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Birmingham UFO Conference Statement

"We regret to inform you that we have had no choice but to cancel the Birmingham UFO conference for 9th May 2009.

For many months we have been finalizing all the details preparing for the big day and have invested a lot of money into the project. At this very late stage we have been struck with an almighty blow, the owners of the venue have informed us that they can no longer facilitate our conference as another party who is also booked will overlap with our schedule and they have been given priority over us!! As you can imagine this has come as a drastic shock to us.

We are very annoyed and disappointed as we imagine you are too, the amount of work involved arranging this conference has been very stressful and exhausting but the result of the conference would have made it all worthwhile. We have spent over a week now trying to find alternative venues and have just been faced with doors being closed on us and no availability at this late stage, so our only option is to cancel the conference for 2009 and reschedule for 2010.

We would like to express our sincere apologies to all of you that enquired to reserve tickets and to our friends Philip Mantle, Russell Callaghan, Gary Heseltine, Nick Pope and Timothy Good who have made their time available for the conference.

We truly apologise to you now for this late cancellation and hope this will not affect your annual diary to drastically. We are literally heartbroken that we have come this far to have all the hard work taken away from us, and more so that you have made your time available for this venture. The opportunity to work with such people is what the group and we have been working hard towards.

We plan to arrange individual lectures by the speakers and will keep you all updated with the progress. Once again we would like to apologise for this sudden heartbreaking news, and can only hope you understand and support us.

We hope this will not affect our friendship and may help build a better relationship for the future, we truly offer to you apologise from our hearts.

'UFO' Seen, Caught on Camera over Essex, UK

'UFO' Seen and Videotaped over Essex, UK

By LEON WATSON

COULD this be the clearest clip yet of a UFO above our skies? A video was sent in by Scott Sheppard, from Colchester, Essex, of a "craft" he spotted high up above.

Movie-goer Scott had been out to the cinema with a mate before he captured a dazzling light in the sky. He said: "As I was about to get in the car to go home a golden ball of light no higher than 100ft above me caught my attention.



"I said to my mate to look, he ignored me and said its probably just a plane. "I asked him to check anyway and just as he did it start moving over the top of us it was very bright orange and moved very quietly it had no flashing light what made me question if it was a plane. "Quick as I could I got out my mobile phone to video it but by the time I had got it out and set it up it had moved pretty far away."

Could Water be Link to Lancashire's UFOs?

As more UFO sightings are reported each week in Lancashire – could the county's proximity to water be to blame?

Unidentified flying object investigator Pat Regan, who was filmed for a show called UFO Hunters aired on the US History Channel earlier this month, said there was a possible link between increased UFO activity in the county and the Ribble estuary.

Last July, Mr Regan, 51, took a picture of a freaky funnel cloud moving slowly over the skies of Scarisbrick, near Southport.



On closer inspection, Mr Regan, of Brook Road in Ainsdale, also spotted an unidentified flying object alongside the would-be tornado. He said: "Historically, many sightings have been associated with large bodies of water." "We also have claims of secret testing of military aircraft and drones from facilities such as BAE." Other theories suggest large bodies of water are useful to craft for propulsion systems or that UFOs are monitoring military bases.

Photograph of UFO, Possibly Taken during Abduction

During January of 2009, I found that I had neglected to scan photos from 1998. While going through the prints I found a fishing picture of me holding a small fish.

Over my left shoulder is a close UFO. Since I was abducted at least three times while fishing in the same boat in 1999 and have been abducted most of my life, it is fairly clear that this is a picture of the beginning of an abduction. The photo was most likely taken Monday, June 1, 1998, on Lake Baldwin in Southern Illinois. I did not keep GPS trails that year. (I used information in a fishing log).

The photo was taken with a Pentax Zoom 90 WR point and shoot camera using an infrared remote. I simply put the camera on a boat seat and stood in front of it. The scan was made of the print. I need to do special work on the negative as at that time they put plastic over the negative to protect it. In order to scan the negative I have to remove the plastic and the glue on the edges. As of now, I do not know how to do that.

I peeled back the plastic and examined the negative. There is no sign of any chemical spills that would cause this. The UFO is part of the picture. I presume that the knee-jerk debunkers will state that is a fake. If so, they can prove it. After all my proof is the original negative and print. Since I do not want my face published, I blurred it. This is the only alteration to the print scan.



Can Some UFOs be Explained by Sprites?

Natural Explanation Found for UFOs?

By SPACE.com Staff

23 February 2009 ET

Photograph-The appearance of a "sprite" (about 30 miles high by 30 miles wide), flashing above a distant thunderstorm. The "sprite" is about 175-250 miles away from the camera. Credit: ILAN Science Team.

Mysterious UFO sightings may go hand in hand with a puzzling natural phenomenon known as sprites — flashes high in the atmosphere triggered by thunderstorms.

The dancing lights have appeared above most thunderstorms throughout history, but researchers did not start studying them until one accidentally recorded a sighting on camera in 1989. "Lightning from the thunderstorm excites the electric field above, producing a flash of light called a sprite," said Colin Price, a geophysicist at Tel Aviv University in Israel. "We now understand that only a specific type of lightning is the trigger that initiates sprites aloft."



Researchers have detected the flashes between 35 and 80 miles (56-129 km) from the ground, far above the 7 to 10 miles (11-16 km) where usual lightning occurs. Sprites can take the form of fast-paced balls of electricity, although previous footage has suggested streaks or tendrils. The cause or function of the flashes remains murky, but Price suggested that they could explain some of the UFO reports which have cropped up over the years. That might provide some solace for UFO enthusiasts disappointed by human-caused hoaxes in the past.

Both jetliner pilots and astronauts have previously reported sightings of sprites, along with a different but equally mysterious phenomenon known as blue jets. Price and his colleagues have focused on "winter sprites" which appear only in the northern hemisphere's winter months. Their remote-controlled roof-mounted cameras can spot thunderstorms producing sprites far out over the Mediterranean Sea.

Triangulation techniques have also allowed the researchers to calculate the dimensions of the sprites. "The candles in the sprites are up to 15 miles high, with the cluster of candles 45 miles wide — it looks like a huge birthday celebration!" Price said. Sprites may have some effect on the Earth's ozone layer, but researchers suspect that the global impact is small.

UFO Filmed Live by TV Station in Acre State, Brazil

I received the following report with video from my good friend and UFO researcher, Milton Dino Frank Junior, on February 13, 2009. The incident occurred on February 09, 2009. Here is Milton's report. See footage at bottom of article...

This footage is really interesting because it has referrals in the sky. The tape was made by TV GAZETA from Brazil. The film shows one object that changes color in white, red, and blue. You can see clearly the moon and one star in the sky together with this object in the footage. It was a massive sight, because all neighborhoods saw the object. There were more than 25 witnesses. The object stayed in the sky for more than two hours. It moved from east to South and afterwards from South to west.

Duration: More than two hours

Number of witness: More than 25 people

Place: Rio Branco City in Acre State, Brazil

So, please, see the footage and make your conclusion.

Here in Brazil we have several possibilities for this sight, it could be a kit with leds, or a balloon with leds, or a UFO. The most important thing is the witness report. The old man on the tape said that the object stayed in the sky for two hours, then he called the TV station. Their reporters came out, and took the footage of the object as the sighting occurred. He also said that the object made several moves really strange in the sky. During the sight the object moved a lot.

That's it. Milton Dino Frank Junior Presidente do Centro de Ufologia Brasileiro

[Click here to play video](#)

David Cameron: We Will Publish Secret UFO Files

David Cameron admitted to the audience that he has no idea if there is intelligent life in space

David Cameron vowed today that if he was elected Prime Minister he would bring an end to the era of government secrecy over UFOs and extra-terrestrial activity.

Speaking at one of his "Cameron Direct" public meetings, the Conservative Party leader pledged that a Tory government would be "entirely open and frank" in sharing any information about alien life-forms.



At the meeting in Tynemouth, North-East England, he was questioned about a string of recent mysterious incidents. "I have no idea if there is intelligent life out there," he replied. "I do believe in freedom of information and openness and this question has been asked from time to time, and I think we should be as open and clear as possible." "What has tended to happen when people have looked at the Roswell incident, or when people have looked at pictures, is a rational explanation tends to be produced to try and show what has happened is not what those who believe in UFOs suggest.

"But I think we should be as open as possible, so I would be quite happy to give you a guarantee that if I became Prime Minister I would always be entirely open and frank about these things. "I don't think any of us have any clue whether there's intelligent life out there and it is certainly not something that any Government should seek to hide from anyone."

Conservative Party officials were not immediately able to clarify whether the new government would release the cache of existing classified documents or simply introduce a more relaxed policy towards the publication of future discoveries or investigations.

During today's question and answer session, a member of the audience said to the MP for Witney: "In July last year the respected scientist and astronaut Dr Edgar Mitchell, who was the sixth man to walk on the moon, spoke on a British radio station. "He said the American government had had contact with extra terrestrials on multiple occasions and that these were ongoing. He spoke about the Roswell event in 1947, where wreckage of a downed UFO was recovered and found to contain alien bodies.

"He said this event was real but was covered up by the Government for many years. "Do you agree with me that the British people have a right to know if we have been visited, and if so, when you become prime minister will you seek to lift the veil of secrecy and give the public the truth that they deserve and that has been covered up for all these years?"

Mr Cameron laughed and replied: "I'm convinced we have been visited by alien life forms - and one of them is the trade secretary Peter Mandelson."

He later apologised to the man for the joke, but offered no apology to Lord Mandelson, the Business Secretary.

UFO Photographed in San Diego Co., California

California-01-10-09-This photo was taken on January 10, 2009, with a camera phone while I was hiking with a friend in San Diego County. The UFO appeared briefly, hovered, and then vanished just as I took the picture. If you zoom in on the picture, you can see electrical discharge coming out of the high-power lines below the UFO. I have seen other UFOs in San Diego but only at night. This one was up close in broad daylight and scared the heck out of me!

Camera-LG Electronics-BG-VX8350 Richard



UFO over Germany Official - says Air Traffic Control



Crack Luftwaffe fighter pilots were scrambled in a UFO drama over German airspace, it was learned today (01-29-09). The mystery object was tracked moving across the entire country at high speed after being spotted by Germany's air traffic controllers on January 19.

Now an official report into the UFO sighting is being compiled by the country's air traffic safety office, the DFS. Investigators have already checked and excluded conventional aircraft, weather balloons and freak atmospheric conditions. "We have ruled out all the conventional possibilities - it is a mystery," said DFS spokesman Axel Raab.

German air force jets were put on red alert and there were dozens of reports of the object as it flew across southern Germany including several airports which were put on emergency standby. It eventually vanished above Grafenwoehr, an area used by American troops on training exercises. Raab said: "When it vanished from the radar we believed that whatever it was had crashed - but there was no crash site to be seen.

"It is a complete mystery. It confused radar operators because it kept flicking on and off the screen as if some of the time it just wasn't there. Then it simply vanished completely into thin air."

Unknown Object in Photograph from Utah

Utah-12-14-08-We took a picture of my friend Trevor. And in the top left corner of the picture the object is seen. We never saw the picture with our own eyes, only in the picture.



More on the Mod Release

UK MoD Releases UFO Reports from 2008

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UK Mod has released nearly 300 reports of possible UFO incidents from 2008 showing the date, time, location and a brief description of each sighting.

The UK MOD receives a large number of requests every year for information relating to UFOs, and therefore introduced a system to meet this demand, releasing the first files to the public in May 2008.

Since then further dossiers have been released relating to reports of sightings over recent years. Reports of UFOs are examined by the UK's Mod solely to establish whether UK airspace may have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised military activity.



If required, sighting reports are examined with the assistance of the Department's air defence experts. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat, no further work is undertaken to identify the nature of each sighting reported.

The UK Ministry of Defence says that it has no other interest or role regarding UFO matters and does not consider questions regarding the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial life-forms.

Thunderbirds a UFO!



UFO experts went into orbit yesterday over this amazing photo of a "Thunderbird" flying high above BOURNEMOUTH.

Excited alien-spotters hailed the picture, unwittingly taken by professional snapper Mark Wild, as one of the best they had ever seen.

The mystery craft — bright orange-red like Thunderbird 3 — was caught in a head-on shot on camera hovering above the resort on the Dorset coast.

but Mark, who was taking arty pictures of seafront buildings, did not even realise it was there until he got home and looked at his photos on his home computer.

Mark, 35, of Poole, said: "When I pulled the pictures up I noticed something there.

"When I enlarged it I saw what I can only describe as a UFO. *"I have shown it to quite a few friends and nobody has the faintest idea what it is."* I'm pretty open-minded but to think I might have caught an actual UFO is amazing."

Mark's girlfriend Amanda Hickey, 37, who was with him at the time, said: "We were in real shock.

"It was as clear as day on the computer screen." The stunning snap emerged on the day The Sun revealed that a dossier made public by the Ministry of Defence showed UFO sightings doubled last year.

Last night flying saucer expert Nick Pope, an ex-MoD worker, said: "It is an amazing picture, one of the best I've seen in some time.

"Most pictures are taken at night and just show vague lights.

"With this you can clearly make out a structure to the thing and it is a classic UFO shape."

Dr Steven Greer RADIO INTERVIEW -SETI has made ET contact

An interview with Disclosure Projects Dr Steven Greer

The Disclosure Project is a nonprofit research project working to fully disclose the facts about UFOs, extraterrestrial intelligence, and classified advanced energy and propulsion systems. We have over 400 government, military, and intelligence community witnesses testifying to their direct, personal, first hand experience with UFOs, ETs, ET technology, and the cover-up that keeps this information secret.



On Wednesday, May 9th, 2001, over twenty military, intelligence, government, corporate and scientific witnesses came forward at the National Press Club in Washington, DC to establish the reality of UFOs or extraterrestrial vehicles, extraterrestrial life forms, and resulting advanced energy and propulsion technologies. The weight of this first-hand testimony, along with supporting government documentation and other evidence, will establish without any doubt the reality of these phenomena.

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Col. Charles Halt on Rendlesham incident

Department of the Air Force
Headquarter 81st Combat Support Group (USAFE)
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1. Early in the morning of 27 Dec 80 (approximately 0300L), two USAF security police patrolmen saw unusual lights outside the back gate at RAF Woodbridge. Thinking an aircraft might have crashed or been forced down, they called for permission to go outside the gate to investigate. The on-duty flight chief responded and allowed three patrolmen to proceed on foot. The individuals reported seeing a strange glowing object in the forest.

The Object was described as being metallic in appearance and triangular in shape, approximately two and three meters across the base and approximately two meters high. It illuminated the entire forest with a white light. The object itself had a pulsing red light on top and a bank(s) of blue lights underneath. The object was hovering or on legs. As the patrolmen approached the object, it manoeuvred through the trees and disappeared. At this time the animals on a nearby farm went into frenzy. The object was briefly sighted approximately an hour later near the back gate.

Michigan UFO Sightings Oct 1965

Author: Dave Hodrien

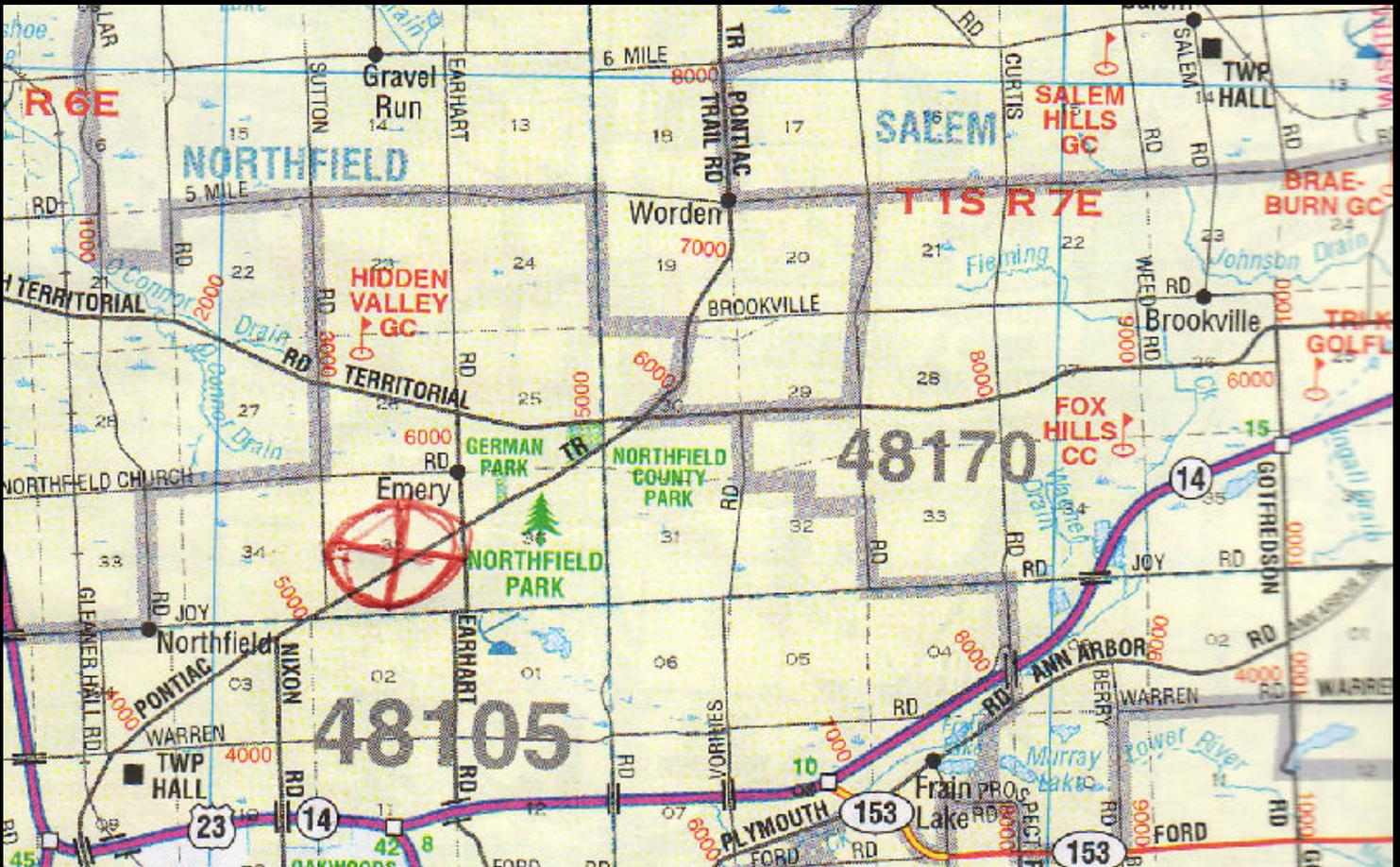
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Occasionally at BUFOG we get contacted by witnesses from much further a field than the area of Birmingham. Recently the main witness from the Bletchley UFO Incident that occurred on 30th December 2008 put details of his sighting on a website. Pat Clements from Michigan USA read the article and decided to get back to him with details of his own past UFO sightings to offer support. The Bletchley witness forwarded Pat my details and soon afterwards Pat contacted me by E-Mail to describe his impressive sightings. The two incidents will each be covered separately in this report, but as they took place in such a short space of time, there is the possibility that they were related.

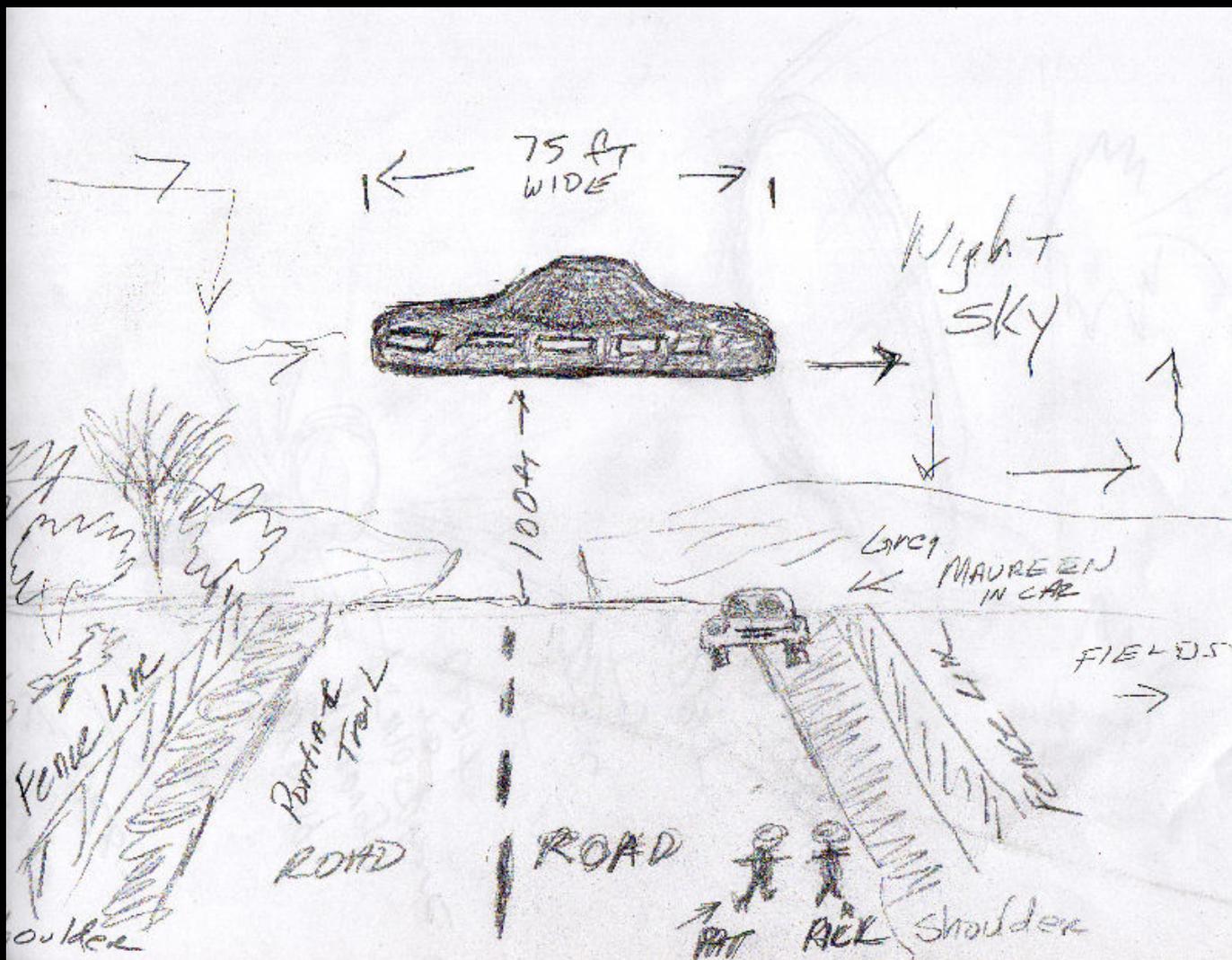
UFO Sighting, Early October 1965

There is no question that this sighting was extremely impressive, and certainly seemed to show a physical craft of unknown origins. Pat believes the sighting took place on a Friday or Saturday night in the early part of October 1965. It was a clear night, the stars were visible and it was also very still. Pat (who was 15 at the time), his friend Rick Blackwood, his brother Greg and Greg's girlfriend Maureen Phoenix (Ages 15-17) were driving along Pontiac Trail in Northfield Township, Washtenaw. Greg was driving, and Pat and Rick were on the back seat. They were heading south towards the fairground in Saline, for a sponsored dance for teenagers. They drove past German Park on the way to Ann Arbor. Both Pat and Rick needed to relieve themselves so Greg pulled up at the side of the road. Pat and Rick got out and walked back about 75 feet behind the car where Maureen would not be able to see them. They were facing the car when suddenly Rick exclaimed "What is that over the car?" Looking into the sky, both witnesses saw a huge "classic" flying saucer shaped craft. It was matt black in colour and against the night sky, which was why they had not spotted it sooner. It was stationary and completely silent, just hanging in the air above the car. Pat knew the area well and was able to estimate the size of the craft at 75 feet across. He estimates it was about 100 feet high above the car.

