recollect from Mr Childerhouse's lecture, that satellites move generally from West to East, so we can discount a satellite. There is however a strong possibility that what Mr Brackfield saw was a meteor, this is borne out by the colour, speed and angle of approach. He also mentioned that the following morning about 6am, he heard a noise like a loud gas jet and he confirmed that it was not an aircraft using reheat etc. It is interesting to compare the latter report with the report last month from Bromley in Kent of a saucer flying over and heading N.W. (towards Surbiton/Tolworth area) at 6am. We may have a case of a UFO on a regular run?

Mr D.Childerhouse, (not the lecturer) reported that he had seen a strange object hovering over the woods at Sandhurst and that after five minutes it sped off. During the time that it was being observed, it emitted blue rays and I have attempted to copy the sketch of the object :-



We are following this sighting up and hope to obtain more information shortly.

On the 9th Sept. we received a report from the 'International Sky Scouts' concerning an incident at Winchelsea Camp Site near Rye. Campers were woken up at 12.30am on the night of 21/22, by a whirring sound, described as similar to a 'milk shake' machine. The sound had also been heard at the same time, the night before. A policeman reported seeing a UFO over Worthing the same night, more of that later.

On Thursday 21st Sept at 7pm. two girls aged 11 & 12 saw an orange ball of light bobbing around above the trees near the new university site in Guildford. They appeared to be most excited about what they had seen and they were quite confident that it was not a light on the end of a crane. As a result of this Mr Alan Franklin (SIGAP) who was in the vicinity, telephoned an alert to the group (Guildford 63381) and by 7.30pm several of the members in the area were keeping watch for any sign of activity. The sky was overcast and there was slight mist in the area. This may well have been little girls who imagined something when they saw only a moving light, but on the other hand it could have been important.... Once again it was an interesting exercise.

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The next case is a little mysterious :- Mr Heath of Bellfields Estate, Guildford, came out of a friends house at 12.15am on 19/9/67, when he happened to look up at the moon. He saw what appeared to be a small star like object, moving up and down on the right hand side of the moon. He watched it for several minutes and then lost sight of it. Although this seems to be a little fantastic, we have recently received news (BUFORA) of a similar sighting and also Mr Magnet of Farncombe (Newsletter No 4) mentioned that he had often observed a small light moving near the moon, while he was night fishing. It is strange that there has not been more publicity to this phenomena, if it is happening.

Now we come to the most startling report that we have heard of for some time, although this is way out of our Surrey area:- WORTHING, Sussex.

As the result of being sent a number of newspaper cuttings Mr Fowler sped off to Worthing on Sunday 24th Sept. The reports stated that a Mr Glover and Miss Moloney had seen a UFO land on the South Downs, the details were as follows:- Mr Glover and Miss Moloney, plus one other friend, decided to have a night watch on the downs near Worthing as there had been reports of strange lights seen late at night. On the night of 9/10th they waited and about 2am they spotted a light approaching the top of the downs, it was red and then as it touched the ground, the light went out. The distance was at least one mile. Within a short time (1/2 min.) they saw huge beams of light spreading over the downs, from the area where the red light went out. Then there brief flashes of light shooting into the sky and shortly afterwards an answering flash from the night sky.

This form of activity has been going on since May of this year and there is growing interest in UFO circles. We are in touch with Mr Glover and we also have a member in the area. Tape recordings of the interviews with Mr Glover and Miss Moloney will be played at the Tuesday meeting. (O. Fowler.)

As a result of the experience that we are gaining in the field of group organisation, we will shortly be contacting all members who stated on their membership application that they were willing to investigate sightings. Where there are several members in one area, it is likely that a 'cell' will be organised around a member who is available on the telephone. We will also endeavour to tabulate members who are willing to investigate sightings within 24hrs and within say five or ten miles radius. Members who are willing to investigate, will also be briefed and given a list of the information that is needed. A typical example is this brief extract from the USAF Handbook.

- "In reporting flying objects, there are certain characteristics which should be noted."
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| 1. Number. | 4. Speed. | 7. Altitude. | 10. Manoeuvres & Direction. |
| 2. Shape. | 5. Acceleration. | 8. Sound. | 11. Range. |
| 3. Colour. | 6. Size. | 9. Relative Brightness. | 12. Initial & Final Elevation. |

We would also suggest that the information required should include :-

13. Date of sighting 14. Time of sighting. 15. Duration. Also where possible, a map reference should be given, together with the witnesses name, address, sex and age.

The book continues ... While the above information should be collected in reporting (and investigating R.B.) unidentified flying objects, there are other details which are helpful to the observer in identifying the object or in reporting it's characteristics.

1. Relation of the size of the object to the size of the moon or the sun.
2. Various types of sound, such as rumbling, whining, humming, swishing, explosive or jet or rocket type sound.
3. Colour may be described in terms of the colour spectrum, with additional details to indicate metallic or luminous characteristics.
4. Apparent speed or acceleration comparable with aircraft or meteors.
5. Shape may be described as elliptical or disc shaped, cigar shaped, propeller shaped, conical, rocket-like, meteor-like, or having the characteristics of tails of flame or fire.
6. Light brightness may be described as terms of brilliance or dullness, by comparison to moonlight or to the reflection of sunlight on various metals such as aluminium or a mirror or on dull surfaces such as stone or plaster.
7. The degree of brightness may be related to the apparent distance of the object.
8. Angular velocity, that is speed or acceleration measured in degrees of acceleration may vary from zero, through very slow, slow, moderate, rapid, very fast, extremely fast, to more than 90 degrees.

ANGULAR VELOCITY CHART (Compiled for S.G.A.P.).

SCALE	DEGREES/Sec.	DEFINITION.
Balloon 0	0-15	Very Slow
High Aircraft 1	15-30	Slow
Low Aircraft 2	30-45	Moderate
Low Jet Aircraft 3	45-60	Rapid
Meteor 4	60-75	Very Fast
Meteorite 5	75-90	Extremely Fast.

R. Beet.

S.I.G.A.P. Skywatch September 16th.

Although the watchers on Pewley Downs were equipped for an all night vigil, the weather turned out as poor as anticipated and although the weather cleared to 4/10's by midnight, within about half an hour a mist came in, giving complete cloud cover and the watch was called off.

The one interesting event of the evening happened at 9.29pm, when Mr G. Raines new U.F.O. Detector went off, giving a very strong signal of magnetic field interference for several seconds. The detector was constantly reset and continued to light up, until gradually as the source of interference grew weaker, the warning light interval increased, until eventually it did not light. There was complete cloud cover at the time and nothing was seen, but the result of the initial try out of the detector was most encouraging. This was reported in the Surrey Advertiser, the following week.

The Sky Watch group were also visited by the terrestrial hoaxers, the R.A.E. students. They brought along the last of the "saucers" and posed for a photograph. They received £1 for charity from the funds as in spite of the hoax, it is all for a good cause. O.F.