Map showing location of incident:



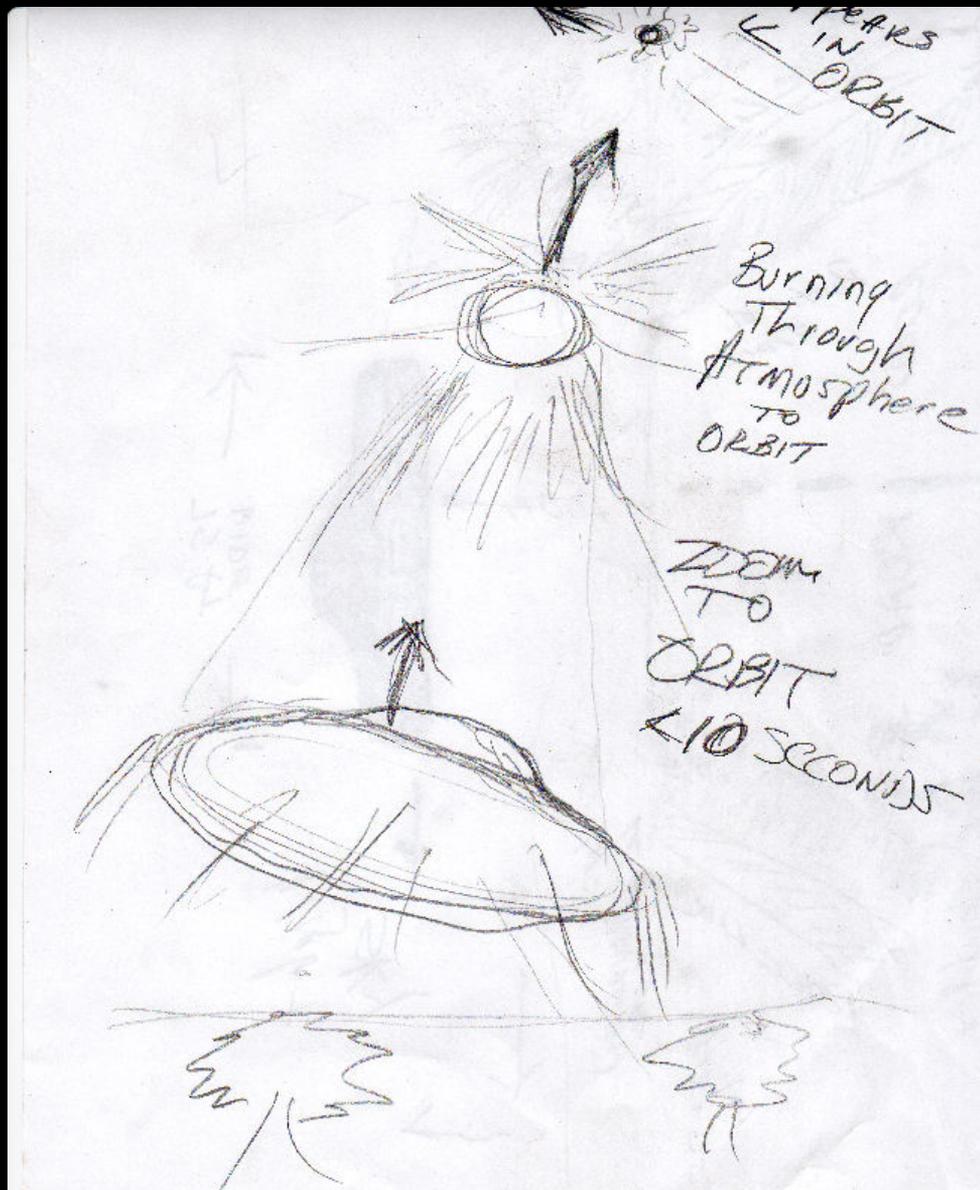
In describing the craft, Pat says "It had beautiful lines to it and reminded me of a French curve in the way it seemed to flow together, absolutely breath-taking. The outer rim had a row of rectangular sequential blinking lights firing off in succession as if it was moving, it is possible it was transmitting data to the inner part of the human brain, I certainly absorbed the flashing lights."



After several minutes, the craft began to move away to their right at over 200mph. As it did so it moved in a sharp zigzagging pattern, making 90 degree turns without slowing down at all. Pat is a licensed pilot and says that there is no way a human would be able to withstand such sharp movements due to the G force exerted on them. As they watched, they called out to Greg and Maureen who then also saw the craft. It continued to make several more 90 degree turns before suddenly accelerating straight upwards at an incredible speed. The bottom of the craft turned a brilliant white as it burned through the atmosphere. No sonic boom was heard, and before long the craft was completely out of sight. In his last glimpses of it, he thought that from underneath the craft looked similar to the old ECHO spacecraft that was launched in the early 1960s. Pat found out later that Frank Mannor, the son of a local farmer, claimed to have seen the craft land in a nearby field. I am currently trying to get in contact with him about the incident, so this report may well be updated.

Analysis

Due to its appearance, size, and movement patterns, this incident was almost certainly a genuine sighting of an intelligently controlled craft. Pat and the other witnesses are convinced that it was extraterrestrial rather than a top secret military craft due to the incredible manoeuvres it pulled off. Apart from the fact that no alien entities were seen, it does seem to tick all the boxes. Whatever it was, it appears that it was interested in the witnesses, and was hovering directly over their car for a number of minutes. The object is obviously much too large, and performed too complex manoeuvres to have been a radio controlled object; therefore out of all the cases I have looked into so far, this is one of the most impressive. It is a shame that none of the witnesses had a camera on them at the time, or else we may have had some fantastic evidence of the incident.

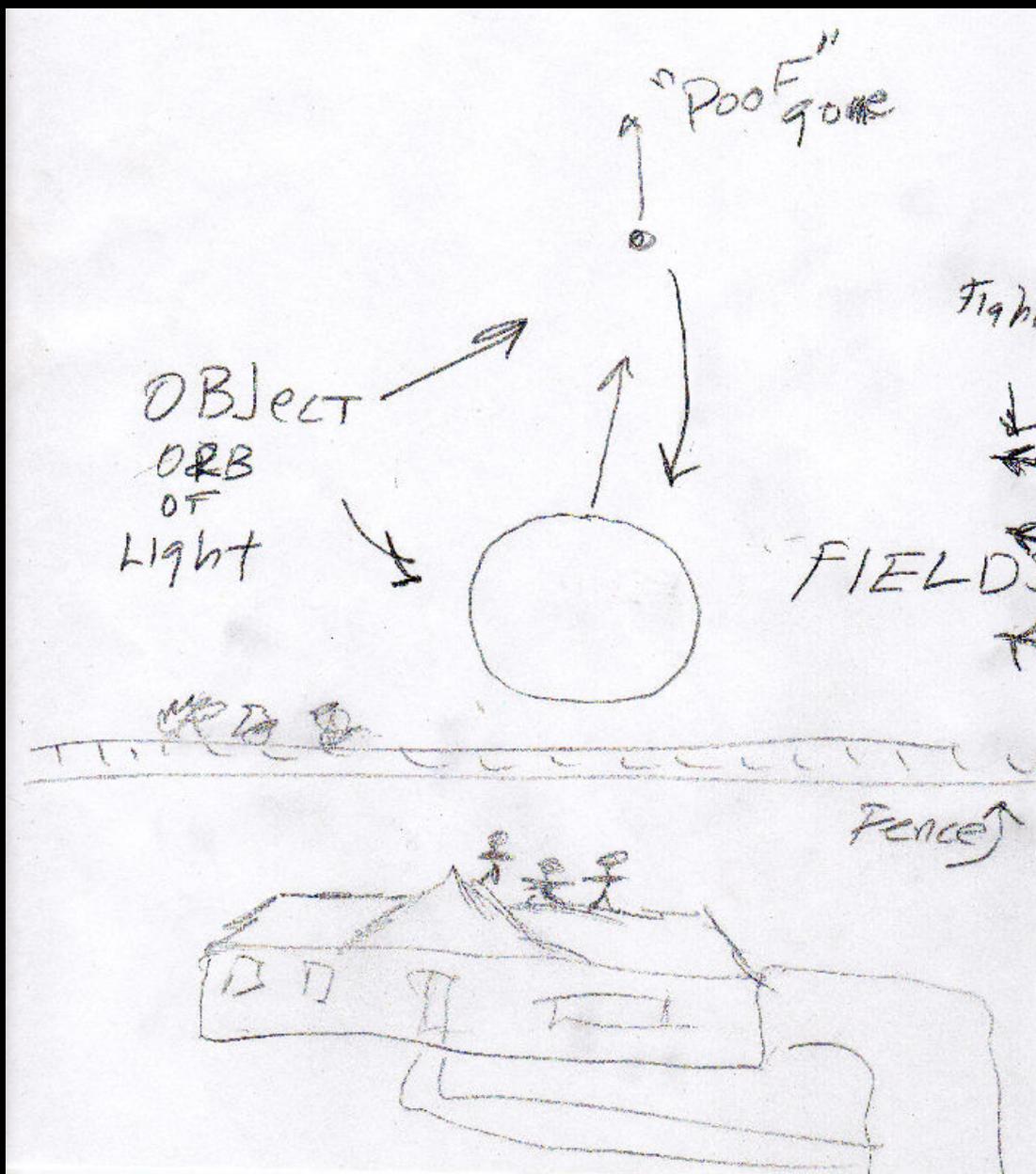


UFO Sighting, Late October 1965

Sighting Details

Two weeks after the first sighting, Pat once again saw something completely out of the ordinary! He was at his home in Brighton. His father would often work evening shift, and when he left the house his mother would on many occasions get paranoid that someone was outside the house, so would go to check at the back door. It was about 7pm in the evening when suddenly his mum started to scream for him to come and see. He found her standing at the back door looking up into the sky and acting quite hysterical. When Pat looked outside he could see a ball of white light in the sky off to the West. They both went outside to get a better view of it. The object was massively growing in size to about the size of the sun in the sky, and then shrinking back down to the size of a star. Pat believes it was actually moving towards and away from them rather than remaining stationary and physically changing. It was making no sound at all.

They watched it for a couple of minutes highly confused as to what they were looking at, before Pat decided to contact the Michigan state police. He informed them of what they could see but the police treated it as a prank call so he got irritated and hung up. He and his mother continued to watch the object, which was still performing the same manoeuvres in the sky. Several minutes went by and Pat's sister Lori also came outside and saw the object. Suddenly a full squadron of jets in formation appeared in the distance coming from Selfridge Air Force Base. They were obviously flying to intercept the UFO. As they approached it, suddenly the object shot away almost instantly. The jets broke formation and headed off in different directions in disarray. At no point throughout the sighting did Pat feel threatened by the object; he was only really awestruck by it.



Analysis

This is a fascinating sighting of an extremely unusual object. It appears that the object was a craft of some kind, and the fact it flew away extremely fast when the jets arrived also backs up this theory. It is unlikely that the jets would have even been sent out unless it was something out of the ordinary. Although the object had a very different appearance to the previous sighting, there is certainly a possibility that it was related in some way. Perhaps the object was sent on purpose to "check up" on Pat, and this is the reason it was seen in close proximity of his home. It does seem like too much of a coincidence that the sightings happened within two weeks of each other, unless he was just extremely lucky to have two close encounters within the same month. Like the first sighting the manoeuvres displayed by the object looked intelligent and deliberate, although Pat has no idea why the object appeared to be moving towards and then retreating from them or was changing size continuously. This is quite bizarre but also tends to disprove the theory that the object was something mundane such as a balloon. Due to the time of year it was also dark so the object appeared to be lit up and glowing white.

Pat wonders if what was witnessed was not a physical craft, but rather something spiritual in nature, such as a sphere of energy. However the object must have been visible to everyone or else the jets would not have been sent to intercept it. It would be interesting to know whether or not the object showed up on their radar. It is obvious that people at the air force base knew about the presence of the object, and perhaps also knew why it was there. However, nothing official reporting the object has ever been released. If possible, I may be able to contact the base to ask them for details regarding the incident; I will let you know if there are any further developments.

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**Illustrated
Video of UFO
crash
retrievals**

**produced by
Dave Hodrien**

Reader Submits Two Sightings at Whaley Lake

My parents owned a summer house on Whaley Lake since 1941, and my family has spent every summer at the Lake since that time. The Lake as well as our town, Pawling, has always had a special place in our hearts. Actually I have to be honest, it has had a very special place in every single person's heart who has visited us, even if only for a day at the Lake. Because a friend of mine brought the article about a [UFO sighting on Whaley Lake in 1984](#) to my attention, I had to mention my own sightings to you. The first one was sometime in the mid 80's. Unfortunately I'm not sure of the year, but I do remember the incident. My husband, boys and I went to Murrow Park in Pawling to see a fireworks display to celebrate the 4th of July.

Before the event was over and while we were looking up in the sky, we saw a boomerang-shaped thing with multi-colored lights that hovered quietly, as if watching what was going on. Just as quietly and quickly as it appeared, it disappeared. My husband and I were freaked out and talked about it the entire drive home to Whaley. It's weird, but we never said anything to people around us except 'LOOK' at that thing in the sky, and then it was gone. We never knew if everyone else saw it or not. I think we were afraid to mention something as weird as that to anyone else for fear of being labeled weird ourselves.



Then last summer, 2008, we were visiting friends at the north end of the Lake around 9 pm and had another sighting. I was looking in the direction of the Dam and saw white lights that looked like headlights gliding about 10 feet above the land by the dam. By the time I called everyone who was inside to view what I was seeing outside, it seemed to glide into the woods. Thankfully, most of the people who came out of the house saw the white lights in the distance, so knew I actually did see something. After much discussion and being familiar with the terrain around the dam we knew it couldn't be a low flying vehicle or a vehicle traveling on the ground.

We know nothing that could travel as fast as it did through a dense forest of trees. None of us could come up with any logical explanation, and wonder if any one else has reported any sightings in the area. By the way, like the other sighting, we never heard a sound and it was a clear, very still night. The very next day the homeowners near the dam looked in the woods to see if it looked like anything had been disturbed or if there were any tracks and they said everything looked normal. Sincerely, Mary

UFO lands in Milton Keynes

A lecture by Dave Hodrien

On the evening of December 30th 2008, a family down in Bletchley, just South of Milton Keynes, were about to experience a highly unusual series of events which would forever change their viewpoint on UFOs and extraterrestrials. This stunning case is surely the most impressive that BUFOG Investigator Dave Hodrien has looked into so far. The case includes the following aspects:



This case (and one other incident) will be discussed by Dave Hodrien at his lecture in April, which will be held at the Midland Red Social Club, Wolverhampton Road South, Birmingham. Prepare to be amazed as you hear the full details, watch video footage of the potential landing site, and examine photographic evidence that seems to suggest something extraordinary really took place!

- Multiple sightings of objects performing unusual and intelligent manoeuvres
- A possible landing site of one or more unexplained objects
- Proven 90 minutes missing time for some of the witnesses
- Markings on the body of the key witness
- Possible spontaneous healing that took place on the evening
- Signs that at least one of the witnesses has been abducted
- A history of other UFO sightings that may well be linked



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More on the Mod Release

A SHOCK UFO dossier made public by the Ministry of Defence yesterday reveals that one loomed over PARLIAMENT last year. The mystery object was seen from the House of Commons as the number sighted in our skies during 2008 more than doubled. Sightings... across the UK Among the 285 UFO incidents logged by the MoD was one spotted on New Year's Eve by an Essex policemen.

And last March a witness reported seeing a saucer-shaped craft 20 times the size of a plane. UFO experts were last night stunned as the sightings were officially revealed in graphic detail for the first time — following a string of exclusives about them in The Sun. Only weeks ago we told how one UFO was feared to have pranged a giant wind turbine. Nick Pope, who has investigated UFOs for the MoD, said: "The House of Commons incident is most interesting. "Although the colour of the lights are what are normally associated with aircraft, you would have thought they would know the difference in Parliament. Static "And the incident reported by the police officer is intriguing because of his occupation." Mysteries ... TV X Files' Mulder and Scully

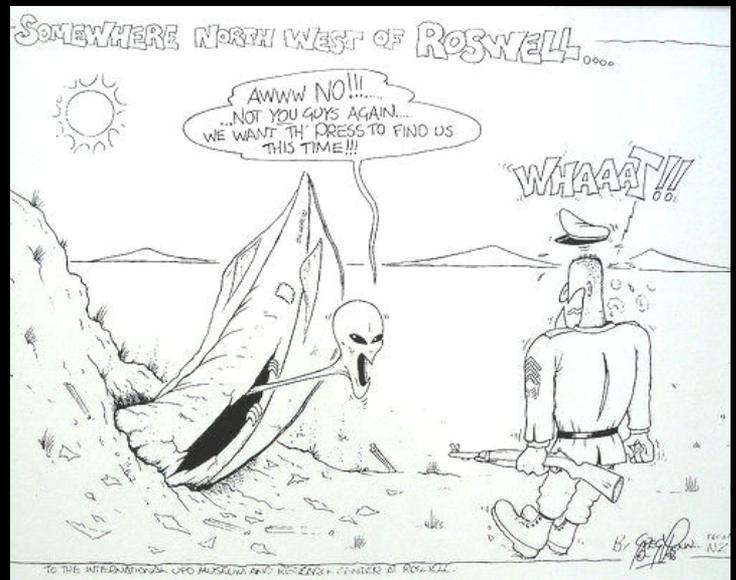
Last year's sightings would have been more than enough to keep TV's X Files investigators Mulder and Scully busy. Nick echoed the show's slogan — "The truth is out there" — as he said: "UFOs are being seen by people up and down the length and breadth of the country. "There are a considerable number of sightings of solid structures, behaving in a way unlike conventional aircraft or helicopters." The unnamed cop had his close encounter in Brightlingsea, Essex. He reported: "Bright orange/yellow light in the sky. Quite large, 1500-2000ft up. Revelations... MoD UFO dossier "Moved very slowly in a half circle then stopped over the water between Brightlingsea & East Mersea. "Shot straight up and disappeared very fast." The report of the House of Commons sighting — on February 12 — reveals: "There was a craft that had green, red and white lights. "It was still and static in the sky. It was seen for about an hour and a half."

Wiltshire was among the nation's UFO hotspots. In Ashton Keynes — just a few miles from the new home of UFO fanatic Robbie Williams — a witness saw one three days before the object that buzzed Parliament. The dossier says: "There were ten to twenty bright orange lights that were manoeuvring across the sky. "They were moving quite slowly." A "huge disc-shaped object twenty times the size of an aeroplane" was seen at Rainham, Kent, on March 28. Strange craft... seen over Slough

The report adds: "It had five or six flashing lights on the underneath in a circular shape." Dates A "jumbo jet sized object" seen over Leeds in February was described as "flat and round, with a blue rippled underside." A June report from Bristol says: "A big alien craft landed on the top of the witness's house. The craft then flew off over Bristol." Two months later a silent V- formation of 59 lights was reported above Lewes, East Sussex. Nick, who worked in the MoD's UFO unit for three years, said: "There are a couple of dates with numerous sightings. "For example on June 12 there were six separate ones all over the country. "The same thing happens the following month on July 27." You can see the full list of the 2008 sightings at www.mod.uk. j.coles@the-sun.co.uk



I hereby claim this planet in the name of
the Interstellar Federation



UFOs Spotted over Barrhead

Feb 4 2009 by Alison Rennie, Paisley Daily Express THOSE spooky unidentified flying objects are at it again – this time in Barrhead!

The Paisley Daily Express has already revealed how eagle-eyed believers have reported two separate UFO sightings – one in Elderslie and another in Renfrew. Now every Buddie's favourite newspaper can reveal that a report has been posted on a top UFO-spotting website detailing a sighting in Barrhead. The shocked eyewitness told the UK UFO website: "When I was out in the garden, I could see two luminous blue objects from a distance. They flew overhead silently and at speed.



"As they flew above me, I could see the bottom of the UFO, which looked like it was in segments and they were a very bright blue colour. "As they passed, the nearest UFO was of a luminous red colour as if it had changed its colour. They were both too fast and too silent to be planes or helicopters." The sighting is the only one on this website from the Paisley area.

In Elderslie, a couple saw two strange objects flying high in the sky near to Glasgow Airport. One of the believers told the website: "We saw the orange objects quite far apart outside the front of my home and went to the back of the house to watch them. "They were about a mile from Glasgow Airport and we were able to observe planes arriving and taking off from the airport at the same time but these two objects were much higher and moving quite slow. "These did not have landing lights on them, just an orange glow." And, in Renfrew, two UFOs were spotted close to the town's police station.

A man who reported the sighting said: "At first, I thought they were helicopters but there was no noise and they emitted a bright, almost off-white light. "They didn't move and, when the bus came, I kept looking at them. The bus travelled for about four miles and they stayed in the same place. "The height must have been about 200 feet and, as it was a clear, cold night, the stars were visible but these lights were an awful lot closer to the ground." UFO expert Brian Vike is urging Buddies to be on the alert amid suggestions that aliens could be keeping an eye on Paisley and neighbouring towns and villages.

Brian, who is director of the HBCC UFO Research organisation, told the Express that sightings of unidentified flying objects are becoming more common in Renfrewshire. And he believes the truth is out there. Brian said: "There are still many people who do not have the use of a computer to search for a UFO investigator. " A lot of times, people will see something odd and keep it to themselves or maybe talk about it with their families and we miss this valuable information."

UFO Sightings above North Yorkshire Town

4:35pm Thursday 5th February 2009 A SHOCK Ministry of Defence UFO file reveals that a North Yorkshire town was a hot-spot for alien visitors in 2008. A mysterious flying object was seen five times in the skies above Scarborough from early July until the end of August last year. The sightings above the coastal town, and one above nearby Malton, were six of the UFO incidents out of 285 logged by the MoD in 2008. A cork shaped object that glowed like an angel and flew over trees was seen in Scarborough on July 11 at 11.30pm. Then just 24 hours later at 11.52pm on July 12 a white pea pod shaped object was seen in the skies above Scarborough. A new UFO was spotted over Scarborough at 2.14am on July 14 when a fiery star shape was seen flying before disappearing. Then at 11.55am on August 29 a black rectangular object was seen that wobbled in the sky before moving out of sight over Scarborough. This was followed at 11pm on August 30 by an orange circular object spotted flying above the town. Finally in North Yorkshire circles of white lights with fire inside each of them were seen above Malton at 10.55pm on September 20. They were described as being like hang-glidors but totally silent and they were in formation with the last object having a red light. The MoD dossier is available to view on-line via www.mod.uk and it contains UFO sightings from the length and breadth of the UK. It includes a craft with green, red and white lights which was seen hovering statically above the Houses of Parliament for one and a half hours on February 12.

Two Videos-Unknown Objects over San Antonio, TX-

1) San Antonio, TX-01-30-09-A bright glowing object was witness and filmed. As I was sky-watching, I noticed a flash, so I grabbed my camcorder for a closer observation. This glowing object did not appear to be an aircraft.

By the time I began filming, this object was now traveling southeast. When zooming on this object, a force field of some sort seemed to be around it. The unknown seemed to be spinning, and appeared to pick up speed, making it hard to keep in frame.

I do not think this object was an aircraft, weather balloon, or satellite. I am sending the video clip for you to analyze. If you need more info get back with me.

2) San Antonio, TX-02-01-09-As I was sky-watching, looking south, I noticed this glowing object traveling east high in altitude. This object did not appear to be an aircraft, so I grabbed my camcorder for a closer observation.

When zooming in, a reddish, glowing object could be observed. Unknown seemed to be spinning and appeared to pick up speed, making it hard to keep in frame. At times it seemed to fade in and out.

This glowing object was clearly no aircraft, weather-balloon or satellite. I am sending the video clip for you to analyze. If you have any questions get back with me...

Thank You

Mario Vallejo

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Please shed a little (orange) light on this

from Mrs J. Cobum, Deanshanger

Further to the letter about a man in Newton Longville who had seen lights in the sky (Citizen, January 15) I have a question of my own.

I live in Deanshanger and have for some time, on trips out at night, seen a very bright orange light that seems to be over Central Milton Keynes or roughly to the south east of it. It is always in the same place, it is low and large. It never moves.

Although it never moves, it suddenly disappears completely and then comes back, though sometimes it doesn't.

My other son and daughter live right on top of the city centre and neither has ever seen it.

Does anyone have any idea what it is?

I have discounted police helicopters and other aircraft. It seems very big for a star of one of our close planets. It is way too high in the sky to be one of the cranes at the city centre building sites. We have been seeing this light since early 2008.

An answer would be great as it's driving us mad trying to work out what it is.

Reader Submits Photo of Hubble-Unknown Object Also Seen

I happened to be doing a google search for photos of the Hubble Telescope in orbit, when I happened to find a photo of interest. I downloaded it and pulled it up in Photoshop, where I zoomed in on the telescope.



That is when I noticed something that wasn't quite right. Something was in the picture, near the Hubble. I began lightening the area with the Dodge Tool set on Midtones at 7%. Something began to appear and take shape. It is very strange, to say the least! I am enclosing the original photo and a cropped version that I worked on. Thank you, Rog



How life on Earth really got its start



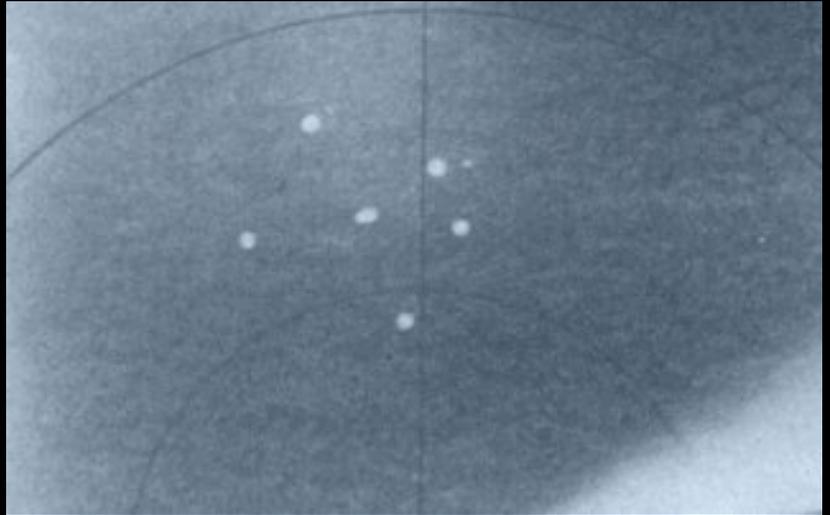
Greece: Amazing UFO Incident Involving Air Force and Airline

02-07-2009-Greece: Amazing UFO incident involving Air Force and Airline

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A remarkable UFO incident that occurred in the skies over Athens over a year ago but was kept secret by the Greek Aviation Authority and the Greek Air Force, has recently come to light and is receiving extensive media coverage in Greece.

A recording of the conversation (in Greek) between the pilot involved and the airport control tower has been made public. A copy of the official document named 'Lightning 2' commanding two F-16's to intercept the UFO can be viewed below.



On 11 October, 2007, at 3:20 am, the captain of Olympic Airways flight 266 from Athens to London noticed an extremely unusual object moving erratically to the west of Athens. The object was somewhat star-like in appearance, however much brighter and larger with a constantly shifting shape. Meanwhile the captains of Olympic Airways flights 730 to Kos and 700 to Rhodes reported the same thing. The sighting was then confirmed by Athens Airport control tower, whose employees observed the object moving towards Karystos, a small town on the Greek island of Euboea. At this point the Greek Air Force was contacted.

The Greek Air Force confirmed that they too were visually monitoring the object from their radar station at the top of Parintha Mountain near Athens, and had observed that it was traveling at incredible speed, and did not fit the description of any terrestrial craft. The staff at the Air Force radar station later described the UFO as large, of an unusual shape, and very bright. Air force staff were requested to photograph the craft and did so (no pictures have come to light yet).

At this point two F-16's were sent up to intercept the UFO, while the various control towers monitored the object from earth. The object then shot off at incredible speed skyward, and the Jets failed to identify anything.

While both staff at the Athens Airport and the Parintha Mountain Air Force Radar Unit confirmed that they clearly observed the object their radars picked up nothing. The ensuing deliberate cover-up of this incident by the Greek authorities is being treated as fact by that country's media. Possibly the most bizarre aspect of this sighting is that although the object was witnessed simultaneously by three pilots with decades of flying experience between them, staff at multiple radar and ground control stations and the Greek Air Force, who actually sent jets up to chase it, says it has been dismissed by some Greek Government officials as a mistaken sighting of... wait for it... Venus!

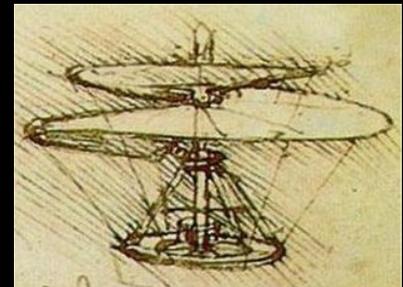
This, despite the fact that the captain of flight 266 remains convinced he saw a UFO. With that in mind, are these Government officials planning to request an investigation into the capability, if not sanity, of their country's Air Force ground control staff? Don't hold your breath. It is hardly surprising, that if indeed aliens are visiting earth they would take an interest in Greece, that cradle of western civilization. What is more surprising is western media's complete non-coverage of this incident, and the continuing and sometimes absurd attempts by governments to deny the obvious as far as UFOs are concerned. Perhaps the ancient Athenian culture of intellectual curiosity and questioning existing belief systems has been replaced by one of secrecy, concealment, and the idea that the public does not have the right to know what is happening in the universe around them.

Did Extraterrestrial UFOs Influence Leonardo da Vinci, Michaelangelo, and Columbus?

February 7, 3:11 PM

by Jeff Peckman, Denver UFO Examiner

Extraterrestrial UFOs might have influenced Leonardo da Vinci as well as Michaelangelo, Christopher Columbus and other Renaissance artists. Domenico Ghirlandaio and Carlos Crivelli both painted flying saucer-like UFO images in the background of their art. Leonardo designed an armored car very similar in appearance to a flying saucer, and designed a flying machine aerial 'screw' as well. Michaelangelo became an apprentice to Ghirlandaio at age thirteen in Florence. That started a six-year period between 1488-1494, when all of these men either lived in Florence or would have had reasons to go there. Florence was the capital and cultural center of Italy at the time. About the time Crivelli and Ghirlandaio died in the mid-1490's, Nicolaus Copernicus also arrived in Italy for further study of medicine, law and even astrology. So he might have visited Florence too and interacted with the others.



Christopher Columbus saw a 'UFO' according to the book *Beyond Earth: Man's Contact with UFOs* in reference to 'The Life and Voyages of Christopher Columbus' (1850). Columbus saw 'a light glimmering at a great distance' that ...vanished, only to reappear several times during the night, each time dancing up and down 'in sudden and passing gleams'.

Michaelangelo (1475-1564) became an apprentice in 1488 to Ghirlandaio just two years after Carlos Crivelli (c. 1435-c. 1495) painted "The Annunciation of St. Emidius" in 1486. Crivelli's painting clearly shows a flying saucer-like UFO shining a light downward. Domenico Ghirlandaio (1449-1494) painted "The Madonna with Saint Giovaninno" that shows another UFO-like image in the background. It is known only to be from the 15th century, but given that Ghirlandaio died in 1494, it is likely that Michaelangelo was with Ghirlandaio during or after the painting was completed. Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519) is considered a great visionary for designing his armored car around 1485 AD and for trying to design and build a flying machine around 1500 AD. He drew much inspiration from the natural environment. Seeing a UFO in the sky or even in the paintings of other great artists of his time might have given him two ideas. One was the flying saucer-like armored car and the other separate flying machine.

Imagine what it might have been like to overhear these Renaissance men gathered at an Italian bistro on a warm Tuscan afternoon. What would they have said about UFOs and the possibility of extraterrestrial civilizations? Collectively, they had vast knowledge from multiple areas of art, science, medicine, philosophy, religion, commerce, and more. Such a conversation could have happened 100 years before Galileo arrived to expand on the astronomy work of Copernicus. Coincidentally, Galileo Galilei was born Feb. 15, 1564, just three days before Michaelangelo died. We will never know how much these men were influenced by 'UFOs'. We'll never know what they might have discussed about extraterrestrial civilizations. But there's a common theme in stories of extraterrestrial visitors -- they often make their presence known to those with lasting influence.

Was that the case with these great men of the Renaissance? If so, then the extraterrestrial intelligent beings could not have picked a better group. Even as a fictional dialogue, such a gathering of great minds to ponder our place among other galactic civilizations would make an intriguing novel or feature film.

UNEXPLAINED: Strange Lights over Leach Lane

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A stargazer claims he may have spotted a UFO flying over Sutton Leach - and has got photo evidence to prove it! X-Files fan Lee Caldwell says he spotted a 'weird red light' flying low over the Leach Lane area on the evening of Friday, February 6.

He said: "I'm into space and physics and tried to dispute what I was seeing, but I couldn't. People might think it was a Chinese lantern, but it wasn't - it was moving far too fast and seemed to change shape. "It definitely wasn't a plane either. It had this red glow and, although this sounds strange, looked like it had antlers. I'm still at a loss to explain what it was."



Lee's close encounter isn't the first time strange objects have been spotted hovering over the borough's skies. In January Michale Simpson, 31, reported a flying shape moving quickly over the East Lincs in Carr Mill at around 4.30am. His description of 'bowler hat' shape was backed up by several readers who contacted the Reporter after learning about Michael's experience.

And in October, two pals spotted four, orange disc-like objects hovering above the New Street area of Sutton as they were leaving Sutton Cricket Club. They describe the objects as moving slowly and silently through the night sky and heading in the direction of Parr. One of the men, who has asked not to be named, said: "It was definitely not a weather balloon or anything like that, it was unlike anything I have ever seen before. The four discs were bright, but not like a shining light, like a reflective surface." The incident is similar several months earlier when several residents in the Wymbrel Avenue area of Newton-le-Willows spotted a strange object in the night sky. Stuart Welsby had been returning from a shopping trip with wife Emma and their young son when he spotted a 'glowing orange blob' floating across the Newton skyline. Amazingly, he spotted the same strange glowing light at around the same time the following night. Mr Welsby, a 31-year-old mobile paint sprayer, said at the time: "We just saw this thing in the sky and both said 'what an earth is that'. "It was right above us but was moving at the normal speed of an airplane but it had no aviation lights and when I turned my engine off there was absolutely no noise coming from it

Record Year in Canada for UFOs

By: Staff Writer

Manitoba-based UFO trackers say 2008 was a record year for the number of sightings in Canada. Researchers with the independent, non-profit Ufology Research noted 1,004 UFO reports across Canada in 2008, an increase of 26 per cent over 2007. "We were amazed to discover this many UFO sightings had been reported in 2008," Chris Rutkowski, co-author of the study, said in a news release. "This is unprecedented."

Ufology Research began collecting UFO reports in Canada in 1989. Reports have been filed by witnesses with government and military agencies, police, civilian UFO groups and online UFO websites. Of the hundreds of reports in Canada in 2008, about 10 per cent were labelled as unexplained after review. Of these, less than one per cent were "high quality unknowns" that were both unexplained and had above-average levels of investigation and documentation.

Cases ranged from the relatively commonplace reports of star-like lights in the night sky to large, V-shaped craft flying slowly and ponderously over homes in rural or urban areas. Hundreds of photos and videos of UFOs in Canada were posted on websites but most were stars, planets and aircraft rather than alien spacecraft, said Rutkowski.

Typically in 2008, most UFO sightings have two witnesses, most UFOs are white in colour and sighting lasted an average of 18 minutes. "Flying saucers" are comparatively rare; reports of triangles and spheres are much more common. A 20-year longitudinal study of the data will be released later this year.

Greenwich UK-Video of Sighting

GREENWICH: Second UFO sighting

7:45am Thursday 29th January 2009

ANOTHER sighting of an unidentified flying object has been reported to News Shopper, this time in Greenwich. John Malkin spotted a strange light in the sky on both Saturday and Sunday night.



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He said: "Me and my son were at home in North Greenwich when we saw the orange/yellow light moving quite fast towards the river." Mr Malkin sent a video clip showing what he saw. Yesterday, News Shopper reported on the sighting of two strange lights in the sky over Mottingham on Monday night. Have you spotted anything odd in the sky in the past few nights? Two sightings of strange objects in three days – should we be worried? Do you have any idea of what the light featured here might have been?

Pope's Star Watcher to Visit Nasa and Talk Aliens

Unlikely to arrive in Chariot of the Gods By Joe Fay

The Vatican is to go head to head with Nasa over the possibility of life existing anywhere else in the Universe except Earth. The discussion is actually likely to be rather convivial when Lynn Rothschild, astrobiologist at NASA's Ames Research Center, debates the topic with the Vatican Observatory's director emeritus George Coyne at the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco next week. The chat is happening under the florid banner of Are We Alone? The Dance of the Fertile Universe.



With a title like astrobiologist, one has to assume that Rothschild is at least open to the idea of life on other planets. The agency has been in on the search for extraterrestrial intelligent life since the 1960s. More prosaically Nasa's missions as a rule keep a look out for life - or at least the building blocks of life - while tearing around the solar system. The Catholic Church, perhaps surprisingly, is also somewhat open to the idea of life on other planets, with the current head of the Vatican observatory, José Gabriel Funes, conceding the possibility of extra-terrestrial life just last May.

He told the Holy See's in-house rag: "It is possible, even if until now, we have no proof. But certainly in such a big universe this hypothesis cannot be excluded." Of course, the Church's interest in aliens is as much about their relationship with God and sin. It may be that they are in full communion with the creator - having never nibbled any solar forbidden fruit. Alternatively - and perhaps much more likely - they could be sinners, and therefore in need of redemption through the ministrations of the Church. Just like us, in fact. Assuming of course they don't all come and eat us first.

Whether the conversation will stray into the likelihood of ET needing redemption is not guaranteed, and it's probably a fair bet neither party will endorse the idea that humans picked up the building blocks of technology from visiting aliens, who will stage a second coming at some point. Which is a pity. The lecture itself will take place at NASA's Ames Research Center in Silicon Valley on February 19, at 6.30pm. Tickets will cost \$10 for Commonwealth Club members and \$15 for non-members.

Birmingham Police 2007-2008 UFO Sightings

Author: Dave Hodrien

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Introduction

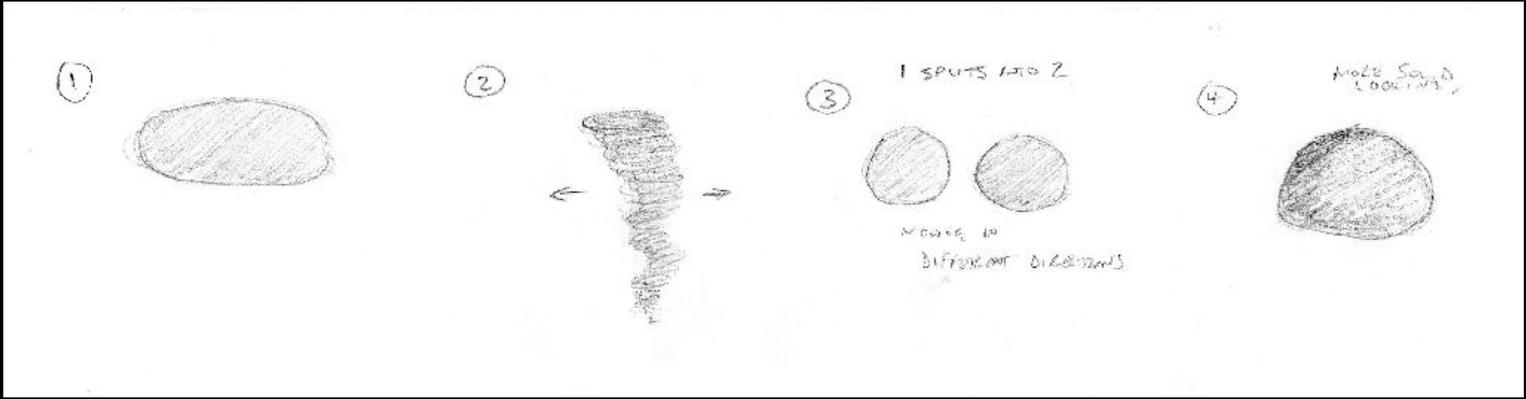
When people with good credentials report UFOs it lends a lot of weight to their statements. Many would put police officers into this category. Due to the nature of their job, they are often adept at describing things they are seeing. There is also less chance of misidentification taking place, as they will often need to report to others about what they have witnessed. On 20th November 2008 I was privileged to meet up with two police officers from Birmingham who have had numerous sightings since early 2007, including a mass of incidents since mid-October. Some of these sightings have been photographed/videoed and some have other witnesses also present. Most took place while the officers were out on night duty. I met Martin and Sandra (names changed for privacy reasons) at a location in Tamworth to discuss what they have witnessed in depth. This report will cover each of these sightings separately.

March 2007 Rome Sighting

While most of the incidents took place in the Birmingham area, the first significant sighting that the couple had together took place on the 31st March 2007 while they were on holiday in Rome. It was a clear sunny day with some light cloud cover. At 6.30pm the witnesses were out walking the streets of Rome after a day of sightseeing. They were around the area of the coliseum, and were crossing a small open grassy area between the rows of buildings. Dusk had just started to set in but it was still quite bright in the sky. As they walked, Sandra looked into the distance over the buildings. She could see a light grey oval shaped "cloud" in the sky. It was moving slowly to the left along with the other clouds, but stood out as it looked slightly darker and more rounded. It looked about 30000 ft up, the same sort of height, as an aeroplane would fly. It was hard to judge how far away it was from them but it appeared to be at least a couple of miles away. Due to the distance, the witnesses estimate that it must have been much larger than a plane. Sandra watched it for several seconds. Suddenly it changed direction and started to move back to the right, in direct contradiction to the other clouds! She realised at this point that whatever she was looking at was not a cloud but something else entirely. As she watched, the object changed shape to resemble a tornado. It appeared to be spinning and was waving left and right in the sky. By this point she had stopped and was staring at it, this is where Martin's attention was drawn to it. Less than a minute later it changed its shape again and became almost spherical. It also became a bit darker (as if becoming more solid) and became stationary in the sky. Sandra decided at this point to get her mobile phone out and start videoing the object. Sadly the footage didn't pick up the object too well due to its distance. While watching the object, it began to fade in and out. The witnesses couldn't tell whether this was due to it moving further and closer or if it was becoming more and less solid in nature. It did this for about 30 seconds, then without warning split into two separate smaller circular shaped objects. These began to move around each other, darting about the sky in curved patterns. Martin noted at this point that the objects certainly seemed controlled in some way. 30-40 seconds later the objects moved together and formed one object again! After this it once more split into two and then became whole a second time, then it started to fade away from their sight until it had vanished. Other people in the area at the time didn't seem to have noticed the object at all; however the witnesses speculate that maybe somewhere else in the city others may have seen it from different angles.

Afterwards, the witnesses talked about what they had seen a lot and were fascinated by it. It was the first UFO that Martin had seen in his life, so he was excited to discuss it with Sandra and his family. To this day they have no explanation as to what it could have been. Due to its appearance, there is the possibility that it was some sort of atmospheric phenomenon. However the movements and shape changing that the object performed seem far too unusual for this explanation. Whatever it was, it managed to both stop still in the air and go against the wind direction. And the darting manoeuvres that the smaller spherical shaped objects performed seemed far from natural. The fact that it formed numerous different shapes makes it improbable that it was some sort of floating object such as a balloon. It looked almost as if it was trying to communicate in some way. The witnesses have never seen anything like it since, and it remains a mystery.

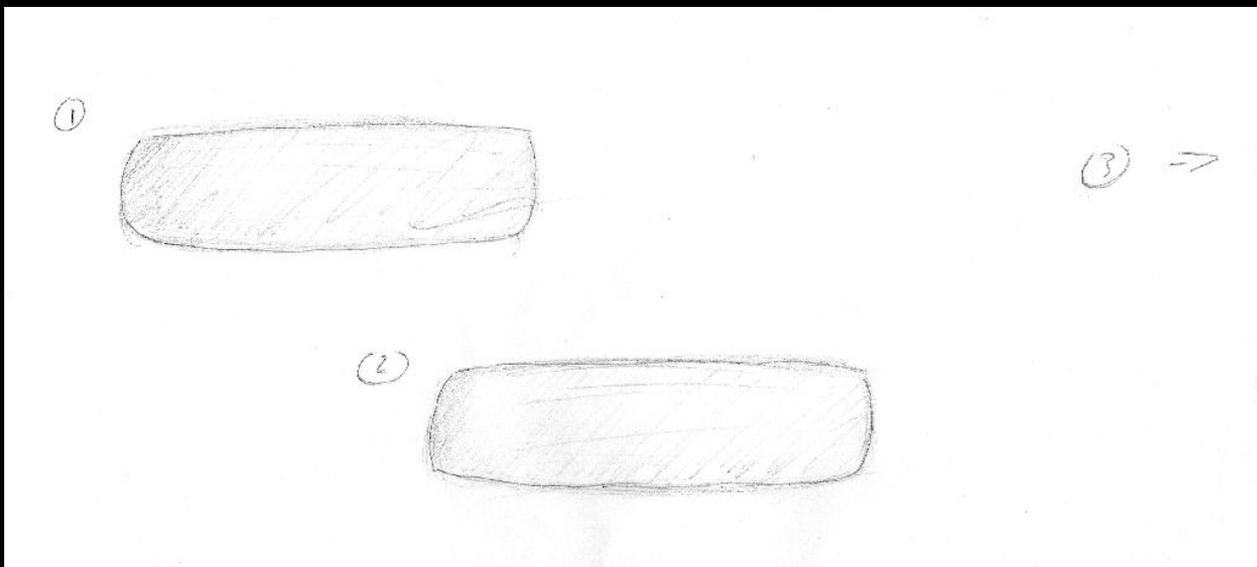
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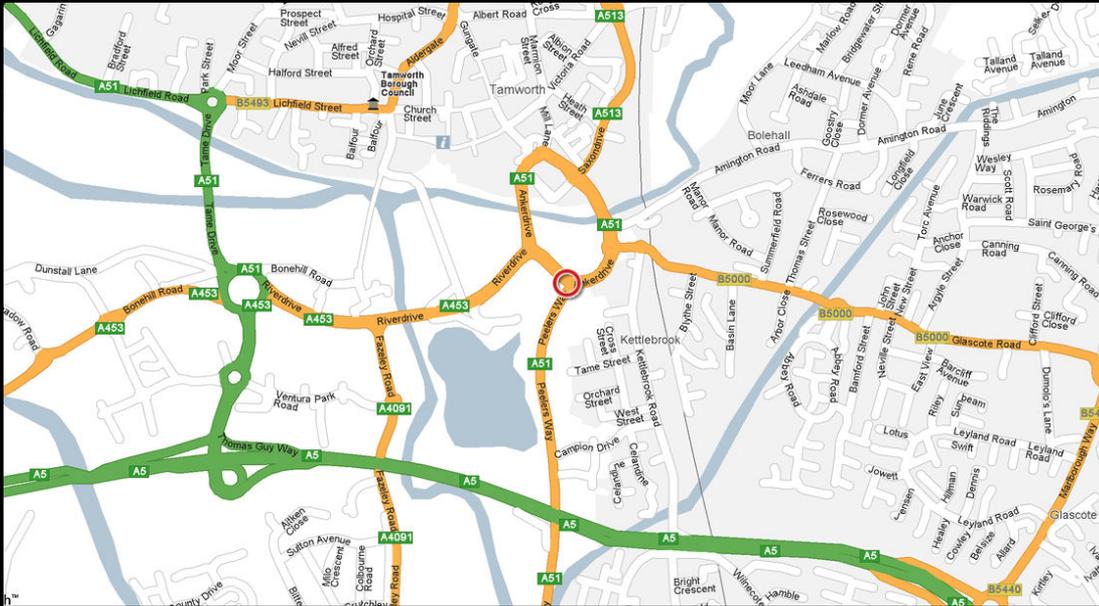
June 2007 Tamworth Sighting

This incident took place on a hot clear summer's day. It was about 1.00pm in the afternoon and the witnesses were off duty and out driving in their own car. They were in Tamworth town centre and just approaching Tamworth snow dome. There are two islands close to the snow dome, and it is between these that the sighting took place. As they went round the first island, Sandra suddenly noticed two objects in the sky off to their left out of the passenger seat window. There were two metallic grey cigar shaped objects, one positioned above and to the right of the other. They were smooth and had no visible markings on them. They were quite low in the sky and seemed to be quite large; the witnesses felt they were about the size of a standard airliner. The objects were stationary in the sky and about 1/2-1 mile away from them. Initially Martin couldn't see them as he was driving. They continued up the road towards the second island, and as they approached Martin also got a look at the objects. They then also spotted a 3rd object, which looked the same off to their right. It was the same height in the sky as the others. They began to head round the 2nd island and suddenly the objects had all completely vanished. The witnesses didn't see them disappear; they just looked and couldn't see them any more. From start to finish the whole sighting only lasted around 10 seconds. Nobody else appeared to have seen the objects, but it's possible other drivers could have seen them without stopping just as Martin and Sandra did.

This sighting is once again very interesting and hard to explain. The appearance of the objects obviously rules out most explanations. But could the three objects have been some sorts of balloons that were released into the sky? Maybe they were drifting so slowly that they appeared stationary to the witnesses. However if this were the case, how did they all vanish at the same time? Surely as it was a clear day they would have been visible until they drifted into the distance or to the ground. Also the objects seemed much too large to be balloons. The objects were clearly present in the sky and not an optical illusion of some kind, as both witnesses saw them from different viewing positions and at various points along the road. It is quite probable that there were other witnesses to these objects but so far none have come forward.

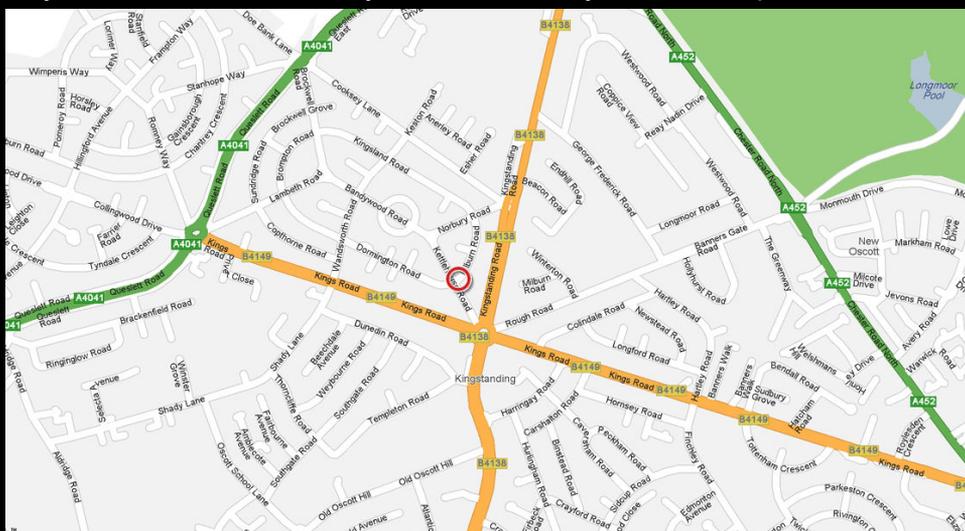


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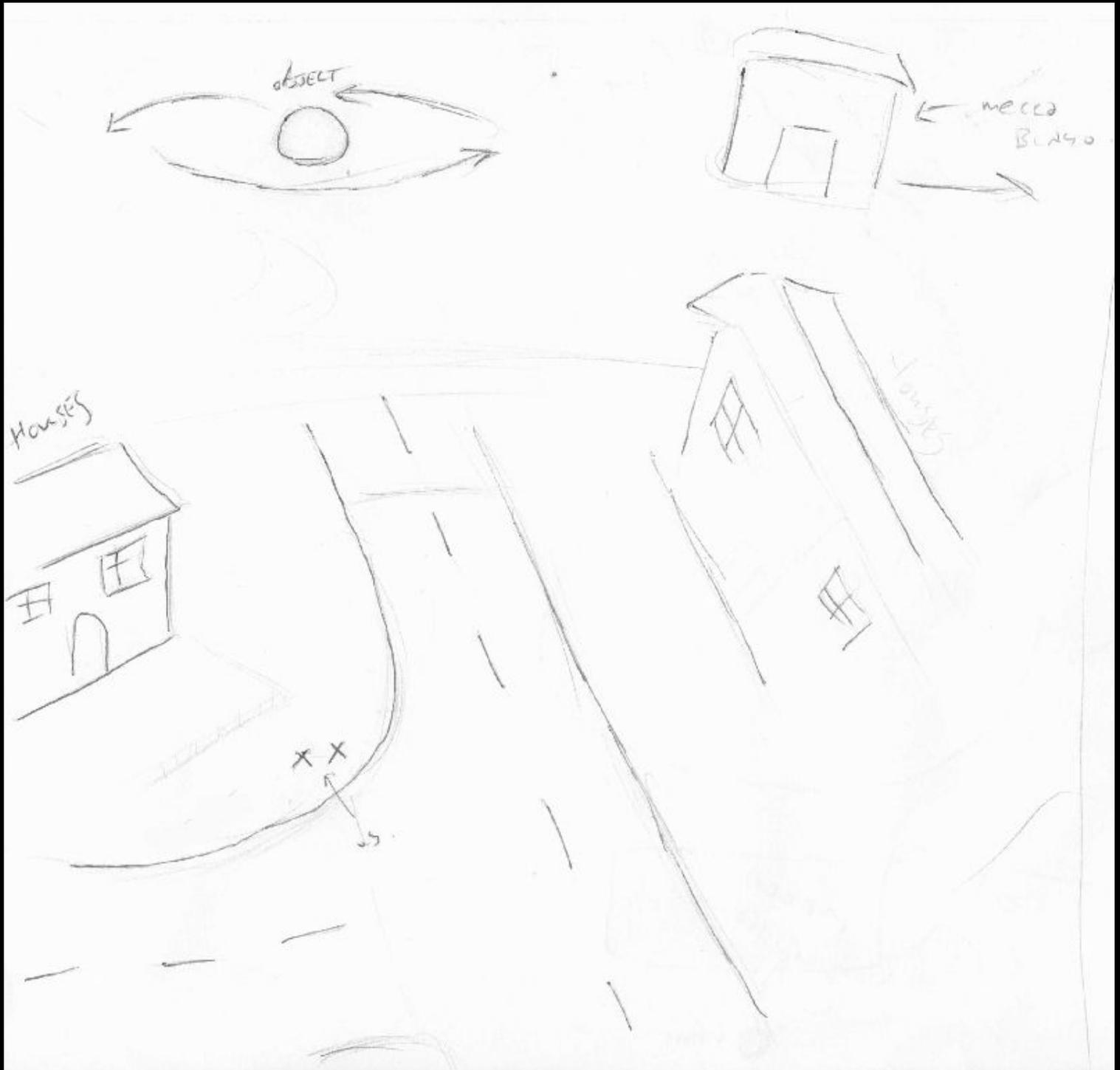


August 2007 Kingstanding Sighting

Six people witnessed this incident in total. It was towards the end of August about 11pm at night. Both Martin and Sandra were out on duty in the Kingstanding area in separate vehicles. Martin, a colleague and two paramedics had been called out to force entry onto a house where an elderly person had fallen over. They had just finished up and Martin was on the doorstep of the property talking to the paramedics. It was a clear still night and the stars were out. To their right they suddenly noticed what looked like a bright orange orb of light in the sky. Martin estimates it was about 200 foot up and was less than a mile away from them. It was moving a bit faster than an aeroplane. The size of the object was hard to judge, it seemed about as big as a small aircraft. At first due to its brightness the witnesses thought it was a plane in trouble with an engine fire. Everyone stared at the object and watched as it moved across the sky in front of them. It seemed to be moving in on a circular path heading away from them, so by the time it was to their left it was quite a bit further than it had been when they first spotted it. Eventually they lost sight of the object, which they attributed to the distance. It had taken a couple of minutes to make this manoeuvre. Martin got on the radio to Sandra to tell her about what they had seen and asked her to get across to the area in case it was still around. She was on patrol elsewhere and took several minutes to arrive. Just before she and another officer turned up, the object reappeared in almost exactly the same position it had been in when they first saw it! Sandra parked up in an adjoining road just round the corner from where Martin and the other witnesses were. She and her colleague could now see the object too. They all watched as it performed exactly the same movement across the sky a second time. Sandra's colleague took a photograph of it on their mobile phone. The object once again vanished from sight after a couple of minutes. The witnesses waited but this time it did not reappear. They were all a bit shocked by what they had seen, and nobody could offer any rational explanation.



Sketch by Sandra showing location she and her colleague stood, the object and the direction it was moving in:



The number of credible witnesses to this incident as well as the photographic evidence shows beyond all doubt that it occurred. The question is what on earth could the object have been? Martin says the most confusing thing about it was the fact that it seemingly returned and performed exactly the same movement pattern a second time. If it was some kind of lit balloon or lantern it is highly unlikely to have done this. In sightings where orange orb shaped objects are reported, often the cause will turn out to be lanterns, however these tend to drift randomly not fly on a direct path, especially not twice in a row. The witnesses did not see the object reappear so it was not necessarily the same object, it could have been a second similar one. If it was the one object it may have travelled round in a loop to appear back at its starting point. Most other explanations can be discredited due to the movement patterns. Meteors would not reappear and perform the same movement twice in a row; neither would they fly in an arc across the sky. It is unlikely to see earthlights appear over a city, and once again the repetition of the object's movement path means this is improbable.

The photograph taken by Sandra's colleague is interesting. Below are the original photograph, and a close up enhancement of the object:



The most unusual thing about it is that it captured a different shape to what the officers saw at the time. To them it looked like a clear round orange orb of light. However on the photograph it appears to be a roughly rounded shape with a long "tail"-hanging hanging coming down from underneath it. The photo was not prolonged exposure so the objects movement does not cause it. It is possible it is some sort of light reflection caused by the brightness of the object. Or has it captured the true shape of the object? Sadly no more details can be seen in the photograph giving clues as to what it may have been.



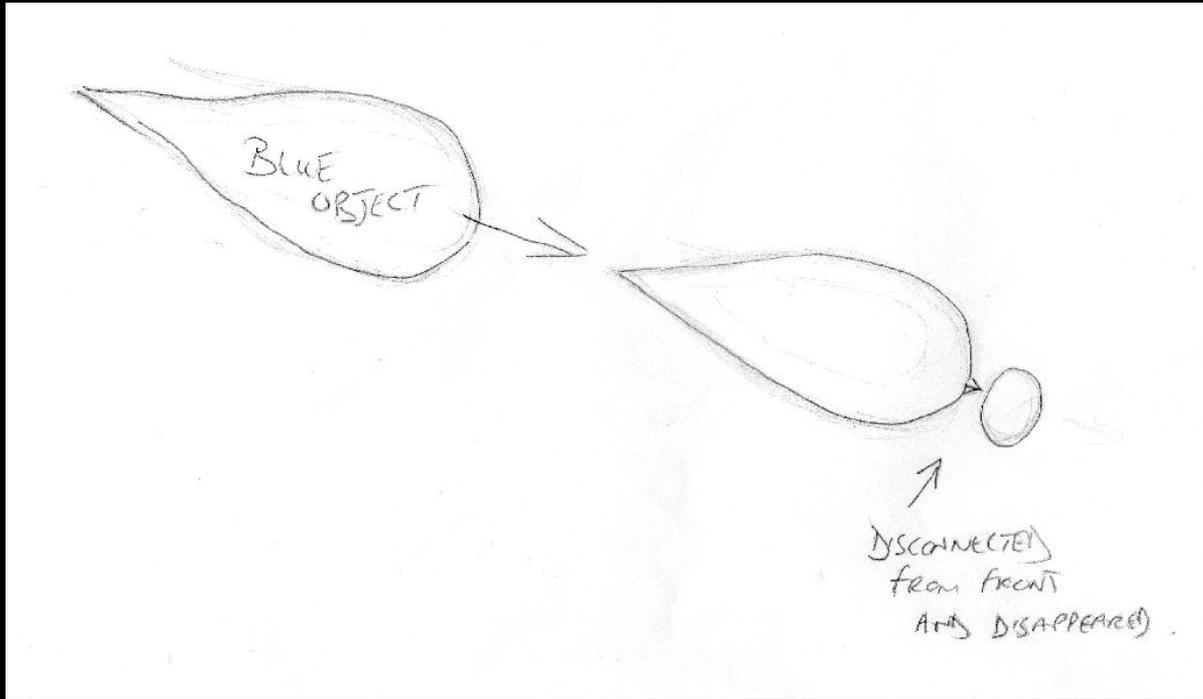
May 2008 Sutton Sighting

When this bizarre sighting took place, Martin and Sandra were in the same police car on night duty. It was the 1st of May about 11.30-12pm, and a clear night with the stars visible in the sky. They were travelling along Chester Road North. The daytime traffic had died right down and the road was quiet. On the approach to a large island, both the witnesses suddenly saw a very unusual object in the sky out of the front window. It was a glowing light blue coloured teardrop shaped object. They described it as the shape of a comet but it seemed like a solid object not something with a trail behind it. The object looked about 200 foot up and was within a mile of them. It was moving very slowly in a diagonal path towards the ground. They watched it for about 5 seconds. Then the object suddenly came to a halt in the sky and retained its shape. A couple of seconds later it started to flicker in brightness, similar to a candle. Then a small spherical object seemed to come from out of the front of the big object. It was the same colour, so could have been a part of it breaking away, it was hard to tell. Suddenly both objects vanished without trace. The witnesses were completely baffled by what they had seen, and discussed it as they continued their night shift.

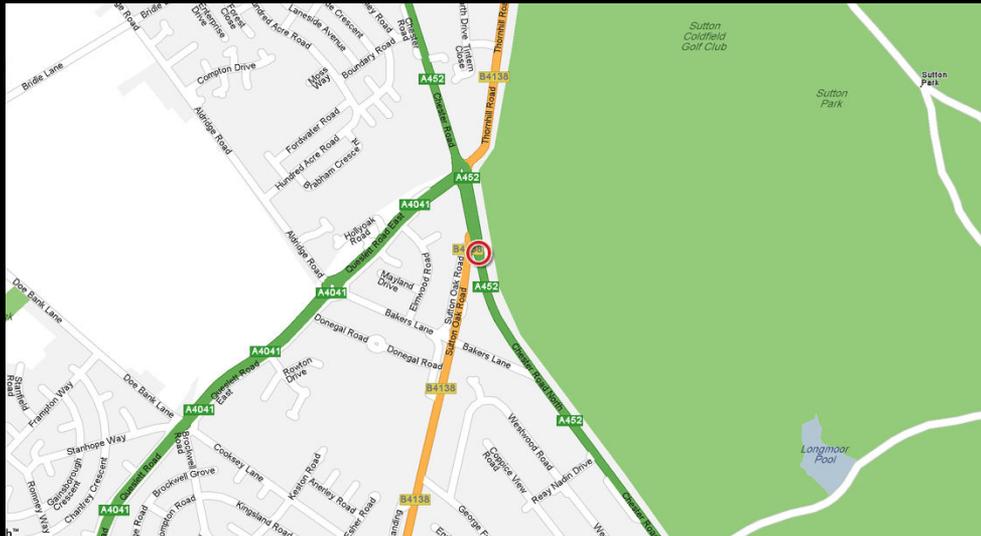
In regards to this sighting, the obvious alternative explanation that comes to mind is that the object was some sort of falling debris/meteor burning up in the atmosphere. However there are numerous things that do not fit this hypothesis. The object looked like a solid structure that was glowing rather than something on fire. Also it was moving much too slowly to be a shooting star, and also seemed to halt for several seconds, which means it can't have been this. Could it have possibly been an unusual firework of some kind? Or even something exploding and falling to the ground? Due to the movement patterns and shape of the object these explanations also hold little weight. Also if something did explode in the sky over Birmingham it would probably have been reported in the media.

Sandra informed me that her friend told her about a similar object he had seen previously at Newell Estate in Sutton Coldfield, but that whatever he had seen actually came right down to the ground. I have asked Sandra to pass on my details so we may be able to get more information regarding this case soon.

Witness drawing of object/objects seen:



Sighting location map:



Nighttime location photograph:



June 2008 Birmingham Incidents

The unusual series of incidents that took place in the early hours of June 11th 2008 covered numerous areas of the Birmingham area. It is not known whether or not all these incidents were related, however there seemed to be too much going on for it to be coincidence alone. To this day it has never been adequately explained.

Martin and Sandra were out on night duty with a third officer in the Great Barr area. They had a radio call asking them to investigate an alarm at David Lloyd Sports Centre that was going off. They arrived at the centre around 1am in the morning. It was a clear night with very little cloud cover and the stars out. They parked up the car outside the gate and got out, but soon found that they could not get past the locked entrance gate. As they waited and talked, Sandra looked up into the night sky and saw a white light, similar to a star but brighter. It was moving quite fast across the sky, far too quickly to be a plane. It looked like it was very high up, about 35000 foot, and was pulsating very slowly. They watched it for about 8 seconds until it disappeared into the distance. Seconds later Sandra saw a stationary white light appear, then vanish and reappear a short distance away from where it had first been. This light was stationary at first, and then it began to slowly move away from them, pulsating in the same way that the other object had done. A few seconds later Martin looked to the left and saw what must have been a shooting star speed across the sky. But then moments later a second shooting star took exactly the same path as the first had. This puzzled the witnesses – it seemed very odd that two would do exactly the same thing in quick succession.

Just after the shooting stars had occurred, they were radioed and informed that there had been a massive power cut in the areas of Kingstanding and Sutton. Soon afterwards, numerous residents called in from completely different areas all reporting the same thing – their house alarm was going off and they could see a shadowy figure or figures moving round outside of their houses. They could never give a good description, just that there was something moving around. Various officers including Martin and Sandra were sent out to investigate these reports, but were never able to find any explanation behind them. One officer was ordered to return multiple times to the same property – he checked it out and there was no-one there, but then minutes later the resident called back to say there was movement outside again. It felt really bizarre that at least five people from different areas of Birmingham would individually report the same thing at the same time. Martin and Sandra were called out to an estate in Erdington. When they arrived the power was still on. As they were chatting to a young man about the reported incidents, suddenly everything went dark and alarms started going off. Moments later they heard what sounded like a massive explosion coming from somewhere nearby! They received a radio call, which informed them that it could possibly be the sub-station in Edmonton Avenue, Kingstanding, and that they should drive over to investigate.

They arrived at the sub-station and could see nothing wrong. Suddenly there was what sounded like several underground explosions on Finchley Road, about 500 yards from where the sub-station was situated. The witnesses watched a manhole cover get blasted right into the air! Nobody seemed to have an explanation as to what was going on. They felt that they were not in control and everything felt very eerie. After this, things seemed to settle back down. In the morning they heard that the electricity board had said there had been nine incidents in the local area. This was very unusual indeed – apparently there would usually only be one or two incidents a night.

Shortly after they were off duty, Martin and Sandra decided to E-Mail BUFOG to let us know what happened. However halfway through it the computer randomly shut itself down. Ever since that night they have had unusual things going on in their house – computer and Internet issues, the phone making automatic calls to people, a pane of glass shattering by itself. The witnesses believe that these events are somehow linked to what they experienced, or that someone is monitoring them.

Was what was experienced a series of completely unrelated incidents? Or were they all connected in some way? Could the lights that Martin and Sandra saw in the sky somehow have been responsible for what was to follow? And for what purpose? Could the lights seen have just been satellites, space debris or other atmospheric phenomena? This is certainly a possibility with the first object, which just moved across the sky, but what of the lights, which appeared and disappeared? As for the shooting stars, it could have been coincidence that both occurred in quick succession in the same place. Or perhaps they were not shooting stars at all, but something else entirely - it is impossible to say either way.

I contacted the electricity board for Birmingham, Central Networks. They confirmed that they received complaints reporting power failures in the areas of Kingstanding and Sutton, however said they had none on record from Erdington. This does not necessarily mean that there wasn't one, it just means nobody rang the company to complain about it. They also confirmed that at 12.35am on Finchley Road a faulty cable sparked. This must have been what was witnessed, although the contact at Central Networks was confused as to how this could have looked or sounded like explosions in any way. Perhaps the pressure built up due to the heat, which caused the manhole cover to lift. Despite having them on record, the person I spoke with could not give me any possible causes for the power cuts; she was just able to confirm that they did take place.

Was all that was witnessed that night signs of an event taking place across the Birmingham area? Or were they completely unconnected and just pure coincidence? If something strange was at work, was information held back from both the police officers involved, and the public at large? To this day, the witnesses involved ask themselves these questions and hope that at some point they will be answered.

October – December 2008 Birmingham Sightings

Since October 16th Martin and Sandra have experienced a wave of sightings of UFOs. They estimate that they have had around thirteen sightings of strange objects in the sky. Many but not all of these have been similar in shape and form. They are confused as to why this is happening, but feel that part of the reason is that they are now more aware of their presence so are more likely to keep an eye out for them.

The sightings began late in the evening of October 16th 2008. Sandra's dad rang her to say that he could see something unusual in the sky over the centre of Birmingham from his back garden in Kingstanding. She and Martin drove over to his house to take a look for themselves. When her dad first pointed the object out it looked like nothing more than a bright star low down in the sky. However he then told them to check its position in relation to a fixed point. When they did this they could see that the object was moving very slowly to the west. The rest of the sky remained stationary so it was not just due to the rotation of the earth. They then had a look through the binoculars at the object. Every time Martin checked the object looked different. At first it appeared as blue, white and red lights stacked on top of each other. Then it the lights had shifted to a different layout. Then it looked like two white lights with some sort of black band between them. They were convinced that what they were looking at was not a plane taking off, or a helicopter - as they are in the police force they would easily be able to recognise this. They felt that they were looking at an unknown craft of some kind. After a while the object vanished, they assume it went out of sight due to the distance.

Since the sighting on October 16th they have had at least 11 more sightings of unusual objects. Many of these times the object seen has been very similar to the first time. On 28th of October while on night duty at Rectory Road, Sutton Coldfield, the witnesses saw a stationary blue light in the sky. As they watched, a smaller red light appeared to one side of it. Then they saw two separate bright white lights, which moved, across the sky descending in a wavy pattern. What sort of aircraft would be responsible for the lighting patterns and movement witnessed?



In another sighting on November 12th Sandra was on her way home after finishing work. She saw two glowing white lights hovering in the sky out of the car window. One seemed brighter than the other. She got on the phone to her dad, who informed her that he was observing an object too. Just then the dimmer of the two objects Sandra was looking at vanished, and at precisely the same moment her dad informed her that a second one had appeared where he was watching. It was almost as if one of the objects had teleported and reappeared elsewhere.

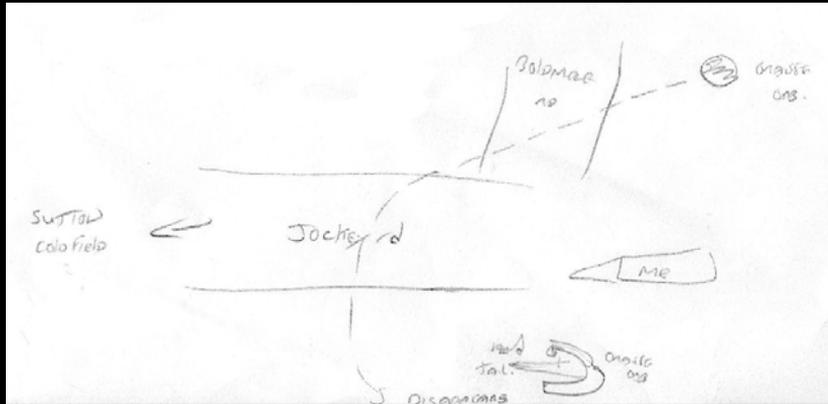
On 17th November once again out on night shift, the witnesses were travelling along Gravelley Lane in Erdington. In front of them they suddenly noticed two bright white glowing objects travelling slowly across the sky. Sandra took a photograph on her mobile phone through the front windscreen of the car. However later when they checked the photograph they found that one of the objects had appeared as a long curved line and the other object to the lower right of the first was barely visible. This was more than likely caused by either the movement of the vehicle or reflection through the glass. Below are the original photograph, and a close up of the upper object:



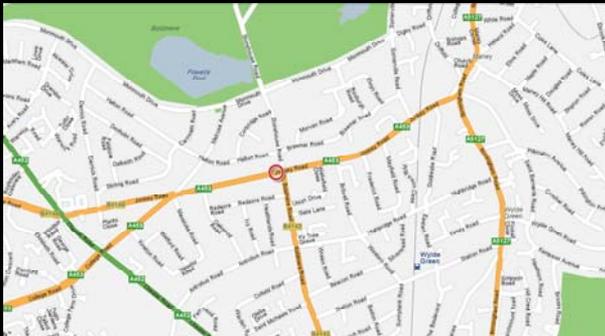
In the early hours of 19th November. Martin was on night duty in Bolomere. He was in his car travelling along Jockey Road when he spotted an orange orb of light in the sky off to the right. As he drove along the road the object flew across the road in a curved path till it was over to the left of his vision. At this moment he could see it had a red "tail" structure sticking out from behind it. Seconds later it disappeared. Martin was certain that it was not any conventional aircraft. The object seemed too slow for a meteorite and was also on a curved trajectory. Its unusual shape suggests it was not a lantern or balloon of some kind.



Witness drawing of object seen on 19th Nov and its movement path:



Sighting location map:



The most recent incident prior to this report being written took place outside their home in Tamworth on 1st December. It was a dry and clear night with minimal cloud, and very little light pollution from streetlights. They spotted the first object in the sky at around 11.30pm. It appeared as a bright orb of light that appeared to be pulsing/flashing. The light was mostly white in colour but occasionally other colours were visible in it. The object was moving very slowly from the left to the right of their viewpoint, and seemed to be very far away from them. They stood outside the front of their house watching it. Around 15 minutes later, a solid orange orb of light passed directly over their heads heading in the direction of Polesworth. The witnesses estimate this was travelling around 300 mph and was 2000-3000 foot above them. Around two minutes later, another orange orb appeared. This one was brighter than the first had been and was slowly pulsating every couple of seconds. Rather than travel on the same path, this second orb travelled towards the initial white light. It suddenly came to a halt a short distance away from it and remained stationary for around 30 seconds. It almost looked like the two objects were communicating with one another in some way. Then the orange orb moved off towards Polesworth and shortly after it disappeared. The white light remained visible, and continued on its slow path across the sky. Martin decided to try and take some footage of it on his mobile phone but sadly it didn't come out as the object was too far away. In total they observed the initial object for about half an hour, by which time it had moved across the sky in front of them. During this time they spotted numerous other normal aircraft, which did not seem to be reacting at all to the presence of the objects. Both Martin and Sandra feel sure that the objects were something unorthodox. As I previously stated, due to the witness's background they are fully familiar with what helicopters and other local aircraft look like.

These sightings are occurring with such regularity that Martin and Sandra are no longer surprised when they see them. It seems inconceivable that all of these sightings could be put down to misidentification or has mundane explanations. They are convinced that what they are observing are unusual craft of some kind that perform controlled movements. They speculate that all these sightings are occurring for a reason and that it is building up to some sort of major event. It seems amazing that they have had so many sightings; it is almost as if they are being shown them on purpose for some reason. The witnesses are both completely sincere about what they have seen and I am certain that the incidents covered in this report took place. It is highly likely that Martin and Sandra will have more unexplained sightings in the future, as always I will keep you informed.

Family Sees 'Return' of UFOs at Home

5:20pm Thursday 5th February 2009

They're back! UFOs spotted buzzing over Bradford have mysteriously re-appeared in the night skies. Kevin Brown, 57, and his family watched in amazement as a glowing shape changed colour and darted across the sky near their home in Kildare Crescent, Allerton. He shouted to daughter Laura, 28, who recorded what they believe was a close encounter on her mobile phone while he dashed upstairs to get his camcorder. The astonishing video he handed to the T&A shows a glowing orb – similar to the one spotted in late autumn last year and on New Year's Eve. Video-Kevin Brown, 57, and his family watched in amazement as a glowing shape changed colour and darted across the sky near their home in Kildare Crescent, Allerton. Mother-of-one Laura, a science and health student at Bradford College, said: "In October, my family woke me up in the early hours of the morning and said they had spotted what looked to be a UFO in the Odsal/Wibsey area and they asked me to capture the footage on my phone. Not believing it, I went back to sleep.

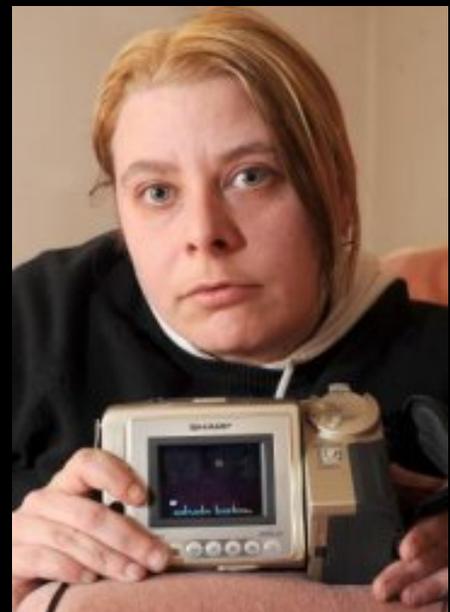
"It was only when I saw footage in the newspaper that I thought it could be a real UFO." Then at about 5pm on Wednesday, my father looked out of the window and saw it was back." Kevin Brown said: "It was darting about, then it zoomed in then zoomed out again. I don't know whether it is the exact same one we saw before. "But it doesn't look like a star. Stars stay still. This was spinning."

In September, Richard Ing, 40, of Westminster Avenue, Clayton, said he watched from the balcony of his house as a UFO passed over Bradford city centre, Clayton and off towards Denholme. In another sighting just after midnight on New Year's Eve, Clare Harris, 30, and four friends spotted a flickering ball moving slowly across the sky above Low Moor.

Asked why he thought the aliens had returned following the latest sighting on Wednesday night, Mr Brown said: "They are probably just observing us to learn about our culture." Laura added: "I do believe there is more than just us here. Just as long as they leave me alone, I'm alright."

A spokesman for West Yorkshire Police said the force had received no other reports of UFO sightings in the North Bradford division on Wednesday night.

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Unknown Object in Photograph from China

China-10-25-07-This image was taken at a remote monastery in China. It is not serviced by any public utilities including electricity. The object was not noticed at the time by either myself or any one present. It is in southern China near a mountain named Emei Shan. I was an American student attending school in Shanghai, and it was my habit to take pictures of interesting locations to send to my parents and family. After returning home, my family was looking through the pictures and my stepfather noticed the object and asked if it was some sort of light fixture.

After assuring him that there was not even electricity in this remote area, we enlarged it to examine it more closely. It shows very interesting detail including what seems to be a puff of smoke directly above it, and at higher magnification shows what seems to be atmospheric distortions above, giving us the intuitive impression of downward motion.



UFO Researcher Paola Harris

Believes in Authenticity of Meiers and Gulf Breeze Cases

20 QUESTIONS WITH FAMED UFO RESEARCHER PAOLA HARRIS ... SHE REVEALS THAT SHE BELIEVES BOTH THE GULF BREEZE and BILL MEIER CASES TO BE AUTHENTIC!

– CHOICE EXCERPT – QUESTION #18:

DENNIS WHITNEY: BILLY MEIER has also been an extremely controversial individual, in his claims of ET contact, his too good to be true photos, and of aliens' predictions regarding our future. He has also been on record, as describing the worlds they potentially inhabit.



Is there any other corroboration of this elsewhere, of their culture, life, or beliefs that can be found? Or whether they may inhabit, or travel between multi-verses? PAOLA HARRIS: I visited Billy in Switzerland and it is not unusual to get good photos if the aliens are in agreement and they were. However the story became contaminated fast, and to the pleasure of the Swiss Authorities, because the whole world was going there.

I believe in the investigation of Colonel Wendelle Stevens who did an incredible job. He saw evidence and wrote so much about this case.

When I arrived in the Swiss town, many people in the town had seen these craft and they told us where to sky watch. In America, Photoshop is used to debunk, that is not correct. It can be used to imitate a photo but not to simply debunk one. If we look at the facts, a one-armed Billy Meier was not using this unknown technology at the time. The problem was when the models appeared and we know they were planted, as in the Gulf Breeze case; people make a huge mistake and throw the "baby" out with the bath water without ever doing a thorough "field," investigation.

They just form an opinion and that is it. Case Closed! I believe both Gulf Breeze Florida and Billy Meier cases are real! I was there as field investigator and talked to the people involved.

Four Unknown Objects Photographed over California

California-01-29-09-On January 29, about 6 PM, I was taking pictures of the Queen Mary. Later that evening I downloaded my pictures off my digital camera, and then I realized there were 4 oval lights in one of my photos.

My camera was on a long exposure and has exaggerated the lights a little, but yet these lights do not seem to be a reflection of any other lights in the area. My friends have reviewed the photo, but no one seems to have an explanation. I am submitting my photo to you. Would you please inform me of your thoughts?

If you need a better quality I can send it too. This is half the quality jpg puts out.



Unknown Object Photographed over Gettysburg, PA



Pennsylvania, Gettysburg-11-15-08-I didn't see this object until I went through all my photos on my computer. I thought it was quite strange. It didn't look like a chopper or a plane or a blimp. Helicopters have a skinny boom. This thing has no boom. Where a boom should be it is fat and transparent. I am former Army and have lived on military bases overseas for years. I know what helicopters look like. There was no sound of a chopper either. Gettysburg was as quiet as it always is. Not only that I thought Gettysburg was a no fly zone or am I wrong? The first photo is the actual photo, the second photo is a photo I enlarged of the object in the first photo. I have another photo that I can show of a different object in the same location, but I couldn't enlarge it enough to really get a good look. I can send that one to you to if you like. If you can figure out what it is please email me back and let me know.

Thank you very much. Elizabeth Rettig Stafford VA

Cigar-Shaped Object Videotaped over Burnham on Sea, UK

Video footage of a cylinder-shaped object floating in the skies above Brean, near Burnham-On-Sea, has raised speculation that it could have been a UFO.

The object was seen traveling over Brean whilst shocked onlookers at a caravan park watched on.

There are already a range of theories on what the object might have been, with one user on youtube claiming that the object looks like a "high altitude observation balloon payload," while another says it looks like a "metallic shape, higher than a plane, making it pretty big."

The video was shot last July at the height of the tourist season. It's not the first time there has been mystery over unexplained object in the skies near Burham.



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Diary Of An Investigator

Dave Hodrien Nov 2007 – Feb 2009

As this is the initial entry of my diary I'll fill you in with a bit of what it's all going to be about. I figured that the new interactive BUFOG mag would provide me with an ideal opportunity to write a regular feature. This feature would give you, the members of BUFOG, with an insight into my life as a UFO investigator for the group. A place where I can share my personal thoughts on the cases I have looked into, the people I have met along the way, and both the ups and downs of doing what I do. Basically stuff that wouldn't make it into my written reports which are regularly added to the BUFOG website.



Usually I will be providing an update of anything which has been going on since the previous magazine, but as this is the first I'll talk about some of the highlights so far, along with anything else that randomly pops into my head along the way.

Looking right back to the start of the group, I remember feeling so happy that at long last there was to be a UFO group in my local area. For many years I had toyed with the idea of joining a group but always felt that it would be too far to conveniently travel for meetings. But towards the end of 2007 my brother tracked down the newly created BUFOG website. Him, my girlfriend and I all signed up immediately! I couldn't wait for the first meeting where I would get to meet other Brummies with an interest in the subject. Although many of my friends have a passing interest in UFOs, there is only really a couple of them who I can say are actively interested. I looked forward to meeting both the chairmen of the group and other new group members.

In early 2008 Craig and Mark organised the first meeting at the Amber Tavern. I live in Olton so it was quite a drive, but still within reach. I look back fondly on that initial meeting. I remember feeling really happy how down-to-earth and open minded the other members appeared. I was also pleased to see that the chairmen were not a couple of ageing UFO boffins, but were instead young (ish) rockers like myself. Their initial speech came across really well and from the off I could see that the group had great potential and was going to be a lot of fun to be a part of.

Through the first year of BUFOG there have been some fantastic lectures. I am really impressed by the amount of effort Craig and Mark have put into organising some top speakers, as should you all be. It's one of numerous things which sets BUFOG

apart from the majority of other UFO groups. My favourite lecture so far was Ann Andrews, although they have all been of consistent high quality. I am especially interested in the abduction phenomenon, and it was great to finally hear Ann speak after reading about her for numerous years. To my knowledge BUFOG appears to be one of the most active groups in the country – this being partially due to Craig and Marks efforts, and partially due to my own enthusiasm for investigation work. Most groups seemingly take down sightings but often do not follow them up or attempt to find an explanation. This does not make much sense to me – the subject of UFOs is so interesting that incidents should always be looked into in great depth.

So, you ask, how did I come to be in the position of BUFOG investigator? Well at the initial BUFOG meeting, I don't know if you were there and remember, but four boys from Kingswinford turned up. They had recently all had an impressive close encounter and were fine with discussing it with me. I listened with great interest as they went over what they had experienced. I guess I also felt a little jealous, as I do quite regularly when talking to UFO witnesses. Since early in my life I have been interested in the subject, but have so far never seen anything I could say was unexplained. I look forward to a day in the future where that may happen, but it still annoys me a bit that despite my complete belief in the existence of extraterrestrial craft visiting this planet of ours, I have never had my own experience. Anyway I digress, back to how I became an investigator.

The lads turned up to the next couple of BUFOG meetings at the Midland Red Social Club. I continued to talk with them about their sighting and expressed an interest in heading out to the actual location where they had seen the UFO (A clearing in some woods close to Kingswinford). As this was a regular hang out spot of theirs, they said it would be fine for me, my brother and girlfriend to head out to the site. So towards the start of April we sorted out a date when this would take place. I informed Craig and Mark about our plans and they asked me if I would be able to perform an investigation and interview each of the boys about the sighting. I jumped at the chance! Due to my keen interest in UFOs I was more than happy to both investigate the incident but also write up a detailed report on my findings to be displayed either in the BUFOG magazine or on the website.

So the Saturday evening came around when we were due to meet up. I had prepared a questionnaire to ask the boys and try to get as much info about what they saw for my report. About an hour before we were due to set out, the weather suddenly turned nasty and it started to hail! I thought that this would completely ruin our plans. We had intentions to light a bonfire at the location to relax next to, but this would prove difficult if the weather wasn't going to behave. Luckily the hail stopped and the sky seemed to brighten a bit so we decided to go for it. It was not the best car journey ever; I got stuck on the Stourbridge ring road for a good 20 mins! However we finally made it to the pub in Kingswinford where we were due to meet up.

After relaxing with a drink I discussed with the witnesses what I intended to do when we reached the site. One of the boys was elsewhere and we had to wait for him to arrive. By the time he did it was pitch black outside, I thought "Great, the photos aren't going to come out at all". This was proved partially correct; many of the photos from the night

were too dark to see much at all on. I have to admit it felt quite exciting walking out to the location through the moonlit trees. After narrowly escaping a broken leg off a stray tree root, we made it to the clearing. The stars were out above and it wasn't long before we had the fire going. After relaxing a short while I decided it was time to interview each of the witnesses. However I wanted to do this privately to get their own views on what had occurred, so one at a time I took them to the edge of the clearing out of earshot. It was difficult writing their answers down in the dark while holding a torch and squatting in the mud, but somehow I managed, and was even able to read it all when I checked later (Well mostly). These days I have learnt my lesson and carry a Dictaphone for such occasions! By the time I had finished interviewing each of them and getting some drawings, it was time to head home as my girlfriend Kate was getting real sleepy and she was the designated driver! Nothing some Red Bull and heavy metal couldn't sort out, but it was still late enough to call it a night. The following morning I wrote up the report based on what had learnt and sent it off to Craig and Mark.

I guess the report made a lasting impression, as soon afterwards they decided to make me the official investigator for the group. It was a real honour to accept the position, and I will always be thankful to them both for giving me this chance, I love to be on the "front lines" in regards to new UFO cases from around the local area. I have always been envious of UFO researchers when I've seen them speak at conferences, and now I have become one myself it seems like a dream come true. Due to my great interest in the subject, it is fascinating speaking to UFO witnesses about their sightings. And perhaps one day this will lead to my own experience. But I think my primary motivation for what I do is that I feel by investigating UFO cases I am helping contribute towards uncovering the truth, a truth which everyone has the right to know about.

Since becoming the investigator for BUFOG I have looked into many different cases and wrote many reports (All of which are available to read on the website). The reports I write are straight up, I do not elaborate on the information which has been passed to me. You can be sure when you read them that I am reporting it as I have heard and seen it. I always aim to look solely at the evidence and see where that takes me, whether it points towards an extraterrestrial explanation or something much more mundane. This is the way I believe everyone should behave when tackling the subject, as it is so easy for skeptics to ridicule released information. You will also note that I try to leave nothing out and look at many different aspects to form an overall picture.

I look forward to new sightings being reported to the group via either our hotline or on the website. Sometimes it is quiet, and at other times many sightings can come in all at once. They are not always in the local area but if they are within reach, I will often drive out to meet up with the witness in person to discuss their sighting face-to-face. I find this highly interesting as I can get a better view of their feelings towards what they have seen. I found it especially fascinating meeting with two Birmingham police officers who have had numerous sightings while on night duty. Also a couple of my friends have told me about sightings they have had once I informed them about my position at BUFOG. I have also investigated my girlfriend's UFO sighting that she had many years ago on the Brecon Beacons. So far all of the witnesses I have spoken with have seemed very level headed and I do not believe any of them were making up their sightings. A few of the

cases I have looked into I have managed to solve. For example, a sighting which took place over Tipton in September I am almost certain was a Solar Airship. At the time I left the incident as unexplained but more recently someone contacted me and suggested that the object which was seen was one of these. After checking some photos and video footage taken by a second witness I was left in no doubt that this was the explanation.

Personally, the most impressive case I have looked into so far is the incident which took place at Bletchley on the outskirts of Milton Keynes on December 30th. This is obviously quite far to travel from Birmingham, but after speaking to the witness on the phone, in reply to the message they left on the hotline several days after the incident, I was convinced from the off that this was a very important case. I could tell even from the initial phone call that the witness was extremely traumatised by what they had experienced. This is something very rare, most of the time witnesses seem totally fine to discuss their sightings without showing any signs of fear or paranoia. I drove down to Bletchley the following evening after I received the call. As I drove down I wondered what to expect and what I would find out. I already new a brief overview of what had taken place – the man and his three children had witnessed multiple UFOs, there was a potential landing site, and also numerous signs that one or more of the witnesses had been abducted. My mind was swimming with thoughts about where this case could possibly lead. Once I arrived I was warmly greeted by the man and his wife, and also met the children, as well as the family's huge pet dog. The dog was unnervingly large, and almost immediately let out a loud bark which made me jump! After a minute though it had calmed down, I guess it was just excited at seeing a new visitor. For the next three hours the man, his wife and I sat around the kitchen table and discussed in detail what had taken place. Both the man and the dog were clearly bothered by the incident, the witness even broke down into tears a couple of times, which was uncomfortable but also leant a lot of weight to his story. Some moments of the discussion were quite intense, and the smokes and cups of coffee offered were readily accepted! All the details were backed up by his wife and I also asked the kids a few questions, but didn't want to upset them so didn't grill them in too much depth. It felt like I'd struck gold with this particular case, and as I listened, alarm bells kept on going off telling me that something more had taken place than what the witnesses could consciously remember.

After we had gone over everything the man, his dog and myself headed out to the location where he had initially seen the UFOs, in a nearby farmers field. It was quite surreal as it was very dark and peaceful, and as we retraced the journey the witness had taken, he went through the incident in great detail. The ground was also covered in snow which had come down since the sighting date. It was a great opportunity to use the video camera for the first time on an investigation, but unfortunately a lot of the footage was too dark to properly see, even on night vision. However it was great to use as reference material later, and I figured I could come back at a later date for some daylight footage (Which is precisely what I did). I have to admit it was quite exciting heading out to the location after dark, mostly due to the fact that there were markings in the field where the objects had been seen – I was about to get a look at a potential UFO landing site for the first time! It was extremely dark out at the field and due to the snow it was hard to make out the site until we were almost upon it. So what did I find there? Well I'll leave that for the final report. I'll also be showing daylight footage of the site at the conference, so

make sure you're there for that. All I will say is so far we have not found an alternative explanation for it, and have ruled out many other possibilities! The case is currently ongoing, we have samples from the landing site that are currently in the process of being analyzed, and I also hope that in the future the father decides to go for hypnotic regression to reveal possible hidden memories. I'll keep you posted with developments in later diary entries.

So what does this year have in store for both the group and for me? Well for a start there's my first lecture in April which I'm highly looking forward to, although am already starting to get nervous about! It's been a long time since I've had to give a long talk in front of a room full of people. But I know I've got loads of material that I'd love to share with you all in greater depth, so fingers crossed it should go well. I hope that you find my lecture very interesting. And go easy on me with the Q&A afterwards... it's my first time! There's always new reports coming in, so I'll have plenty more information for you in the future.

Also recently I got my alien back tattoo finally finished! I've been slowly getting it done over the last year and am very pleased with the results, It has cost a lot (and also hurt quite a lot) but it's great to have a piece of original extraterrestrial art on me. The tattooist free-handed the design after I came up with the basic concept. I intend to get the design extended further down my back later this year, but for now here is the current tattoo:



And so we come to the end of my first diary entry. I know it's been quite a read, but I had a lot of ground to cover, and there is loads of stuff I didn't even get a chance to talk about. But for now we are up-to-date and I hope I've given you a good insight into my work so far as BUFOG investigator. See you at a meeting soon, and if either you or someone you know has a UFO sighting, don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Dave

Astronaut Says Aliens Are Real

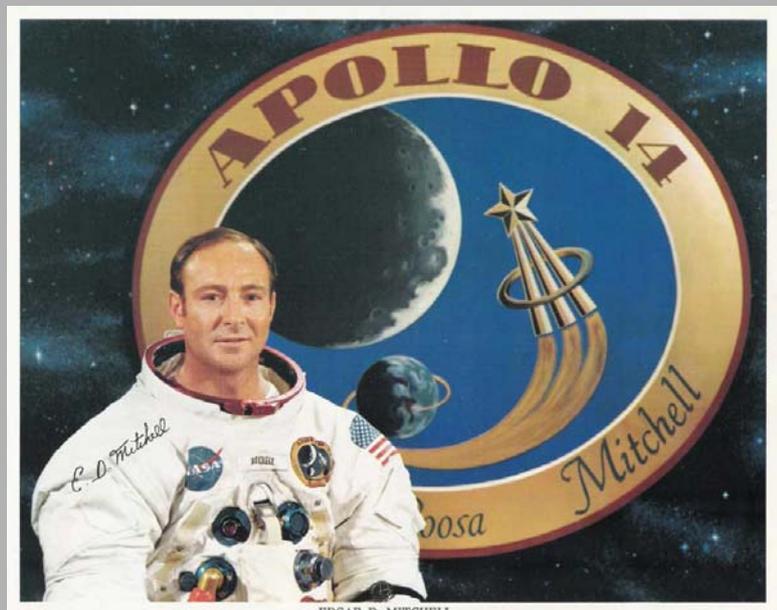
Aliens are real and have made contact with us several times according to Apollo 14 astronaut Dr Edgar Mitchell.....as discovered by Nick Margerrison and The Night Before Team.

Dr Ed Mitchell, was the 6th man to land on the moon. He came on air with Nick Margerrison and told us that UFOs definitely exist, he has been in on it all, and that they are in contact with our government. He even made Nick change his opinions on all the UFO/Conspiracy stuff COMPLETELY...no mean feat.

So Producer Alex contacted NASA to confirm Dr. Mitchell's story, this was their reply:

"Dear Alex, NASA does not track UFOs. NASA is not involved in any sort of cover up about alien life on this planet or anywhere in the universe. Mr Mitchell is a great American, but we do not share his opinion on this issue. Thanks for the opportunity to comment."

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Nick Pope

used to run the British Government's UFO project at the Ministry of Defence. Initially sceptical, his research and investigation into the UFO phenomenon and access to formerly classified government files on the subject soon convinced him that the phenomenon raised important defence and national security issues, especially when the witnesses were military pilots or where UFOs were tracked on radar.



Nick also looked into other mysteries such as alien abductions, crop circles and ghosts. He now continues his research in a private capacity and is recognised as a leading authority on UFOs and the unexplained. He does extensive media work, lectures all around the world and has acted as consultant on numerous television documentaries.

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Kenneth Arnold –The start of UFO reports

BY KENNETH ARNOLD The following story of what I observed over the Cascade mountains, as impossible as it may seem, is positively true. I never asked nor wanted any notoriety for just accidentally being in the right spot at the right time to observe what I did. I reported something that I know any pilot would have reported. I don't think that in any way my observation was due to any sensitivity of eye sight or judgment than what is considered normal for any pilot.

On June 24th, Tuesday, 1947, I had finished my work for the Central Air Service at Chehalis, Washington, and at about two o'clock I took off from Chehalis, Washington, airport with the intention of going to Yakima, Wash. My trip was delayed for an hour to search for a large marine transport that supposedly went down near or around the southwest side of Mt. Rainier in the state of Washington and to date has never been found.

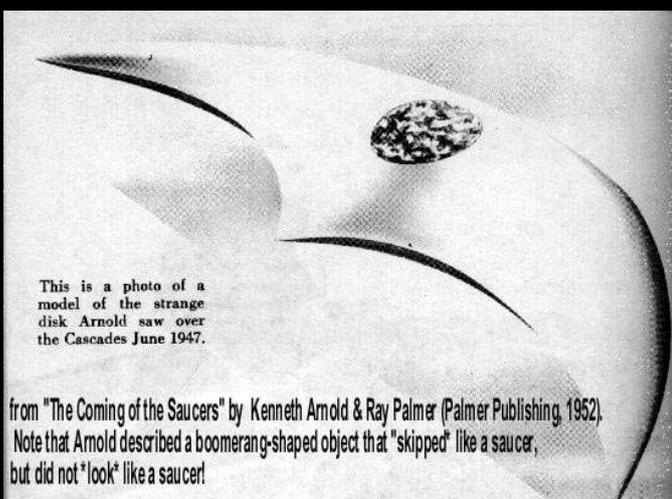
I flew directly toward Mt. Rainier after reaching an altitude of about 9,500 feet, which is the approximate elevation of the high plateau from which Mt. Rainier rises. I had made one sweep of this high plateau to the westward, searching all of the various ridges for this marine ship and flew to the west down and near the ridge side of the canyon where Ashford, Washington, is located.

Unable to see anything that looked like the lost ship, I made a 360 degree turn to the right and above the little city of Mineral, starting again toward Mt. Rainier. I climbed back up to an altitude of approximately 9,200 feet.

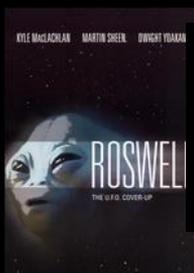
The air was so smooth that day that it was a real pleasure flying and, as most pilots do when the air is smooth and they are flying at a higher altitude, I trimmed out my airplane in the direction of Yakima, Washington, which was almost directly east of my position and simply sat in my plane observing the sky and the terrain.



Click each image below to listen to the two audio files from Kenneth



Top 10 UFO/Alien Movies



1) Roswell Superbly realised and very accurate portrayal of the July 1947 Roswell incident, including some great living alien special fx.



2) Fire In The Sky Stunning recreation of the Travis Walton abduction case. Some really great acting, and mostly accurate. The experience on the craft has been partially altered to make it more horrifying.



3) Close Encounters Of The Third Kind Of course this absolute classic had to make the Top 10. Spielberg's masterpiece about communication with people for the first time. The effects still hold up today, especially towards the end.



4) Communion Very interesting and un-nerving account of Whitley Strieber's abduction experiences. Creepy alien effects, but showing it's age quite a bit these days. Has some very surreal moments in it.



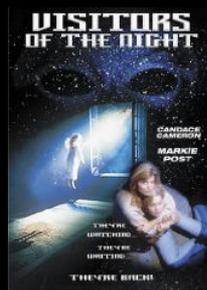
5) Alien Abduction: Incident In Lake County Scary abduction movie in a similar style to The Blair Witch Project, made to look like a real event filmed on video camera.



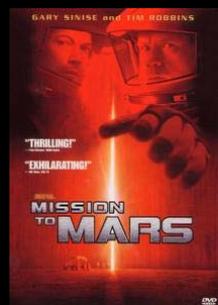
6) Signs A spooky tale about the appearance of crop formations, and the realisation that they are preparation for a worldwide extraterrestrial invasion. Some very scary moments in it that will make you jump, and Mel Gibson is on top form.



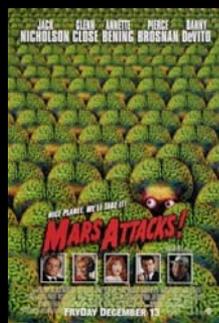
7) ET The Extraterrestrial You were probably wondering where this had got to! A classic movie on every level, with a fantastic storyline, great characters and some very powerful scenes. If you didn't cry at the end then you are hollow inside...



8) Visitors Of The Night though getting on a bit now, this is still a fantastic movie about a family's alien abduction experiences, based on a true story.



9) Mission To Mars A movie about the mysteries surrounding the "face on Mars". After a team of astronauts on Mars get killed by an unknown force, another team is sent to investigate what happened. Under-rated by critics, this film has some great plot developments and ideas.



10) Mars Attacks Quirky, amusing and twisted in equal measures. Directed by Tim Burton, which can be easily seen by its style. Made to be like an old 60s B movie, it's an odd story about Martians attempts to conquer the planet.

Book Reviews

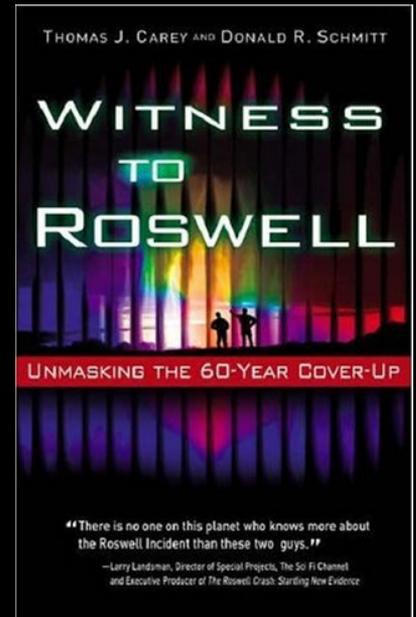
Witness To Roswell: Unmasking The 60-Year Cover-Up Thomas Carey & Don Schmitt

One of the greatest books on the subject of UFOs that I have ever read, this is probably the most detailed account of the infamous Roswell UFO crash incident available. The authors are two researchers who have looked into the case in depth for many years, and spoken with many of the people who were there at the time of the crash.

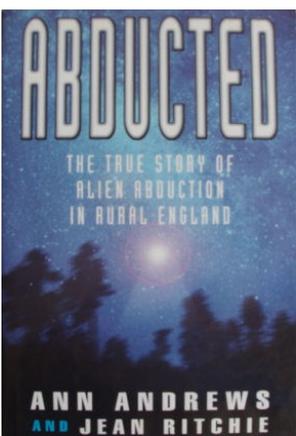
The book describes all aspects of the incident in great detail; I assure you that you will read of things in here that are rarely discussed on documentaries or in other books. If you think you know all there is to know about the Roswell case then think again! Detailed experiences by both civilian and military witnesses are described, as well as ongoing efforts to find physical evidence of the crash such as a piece of the wreckage.

However even more interesting are the death bed testimonies given by numerous witnesses who saw not only the recovery of the craft, but also the bodies and the single survivor. As the incident happened so long ago, many of the witnesses are dying of old age. Some of them are now choosing to come forward with written statements about what they experienced back in 1947. This is information that they have with-held their entire lives because of fear for both themselves and their family, but information they now feel they should share. Nobody can discredit what is revealed in these testimonies. Why would people lie to their own closest kin if the incident was nothing more than a weather balloon? They stand as some of the best evidence for what really occurred, and are absolutely fascinating to read.

I cannot recommend this book enough, whether or not you have read other books on the case before. Buy it, enjoy it and keep it as a memorial to one of the most important UFO incidents that has ever taken place. Rating 10/10



Abducted: The True Story Of Alien Abduction In Rural England



This is the story of Ann Andrews and her family, and the ongoing alien abductions that they have been subjected to. It is a fascinating read, and one of the best I have ever read on the subject. Throughout the book Ann describes how since the birth of her son Jason, their home was plagued by unusual phenomena. Gradually her and her partner came to realise that Jason was the focus of this, and that he was being abducted on a regular basis. Later Ann realised that she also was being abducted. It describes in detail how over the years they have all come to believe in this reality.

The family got in touch with renowned UFO researcher Tony Dodd, who helped them come to terms with what was happening. They also had unusual events happen at the farm on which they lived, with animals being mysteriously killed, and unknown people watching them from a distance. Towards the end you will read about how the family now believes Jason actually has alien DNA within him, and that he is a "star child".

The book is well written and concise, it is not overly long but gets enough detail across. It features a number of drawings and photographs to back up what is being discussed in the text. It is made all the more believable by how open and down-to-earth Ann appears, an ordinary woman reporting extraordinary events. As many of you will be aware, BUFOG organised a lecture by Ann to the end of last year, which was fantastic. Rating: 8/10

Investigations

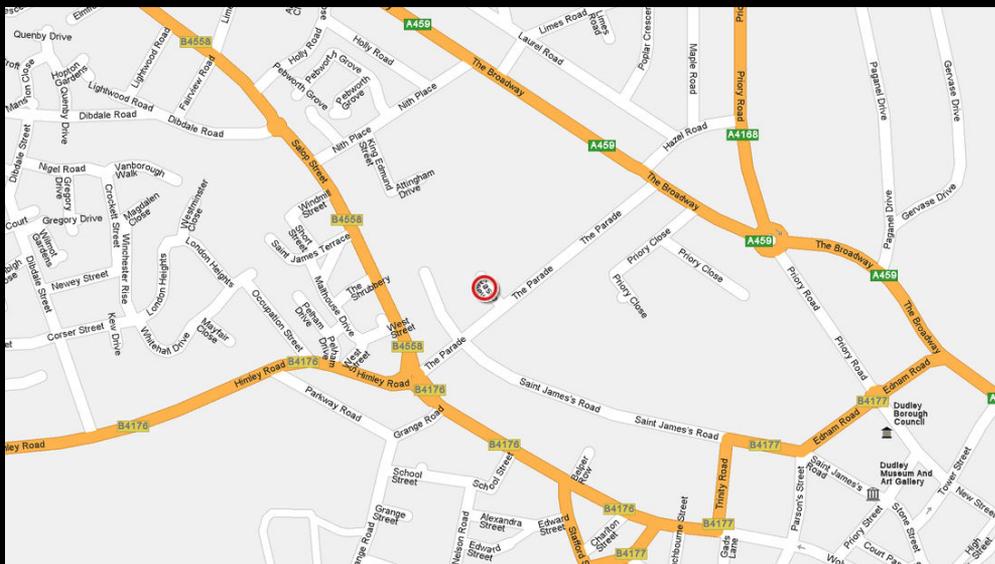
Dudley Feb 2009 UFO Sighting

Author: Dave Hodrien

Release Date: 13/02/2009

The witness in this particular sighting is named Ash, and at the time of the incident he was attending Dudley College. It was about 1pm on Friday 13th February 2009. Despite some recent snowfalls, the weather had brightened up and there was a blue sky with light cloud. Ash went outside for a cigarette with several friends. He was standing on Castle View Parade within the Dudley College campus. For some reason he looked up into the sky, and almost directly over them was what looked like a jet black circle shaped object. The object appeared to be giving off a white mist. Ash does not know whether or not this was some form of propulsion system, but he did state that it certainly looked like a solid object rather than unusual natural phenomenon. The object was moving slowly across the sky. Ash could not tell how big or how high up it was, he believes the object was quite large, about the size of a car. As far as he was aware it was completely silent. He pointed it out to his friends. They kept repeatedly looking up at the object as they had their cigarettes for several minutes. Then suddenly the object had completely vanished from sight. Ash had never seen anything like it before, and had no clue as to what it could have been. His friends were equally intrigued by it.

Map showing location of witnesses:



This is quite an unusual sighting. The appearance of mist around the object is very interesting, and fits in with numerous other reported UFO sightings. If it was some sort of balloon or kite then the mist would likely have not been visible, so it tends to dismiss these possibilities. It was a clear day so it is unlikely the mist was created by rain or moisture hitting the object. As the witnesses did not see the object perform any controlled movements we cannot say for definite that it was not something drifting in the sky rather than a powered object. As it took place in the middle of the day, it is possible other people also spotted the object.

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Quinton Jan 2009 UFO Sighting

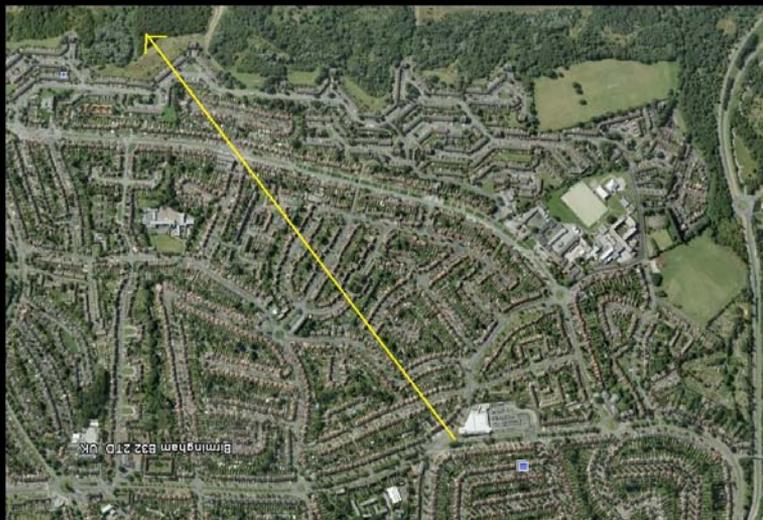
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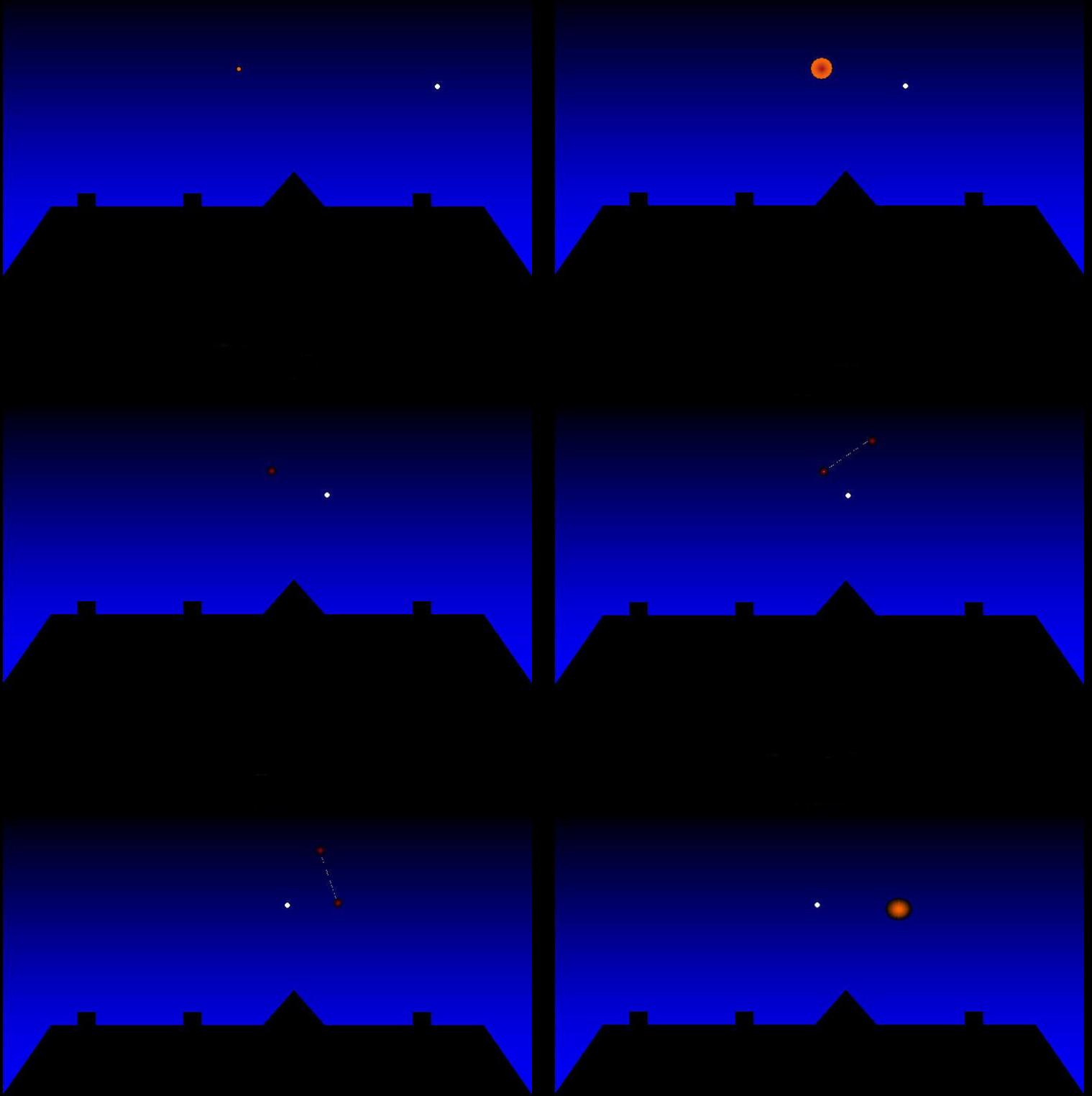
BUFOG's own chairman Craig Lowe had an interesting UFO sighting while out driving in Quinton on the evening of 30th January 2009. While no physical craft shape could be seen, the movements the object performed as well as other aspects of the sighting seem to suggest it was something unusual.

It was about 8.10pm, and was a clear evening. Due to the time of year it was of course completely dark. Craig was driving along Ridge Acre Road in Quinton towards Harbourne. He reached a junction and stopped at the lights. Looking around, he noticed a bright orange light in the sky above a nearby chip shop (Fig 1). It was to the South and appeared to be less than a mile from his position. Craig estimates it was between 800-1200 feet high. The light was travelling towards him at a speed of at least 300 mph. Craig then spotted an aeroplane coming from the west. It was heading towards the object but around 200 foot lower in the sky. He watched for several minutes as the plane approached the object. He had the window wound down and could hear the plane but could not hear any sound. The lights changed several times but there was no traffic behind him, so he continued to watch. As the plane got very close to the object's position suddenly the orange light went off, but



Craig could still make out a faint reddish glow from the object. It then moved up in the sky to a higher point as if to let the plane cross its flight path. Once it had past, the object moved back down again to the level of the plane and then not only increased in brightness again to how it had been before, but also appeared to actually increase in physical size. It then dramatically increased in speed to around 450 mph and flew off to the West (Fig 2). There were now cars behind him so he could not keep watching the object and was forced to continue his journey.





Conclusion This is a fascinating sighting as what was observed does not seem to fit in with most alternative possibilities. The object could not have been an aeroplane as these do not have the capability to stop and instantly change course. It does not appear to have been a helicopter either as the object was silent. Also the lighting colours do not fit in with a conventional aircraft, and neither an aeroplane nor helicopter would be likely to change their lights in such a fashion.

If the object really did increase in physical size rather than just flared up very bright then this of course means it was something very unusual indeed. Its movement patterns alone seem to show it was under intelligent control. Therefore, although we cannot identify the object at this point, we can safely say that it was out of the ordinary. Craig believes that other people on the ground, and also people in the plane may well have also seen the object. So far we have had no other reports come in which are related to this incident.

Argentina: Remarkable UFO Filmed with Multiple Witnesses

Argentina: Remarkable UFO captured on film, multiple witnesses-02-14-09

Special report by Michael Cohen
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Buenos Aires: Astonished commuters stopped their cars to view one of the clearest sightings of a low flying UFO ever near Buenos Aires in Argentina. The event occurred at 8:41 PM on January 24, 2009, besides the heavily polluted Cascallares Dam.

Stunned witnesses dived into their cars for cell phones and one even was able to pull a pair of binoculars out of his boot. They then watched the most unworldly of objects rise and descend almost to road level while enthusiastically declaring it a UFO.

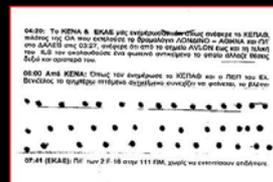
One witness, Mr Christian Soldano, was lucky enough to be carrying a high quality video camera with night vision and was able to capture this curious event. His astonishing film can be seen below.

Sceptics have already dismissed the film as being a case of ball lightning and therefore insist that what was filmed was not a UFO, however South American ufologists note that no other film of ball lightning of has ever been produced showing an object with similar characteristics.

Many are noting that this is simply one in a sequence of many sightings involving UFOs and lakes and dams in Argentina, further strengthening the theory that visiting extraterrestrials are using these lakes to park and conceal their UFOs and possibly build bases here on earth.



THREE pilots all clearly spotted the SAME alien craft.



Frantic radio chats were taped between the respected pilots – one bound for Britain – and airport control tower staff in the skies over Athens. But the recordings were hushed up by the Greek authorities who claimed what the pilots saw was just the planet **VENUS**. The incident was seen by staff on board three jets more than a year ago. Leaked ... the report

The official aviation authority report – leaked to the Greek media – has only just been made public. It refers to "Lightning 2" as it reveals the Greek air force amazingly scrambled two F-16 fighter planes to intercept the UFO on November 11, 2007, at around 3.20am. The report says the captain of Olympic Airways flight 266 from Athens to London spotted an extremely unusual object moving erratically to the west of Athens.

The object was star-like in appearance however much brighter and larger with a constantly shifting shape. Meanwhile the captains of Olympic Airways flights 730 to Kos and 700 to Rhodes reported the **SAME THING**. The sighting was then confirmed by Athens Airport control tower, whose employees observed the object moving towards Karystos, a small town on the Greek island of Euboea.

At this point the Greek Air Force was contacted. Air force chiefs confirmed they too were visually monitoring the object from their radar station at the top of Parintha Mountain near Athens.

And staff there observed that it was travelling at incredible speed and did not fit the description of any terrestrial craft. The air force radar station later described the UFO as large, of an unusual shape and very bright – and staff were also requested to photograph the craft.

But so far no pictures have come to light. Two F-16s were then sent up to intercept the UFO, while the various control towers monitored the object from earth. The object then shot off at incredible speed skyward and the jets failed to indentify anything. Both staff at the Athens Airport and the Parintha Mountain Air Force Radar Unit later confirmed they clearly observed the object, but their radars picked up nothing.

Breaking News: Possible Extraterrestrial Filmed in Peru: Video

(Editor's Note: From a personal standpoint, I am posting this report reluctantly. Quite a few of our readers have written and asked me about the video below, and the truth is, I can't say for certain, but my first impression is that it is another hoax. If any of you can sway me the other way, send me your opinion, and I will consider it.) Michael Cohen m.cohen@allnewsweb.com

UFO activity in South America seems to have reached new heights recently with reports of sightings becoming almost a daily occurrence. Many are convinced that a secret UFO base exists somewhere in the region, possibly disguised by a lake. A disproportionate number of UFO sightings do seem to involve bodies of water in this part of the world.

Now a video that might contain footage of an actual Extraterrestrial is making national headlines and causing a sensation amongst UFO and alien hunters in Peru. The video was taken in the Santa Rosa de Quives region of the Canta province. The area is considered to be holy to Peruvian Catholics and a place where people come to pray for miracles.



Every August 30, a pilgrimage takes place here and it is believed the video was shot at that time last year, however only made public this month.

The creature depicted in the video is being referred to as 'Quives Man'. The story has been covered by Peru's 'Capital Radio' and 'Panamerica' TV station as well as 'Channel Peru'. Needless to say, English language media have not picked up the story (that is until now).

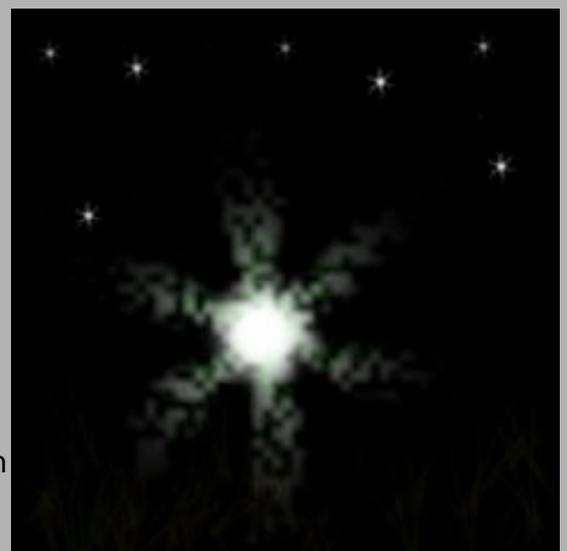
A group of ufologists in Peru have carried out an analysis of the video and claim it contains a real alien. The Peruvian government and scientists are looking at the video as well. The video can be seen below: Does it show an actual alien? You be the judge.

Large, Luminous Circle Spotted over Michigan

Michigan-02-15-09-While traveling west in vehicle my wife and I observed large luminous circle which appeared to be falling extremely fast. The object stopped and traveled North. We attempted to follow it on a side road but object changed direction south, I turned around and followed for 2-3 minutes on a south bound road.

Object appeared to hover and pulsate through the tree line with a slight green color around the edges. I turned my vehicle around and left the area quickly.

When the object hovered I became very afraid and was compelled to leave the area quickly. My wife has been up to this moment been an avid skeptic of the unexplainable. She was trembling in fear. My wife and I did not have a camera in the car at the time.



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West Sussex September 2008 Flying Triangle Sighting

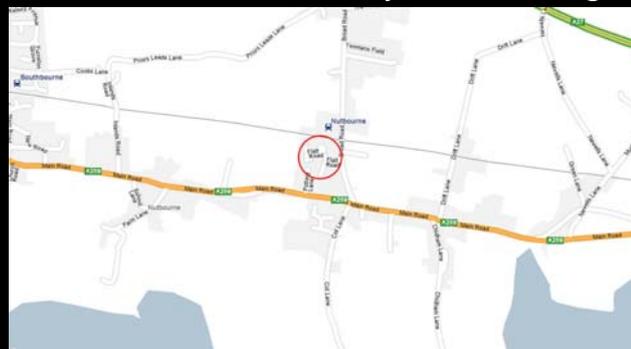
By Dave Hodrien

This sighting of a potential Flying Triangle has some unusual aspects to it, but remains an interesting case, with numerous similarities to other FT incidents. The witness got in touch with BUFOG after hearing us being interviewed on Kerrang radio.

Andrew (Name changed for privacy reasons) believes the sighting took place in September 2008 but he cannot remember the exact date. He was listening to the same radio show that we were recently interviewed on – “The Night Before.” This late night show from 10pm-1am features many interesting interviews, often based around the paranormal. On the particular evening in question, there was someone on who proposed that if you went outside your house and believed you were going to see a UFO then you would do! This seemed unlikely, but the witness decided to go and try precisely that. He went outside, around the side of his house on Flat Road, Chichester. He thought about wanting to see a UFO and stared at the sky for several minutes. It was a clear, pleasant night and the stars were out. He could see nothing and was just about to head back inside when he glanced back to the sky directly over his house.

There over the roof of the house, several hundred feet up, he could see what looked like the corner of a massive triangular shaped craft. However the craft was nearly transparent, it was as if it had some sort of stealth camouflage activated. There were no lights visible on the craft, and the night sky could be seen through it, but a lighter shade, as if staring through energy of some kind. Andrew estimates that judging by the corner he could see, the craft must have been 150-200 foot wide. He watched it hovering silently in the sky for several seconds. He did not feel any fear, he felt more elated and excited about seeing the craft. As he looked at it he felt in his head that he was being asked if he wanted to go along with them. He remembers thinking that he did not wish to go. A second later the craft suddenly accelerated away from his position at great speed. It did not fly overhead but instead went away out of sight over the roof of his house. He describes how the speed was incredible; it must have accelerated instantly to hundreds of miles per hour. Throughout the sighting the craft was completely silent.

Soon after his sighting, Andrew spoke about it to a friend, who suggested that what he must have seen was just an after image of the roof of the neighbouring house. However this could not have been the case as they have a flat roof, this would not have caused the shape he saw. He is convinced that he saw something genuine that had seemingly turned up on purpose in answer to his thoughts. There are some fields close to his house, and he wonders if maybe instead of him, the craft was observing something in those fields. Andrew personally believes in UFOs but believes that they are actually craft from the future, and that extraterrestrial beings seen are actually an evolved form of ourselves. It is certainly an interesting theory which I have heard mentioned numerous times before. It seems almost too good to be true that the witness actually stepped outside wishing to see a UFO and then one actually appeared, but this does not mean that it did not happen. Perhaps what was seen was merely an optical illusion of some kind that lasted for a short time, but the witness is adamant that it took place. His house is close to a main road (the A259), if a craft of such size did actually appear, there may be others who also witnessed it but have yet to come forward.



Shrewsbury Summer 2000 Flying Triangles Sighting

By Dave Hodrien

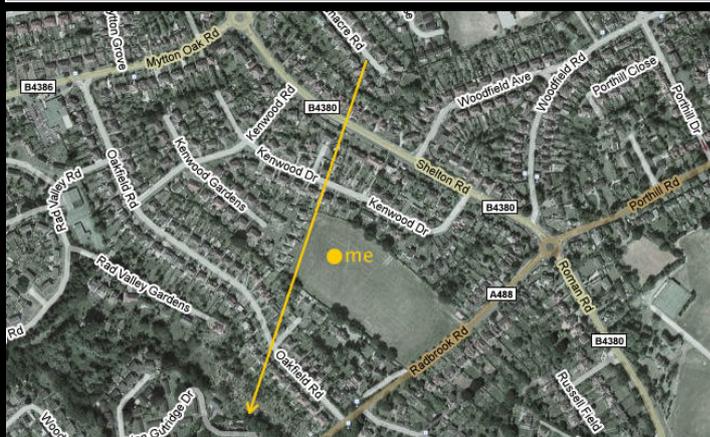
Occasionally BUFOG is contacted by people who have seen a UFO many years ago and feel they now wish to get it down on record. This is the case with this particular sighting where two "classic" Flying Triangle UFOs (FTs) were observed by two witnesses, Jamie and his father Steve.

It was summer time of 2000, and a clear, dry evening. The witnesses were out walking their pet dog on a local field in Shrewsbury. It was around 9pm, the sun had gone down and the stars could be seen. Suddenly two objects in the sky caught their attention. They watched as two triangular shaped craft flew in a south-westerly direction in front of them. Both of the craft had a red light underneath at each corner, and emitted a blue haze from the rear. They were black in colour, with a reddish glow possibly from the lights on them. But also they appeared to be translucent. Jamie remembers seeing the stars through them. He estimates that the craft were flying quite high (under 35000 foot), and were extremely large, perhaps five times the size of a normal aircraft. It looked as if one craft was being chased by the second. The first one started moving erratically side to side, as if trying to shake off its pursuer. But the following one would react extremely fast and turn to follow. Jamie describes it's movements as astonishing, he says that with any normal aircraft it would take several seconds for the pilot to react and change course, but the craft was performing these manoeuvres almost instantaneous. At no point during the sighting did the witnesses hear any sound coming from the craft, they were completely silent. Within ten seconds the craft had travelled the entire skyline and vanished from sight.

This is a very impressive sighting as the objects certainly looked like Flying Triangles, which have been reported many times before all around the world. There are many aspects of the incident which simply cannot have a mundane explanation. The appearance, size, speed, silent flight, and movement patterns observed dismiss most alternative possibilities. The fact that the objects were semi-transparent suggests that they were using advanced technology to provide a form of camouflage. It certainly seems that Jamie and Steve witnessed two unexplained craft which performed both intelligent and complex manoeuvres in the skies over Shrewsbury.

Jamie believes that the craft that they saw, and others which have been reported over the past decade, are not extraterrestrial but instead are secret military aircraft. He says that considering the F-117A Stealth Fighter was in use for 6-8 years before the public even knew about it, he sees no reason why Flying Triangles are the same but with more advanced technology.

There is certainly logic in this argument, though I personally believe that Flying Triangles are extraterrestrial. If they are secret military craft that the general public is not meant to know about then surely they would not be flown across heavily populated areas? Also I have read numerous cases where alien entities have been seen at the same time as this type of craft. They have also been seen to reach speeds and perform manoeuvres which, to our current knowledge, a human pilot would not be able to withstand. This case certainly appears to be a genuine Flying Triangle UFO sighting, and one which may have been observed by other witnesses elsewhere who have not yet come forward. If you have any further information about this incident, please get in touch with BUFOG.



Selly Oak Dec 08 UFO Sighting

By Dave Hodrien

In the early hours of 30th December 2008, Steve Reece went to the front door of his house on Kitchener Road, Selly Oak, for a cigarette. It was approximately 12.15am and a cloudy but still night. It was very peaceful outside and nobody else was around.

Looking into the sky above the row of houses on the opposite side of the road, he noticed a reddish-orange glowing light in the sky. It was moving slowly in a North Western direction towards him. He estimated the light was 200-300 foot high underneath the clouds. At first he thought it was either an aeroplane or police helicopter. However he is an aircraft enthusiast, and soon realised it couldn't possibly be either of these. He ran inside to first get his glasses, and then went back inside a second time to get his mobile phone. Back on the doorstep he attempted to take a photograph of the object but it was obscured by the nearby street light. About half a minute later a second identical object appeared, following the first on precisely the same path. The two glowing lights approached, getting more intense all the time due to their proximity. He noticed that they were completely silent, but could make out no solid objects behind the lights. As they got close to his road, their course deviated slightly but continued across the sky in front of him. The first light then faded out, and once the second had reached the location where the first had been it too vanished without trace.



About 30 seconds later he saw two other lights moving together close to where he had first sighted the initial ones. They were heading on a different trajectory to the others in a western direction, and were also moving a bit faster. They appeared to be lower down in the sky, one above and slightly ahead of the other one. As they approached he lost sight of one of the lights behind the housing due to its lower height. The other was still visible and moved across the sky above the houses and then faded out as the other two had. He assumed the same thing had happened to the lower light also.

Once the lights had faded he continued to listen for any sounds but there was nothing. Due to his interest in aircraft, Steve is on the mailing list of the local airport. However the airport reported no unusual activity that night which would have accounted for the lights seen.

It is possible that the lights seen were Chinese Lanterns drifting in the sky. They could have burned out near to his road which would account for how they vanished one by one. However there are numerous facts that point away from this theory. Steve mentioned that it was a very still night. It would have required quite a strong wind to blow the objects in very similar trajectories across the sky. Lanterns tend to drift more randomly, the lights the witness saw looked like they were powered and on a set course. Also lanterns tend to flicker but Steve insists that the lights he saw did not do this, they were very bright and intense. There are no reports of anyone lighting lanterns in the nearby area. Also nobody else has come forward claiming to have seen the objects, but this could be due to the time of night that they were observed.

It is unlikely the lights were aircraft or helicopters due to their appearance and the fact they were completely silent. Also the lights would not have suddenly faded out, they would have remained visible. Radio controlled objects are also unlikely for the same reasons. Meteorites can of course be discounted because of the slow speed the objects were moving at, the fact they were on similar trajectories and also the objects deviated course before finally vanishing. Unless someone comes forward to claim responsibility for them, the true origin of the lights seen over Selly Oak towards the end of 2008 may well remain a mystery.

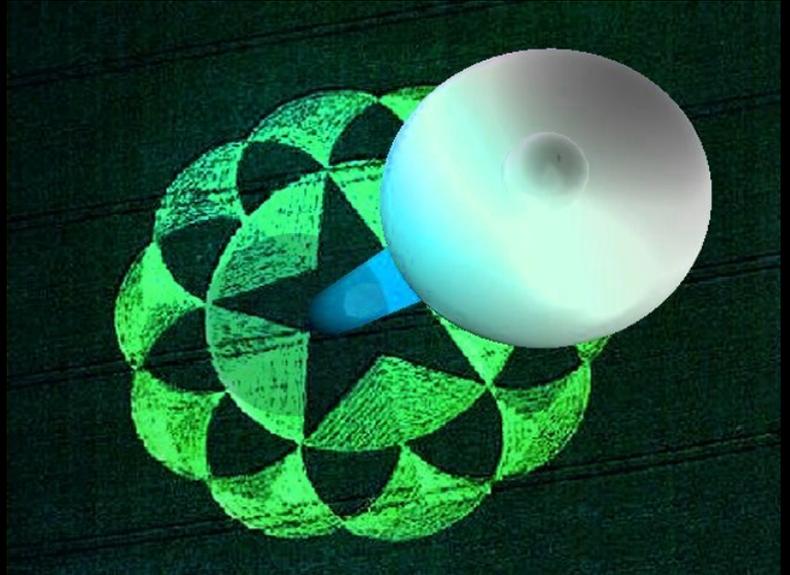
Gragg: Crop Circles Made by UFOs

Alamogordo Daily News

By Bev Eckman-Onyskow, For the Daily News

What are crop circles? Some of their intricate patterns look like beautiful lace or tapestry. One contains what appears to be an image of ET, the Extra-Terrestrial. They have appeared around the world, many overnight, one in less than 45 minutes. Discussing "Crop Circles Decoded," Dee Gragg of Alamogordo made the case Thursday that crop circles are created by Unidentified Flying Objects, UFOs.

He is a certified field investigator for MUFON, the Mutual UFO Network.



Gragg spoke at the Thursday Lunchtime Lecture Series in the New Mexico State University-Alamogordo Townsend Library, with a crowd of 25 in attendance. He started by discussing "The Roswell Incident," citing a book by Bill Moore and Stan Friedman, "who talked to 90 people, including 30 direct participants. One was the sheriff who actually held the debris in his hands." And he cited other authors "who investigated 500 people 150 direct witnesses and 350 people who talked to direct witnesses," Gragg said.

He outlined the Roswell incident, familiar to New Mexicans who have visited the UFO Museum in Roswell, or seen reports on television. "All local radar had been tracking UFO around 11:45 p.m. July 4, 1947. It got brighter, then it disappeared. It left a debris field 1,000 feet long and 300 feet wide, it sort of skipped off the ground, like a rock skipping on water," Gragg said. He continued to tell of a farmer who found debris and campers who found "dead humanoids, later called 'little grays.'"

When these reports reached the Roswell U.S. Army Airfield, the Army took over and initially issued a press release on the debris field which was published on the UFO in the Roswell Daily Record. "The day after, the army shut it down and covered it up," Gragg said. Switching to crop circles, Gragg first debunked some of the misinformation surrounding the topic, "from drunks with boards and string" to "hovering hot air balloons." Crop circles have appeared most frequently in southern England. The earliest go back to 815 A.D. "The Bishop of Lynn around 1659 said the devil was doing it," Gragg said. "They have been made in four to five hours, a few in snow and on ice so thin it wouldn't hold up a small child. Usually the grain wheat, oats, barley, corn is bent at 90 degrees, without being broken, they seem steamed in place."

One example he showed was the "Julia set of 151 circles, 915 feet from top to bottom. A plane carrying tourists to Stonehenge flew over the area and it wasn't there. When they flew back 45 minutes later, it was there." Gragg's slide showed both the crop circle and Stonehenge, with a highway running between the two. "This is the most elaborate one of that time, July 7, 1996." Another slide showed "the biggest and most elaborate, the Katherine Wheel, 878 feet in diameter with 409 circles ranging from 70 feet to 4 feet in diameter. They just appeared after a night of rain." Again, in southern England. Gragg said, "UFOs can hover, which would make them uniquely qualified to make crop circles. Crop circles have been observed being made about 50 times around the world, one in Ohio. The guy who saw them said they just appeared as holes in the crop, in about 15 seconds, three about 40 feet in diameter, with smaller circles inside them. UFOs can appear and disappear, probably by changing their electromagnetic frequency."

Gragg has taught two community education classes: "Investigating UFOs" four times and "Crop Circles" three times previously at NMSU-A. He will be teaching them again for the summer semester. The UFO class will be in June and the Crop Circles class in July, from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, each for four weeks. Tuition is \$20. To register, call Community Education at 439-3842. Bev Eckman-Onyskow is an Alamogordo-based freelance writer. E-mail her at beckmanonyskow@aol.com.

China: Mysterious UFO Seen by Physics Professor and Ufologist

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Zhang Shen, Professor of physics at Yunnan University in Kunming, China and Chairman of the Kunming UFO Research Association got a pleasant surprise last week. At 8.40 pm on Wednesday February 11 of this year, his wife was standing on their balcony and noticed a fiery orange glowing object streak across the sky.

She quickly called her husband and their son to come out and all of them got a clear view of the UFO. Ms. Zhang also managed to capture the object on her mobile phone as it passed. The object was travelling at an incredible speed and crossed the sky in less than four minutes. Mr Shen later described the captured image as a 'figure eight' and said he was aware of this variety of UFO photo. He said in fact this was an optical illusion and the UFO was in fact a single globe or saucer with one of the round halves being the body of the object and the other the consequence of its extra-ordinary speed.

He noted that he had been studying UFOs for a decade and is certain this was not any sort of terrestrial craft or a comet claiming they would have produced different results in a photograph. To many readers the object in this photo might look suspiciously similar to the orange globes so often spotted in the UK and usually dismissed as Chinese lanterns. This image would have probably been written off as such had it been snapped in the English countryside.

One, however, can only assume that Mr Shen can distinguish a UFO from a Chinese lantern in light of the already mentioned facts about him, namely that: 1. He is Chinese 2. He is a physics professor and 3. He is chairman of the Kunming UFO Research Association with ten years experience. Which begs the question: are at least some of the UK orange globe sightings real? Is someone or some organisation letting off Chinese lanterns to confuse the public leading them to dismiss similar looking genuine UFOs?

Three spherical objects over Olsztyn

January 30, 2009

by B. Zabielski and reported by Piotr Cielebiaś

On the 30th of January 2009 around 5 pm. Mr. Marcin K. walked along the crowded pavement of the Pieniezny Street located in the center of Olsztyn (northern Poland). Suddenly he noticed 3 spheres of light in the sky above the building on the opposite side of the street.



At first he thought that objects making the triangle formation are motionless but later he noticed that they are moving slowly at the same direction maintaining the same distance from each other.

After few second one of the objects started to fade as the "triangle" began to "rotate" to the right. Additionally witness had an impression that spheres are rotating fast around their own axis. He assumed they are about 50-70 meters above him. He grabbed his cell-phone and started to film this unusual phenomenon.

The whole observation lasted 4 or 5 minutes. At the end the second sphere started to fade and finally also the last one disappeared. During the sighting the witness changed his point of observation. Just before its disappearance the last object started to make strange figures, changing it's directions. Then it stopped and moved again.

The witness assumed the size of the objects as a 1/4 - 1/5 of the size of the Moon. They had a bright white color with a reddish glow. They were very distinct on a late afternoon sky. According to his opinion the spheres possessed their own source of light. There were no sounds coming from the orbs. A significant element of the observation was that only the witness focused his attention on the objects despite the fact that the street was quite crowded. After finishing filming witness felt some kind of dissatisfaction that he could not make a better documentation of the phenomenon.

Unknown Object Videotaped over St. Mark River, Florida

Florida-02-19-09-I was at a secluded wilderness area on a private hunting club with two other witnesses. Location, St. Marks, Florida, northeast of Highway 98 along the St. Marks river.

At 8:22 PM, Feb.19th, 2009, we had just finished dinner when we walked outside and noticed a very bright object hovering at about 45 degrees, above the tree tops. At first I thought it may have been the bright runway lights on a commercial airliner going into Tallahassee Regional Airport, but realized that was at least 25 miles away. This object remained almost stationary for a few minutes, then started moving slowly to the south. I was unable to determine how far away this object was due to the object changing in size, brightness, color and density.

I went back to my camper, picked up my digital camera, and jumped on my 4-wheeler. I was determined to find a clear point of view and get some still pictures, at present location the trees were obstructing my view. The two other witnesses remained at camp, and kept a visual while I took the nearest logging road, which obstructed my view for a few minutes but was able to see this bright object through the trees shortly thereafter. I saw that it was moving slowly south to southwest, and followed for approximately 3 miles until I was able to get a clear view and take a few photos, which did not turn out well due to the delay and flash. I then turned the camera on video, and shot about 4 videos ranging from 1-2 min each. After about 30 minutes, the object remained on a south to southwest path, I lost visual due to the trees, so I returned to camp. There I met up with the other two witnesses, and told them of the event.



Watch the video footage

I was then informed that they had continued to witness the object over the entire duration of my absence, but in a north to northwest direction. It was pointed out to me once again, but only visible for a couple more minutes before completely disappearing. We then determined that there were in fact two objects, and I had taken after the second one while they were watching the first one. When I uploaded the video, I was surprised to find that once I turned the 4-wheeler motor off, that the audio picked up some sort of signal from the object during filming which I was unaware until the volume was turned up.

Each time the object morphed, it would give off a strange sound which can be heard on the video. I enhanced the photos but was only able to blow up what looked like a globe with a cloudy texture, unlike anything I had ever seen. The videos were not zoomed in as close as the pictures, but clearly showed a solid object changing from a small, solid, bright mass to a large, semi-solid, less radiated mass. This is the 3rd sighting that I am aware of in the last 4 years.

Hayes 1977-78 UFO Sighting

By Dave Hodrien

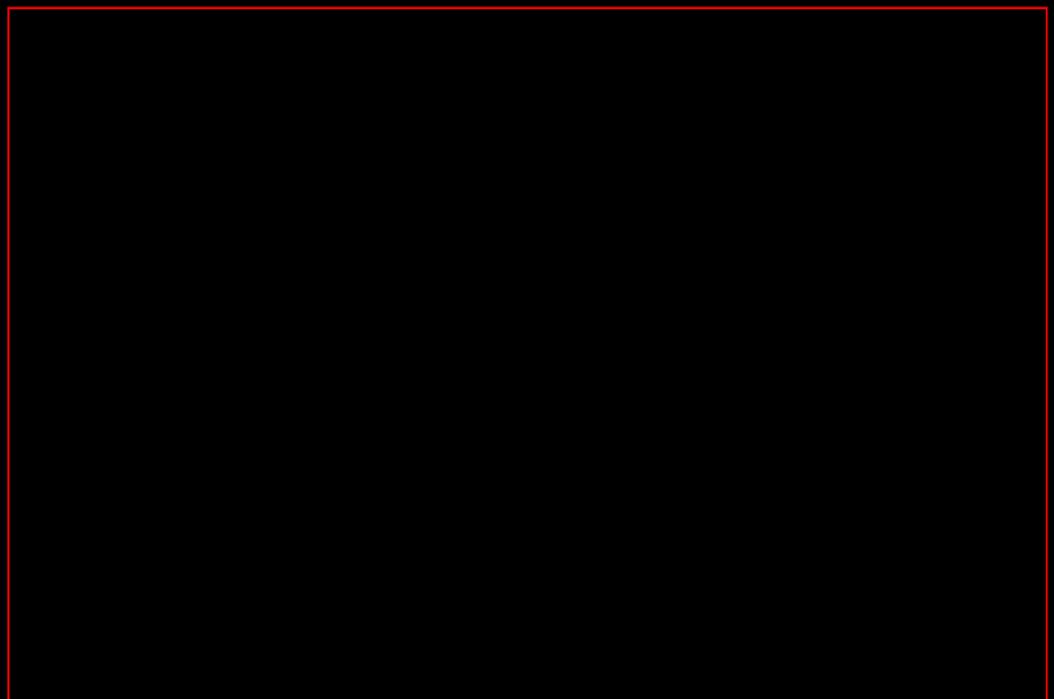
In some UFO cases, many of the aspects of the sighting can be easily explained away, but the unusual movement patterns performed by the object can prove something unusual has been observed. This appears to be so with this particular incident. It took place in the late 1970s, the witness I spoke to, Dave Lee, thought it must have been in the latter half of 1977-78 when he was 9-10 years old. Back then he used to live in Hayes, Middlesex. It was around 6-8pm in the evening and he had gone out skateboarding with his brother and a friend around his local neighbourhood. The evening was clear, and due to the time of year it was already dark with the stars and moon clearly visible. The boys were chatting on the corner of Balmoral Drive. One of them looked up into the night sky and saw what looked like a bright white ball of light travelling across the sky (Dave cannot remember who first sighted the object). He quickly alerted the other two and all three could then see it. The ball of light looked like it was out in space not high up in the Earth's atmosphere. It was travelling very fast in the direction of the moon. The boys watched in amazement as the object appeared to actually orbit the moon! Dave describes how it seemed to disappear behind the moon and then emerge from the other side. It then looked like it continued its course around the front of the moon before heading off in the direction it had come from and vanishing. The whole sighting only lasted for less than five seconds so this object must have been moving extremely fast. After the incident the boys mentioned it to people but they thought it must have just been their imagination. Both Dave and his brother still remember the incident and discuss it from time to time.

Many would say that the object sighted was either a meteorite or satellite. A moving white light travelling across the night sky could easily be interpreted as either of these two things. But how can its path around the moon be explained? If it really did orbit the moon, then the object must have been huge in size to have been spotted from the Earth. Dave wonders if someone else may have also seen the incident. I searched for any old newspaper articles describing the event but could not find anything about it. Could it have been a meteorite entering the Earth's atmosphere, and the rotation of the moon simply an optical illusion of some kind? This is a possibility certainly. Also the witnesses were quite young, could the incident have appeared more spectacular and unusual to what in fact actually took place? It is unlikely we will ever know for sure as the sighting took place so long ago, but it remains an interesting case.

The Other Place...

An illustrated video compilation poem
by Investigator
Dave Hodrien

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A Message from the States

I often wonder is it not time for the people of the United Kingdom to demand that the government hold televised public hearings on the nature of the ufo cover up in UK ? To ask those involved why the cover up and if there is a release of files now, slowly, why we are led to believe it takes time to release all the files...? Also why we are supposed to trust those releasing the files that all ufo/space alien material will be released ? There is no doubt formal logs of all relevant information have been regularly updated yearly if not more often and that all material is available as quickly as it takes to make the phone call by those in charge of the intelligence program that hides true facts about ufo/space alien material . Steve Tobias USA

Alien or Ghost?

This is the first photograph ive ever taken that has completely overwhelmed me! I was speechless to say the least. Me and my ex-girlfriend have recently returned from a great trip in northern England, mainly the desolate,remote and frankly quite eery North Yorkshire moors. I had my new digital camera & took literally hundreds of pic's of the beautiful panoramic landscapes. Now.. i often capture many 'orbs' but this photo is simply fantastic. We noticed nothing at the time the pic was taken, however upon arriving back home in the Midlands around a week later i was scanning photos on my PC when my girlfriend suddenly grabbed my hand and whispered 'STOP!' She insisted i zoom in to the centre left of one particular picture, which id taken of the rather stunning snow covered fields. At first i never saw it but as soon as we zoomed in.... ... we just turned to each other slowly, mouths agape and quite frankly swore, which i wont repeat. All my friends & family are scratching their heads in awe. Im not to sure where to send this so i thought id start with you. Please please please can you put our minds at rest with this photograph. P.S ive even included a photo of me to try to prove the authenticity of my pictures. kind regards Colin Foster from Wordsley, west midlands, England.



West Midlands Police Helicopter in near-miss 1,500ft above public park

Helicopter in dramatic near-miss with 'sinister' UFO 1,500ft above Birmingham



A helicopter pilot said he nearly crashed with a UFO over Birmingham (artist's impression) It was a cloudless night and the police helicopter was carrying out surveillance over Birmingham when the attention suddenly switched from ground to sky. Beside it was a small aircraft beaming out continuous blue-green lights. It came within almost 300ft, forcing the pilot to swerve out of its path, and appeared to circle the helicopter in a cheeky gesture before flying off. Initially the pilot and two police observers dismissed the near miss at 1,500ft as a close encounter with a model plane. But despite searching the area with a thermal camera, the pilot was unable to find any signs of radio-controlled activity. The British Model Flying Association also dismissed this possibility, saying the mystery object was flying too high to be a miniature craft, while gliders, kites, balloons and a laser light show were further excluded from the possibilities. All of which leads UFO experts to believe that alien forces were at work. Details of the incident, which happened at about 9.50pm on May 2, were revealed yesterday in a document compiled by experts from the Airprox Board, which records near misses and reports them to the military and air traffic control units.

The report describes

'sinister'. It adds that the pilot informed radar operators but they saw nothing on their equipment. He told the Airprox Board that he thought 'the intent may either have been sinister or just someone messing around'. Yesterday a West Midlands Police spokesman attempted to play down the incident, saying: 'As far as the pilot and the crew were concerned, nothing was picked up on Birmingham Airport radar and the object was probably a radio-controlled model aircraft. The helicopter was conducting a search at the time and was flying slowly at low level.'

Near miss: The 'UFO' incident happened 1,500ft over Birmingham But Nick Pope, who worked for the Ministry of Defence's UFO desk and is nicknamed the British Fox Mulder after the science-fiction character in The X-Files, favours a less complacent approach. 'A helicopter was nearly blown out of the sky,' he said. 'This is a very disturbing incident which needs to be thoroughly investigated by the MoD and the Civil Aviation Authority as well as other near

~~This~~ conclusion on the report is unsatisfactory especially when this aircraft came within seconds of a collision.

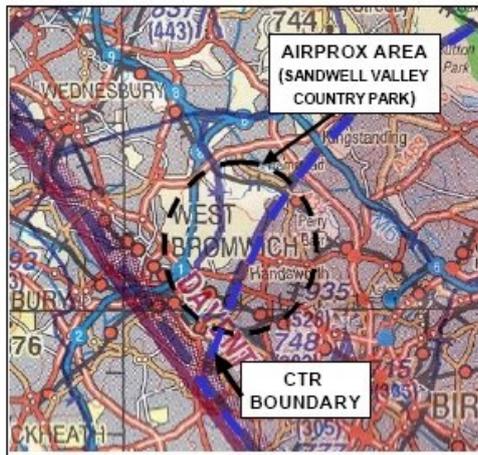
'It is a very interesting case especially when you look at the eyewitnesses. They are credible and reliable sources who have experience in night-time flying.'

'This sighting clearly illustrates that whatever one believes about UFOs, this incident raises important air safety issues and should be taken seriously.'



AIRPROX REPORT No 055/08

Date/Time: 2 May 2150
Position: 5232N 00156W (8nm NW of BHX)
Airspace: Lon FIR/B'ham CTR (Class: G/D)
Reporting Ac Reported Ac
Type: EC135 Unknown
Operator: Civ Pol NK
Alt/FL: 1500ft NK (QNH 1022mb)
Weather: VMC CAVOK [no cloud, no moon wind 4kt]
Visibility: >30km
Reported Separation: NR
Recorded Separation: NR



PART A: SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REPORTED TO UKAB

THE EC135 PILOT reports flying a routine night police surveillance task on the edge of Birmingham CTR squawking 0060 with Mode C and in receipt of a RC service from them. He was operating around 1500ft on the QNH and initially in an orbit at 80kt when the front observer saw unidentified lights flying around their ac. The pilot established visual contact, he estimated 100m away but it was very difficult to tell, as he manoeuvred the ac to avoid a collision and to identify the light source.

The lights appeared to continue to circle their ac the same height, flew away to the N slightly then returned. Contact was broken by flying E to Birmingham City and descending to a lower height to enable the lights to be seen against the dark sky but the other ac returned to their area.

They searched the open land in the area below them with their thermal camera looking for any signs of radio-controlled model activity but nothing obvious was found.

He believes the lights may have come from a radio controlled fixed wing ac, the lights being to assist with night flying, and that it was purposely flown around them. He also thought that the intent may either have been sinister, or just someone "messing around". He informed Birmingham Radar at the time who as would be expected saw nothing on the radar, probably due to the small size of the other ac.

ATSI had nothing to add.

UKAB Note (1): The pilot of the EC135 was very co-operative and provided additional information when contacted by the Secretariat. He is a very experienced helicopter pilot particularly in night operations. He was engaged on a routine police surveillance task, accompanied by 2 fully trained police observers, one visual in the left hand seat and one in the rear operating the ac equipment and, at the time, using NVGs. All 3 crewmembers saw 2 continuous (not flashing) blue/green lights and the front seat observer saw an object behind the lights. The rear seat observer saw the lights on his NVGs but nothing else due to 'blooming'. None of the crewmembers could offer any explanation as to the source of the lights other than that given by the pilot. The RT recording verifies that the EC135

pilot reported the incident to Radar and they responded by saying that there were no other contacts in the area.

The pilot discounted any 'flashing' from the rotor blades (as reported as taking place in some helicopter operations in the Middle East). He also stated that they thought that the source of the lights might be a reflection from the NVG lenses onto the inside of the ac canopy; this was later discounted after another ac conducted a test on a later flight.

UKAB Note (2): All available radar recordings were examined and the EC135 shows throughout, squawking with Mode C, operating on the edge of the Birmingham CTR, both inside and outside Class D airspace. The RT recording shows that the pilot was in contact with Birmingham Radar and cleared to operate in the area. At the time the only other ac seen in the area and the only other in contact with radar, is a routine Birmingham CAT inbound which passes over the EC135, well above. (Although he did not report seeing it, the EC135 pilot was certain that the lights did not emanate from that ac). There were several 'one sweep only' primary contacts over 10nm to the W and slightly before the incident time that were attributed to anaprop [anomalous propagation].

UKAB Note (3): Due to the pilot's report the first organisation contacted by the UKAB in attempting to trace the source of the lights was the British Model Flying Association. Their view was that the object could not have been a model ac as it would have been too high and they had no reports of any activity at night. In addition it would not, in their view been possible to control a normal (in size and control system) model ac at that height since any light would not have been sufficient to enable control. In pursuing more sophisticated unmanned aerial vehicles, known civil, police and military operators of UAVs were contacted and no activity was reported (in any case it was a most unlikely location and time for the operation of UAVs, indeed virtually impossible for military UAV activity). Military flights were ruled out since there was no squawk observed and the area is outwith the UKLFS. Gliders, kites, tethered and untethered balloons were ruled out due to the light and weather conditions. There are no Met balloon launch sites in the area. All local GA airfields (except Halfpenny Green) reported no night activity on the date of the incident. The activity from Halfpenny Green was police operations that had landed before the incident time. Since the incident occurred in good radar coverage (both Birmingham and Clee Hill) and no contacts either squawking or primary-only were evident within 20nm of the incident position, it is thought most unlikely that the lights emanated from normal GA, other police or air ambulance activity. A laser light show was also discounted since there was no cloudbase for the lights to be reflected on. Fireworks or flares were also discounted since the light source did not descend towards the ground as, even with parachute flares, would be the case and, in any case, the lights reported were not bright enough to be pyrotechnics. The authorities for the parks close to the incident area were contacted but they had no activity recorded for the evening of 2 May.

Although the possibility of a civilian clandestine flight by a microlight or similar ac could not be ruled out, it is thought unlikely that any pilot engaged on illegal airborne activity would orbit what could probably be identified as a police helicopter.

Regrettably therefore, despite extensive tracing the source of the lights could not be identified.

PART B: SUMMARY OF THE BOARD'S DISCUSSIONS

Information available included reports from the helicopter pilot, a recording of the relevant RT frequency, radar video recordings and a report from the appropriate ATC authorities.

The Board noted the extensive tracing action taken by the Secretariat and accepted that any further effort was unlikely to determine the source of the lights reported by the EC135 pilot which, despite there being no information to support the crew's (unanimous) sighting, Members accepted totally as being accurate. The Board, which included a very experienced helicopter pilot Member with extensive experience of civil, military and police helicopter operations, was invited to offer an explanation as to the source of the lights: none was forthcoming. The possibility of a clandestine

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flight was only one of several possibilities and Members were not convinced that, other than by exclusion of other logical possibilities, there was sufficient information to mention this in the cause. Certainly however, the ac from which the lights emanated had been small and probably non-metallic since it was not displayed on either of the radars examined and had not been displaying the lighting required by the ANO. Members agreed unanimously that they did not have enough information to determine a degree of risk involved in the incident.

PART C: ASSESSMENT OF CAUSE AND RISK

Cause: An apparent conflict with an unidentified ac displaying non-standard lights.

Degree of Risk: D.

Unknown Object Videotaped over Chauvin, LA

Chauvin, Louisiana-About a week or so ago, on my drive home, I noticed this really bright light in the sky. It was so perplexing that it kept my attention throughout the 35 minute drive to my house.

When I finally got home, I took my camera out and used the video function to film it for a little bit. I wish I had a better camera, but I am sending you a copy of the video.



Basic facts: It was around 6:45 in the evening. The light did not seem to move, but changed colors. (I kept the camera as stationary as I could, propped against the boat parked on the side of my house). The batteries of the camera were low and only captured a couple shots of the light. I believe the date was Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009. Thanks for your time and consideration. krobichaux

Hovering Lights... Did Church Warsop Woman See a UFO?

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By Tom Pegg

A CHURCH Warsop woman is wondering if 'the truth is out there' this week after seeing what she believes could have been the lights of a UFO. Tina Pidduck's 13-year-old daughter Chara alerted her to the 'strange rings of light' at around 9.30pm on Friday, although Tina says she was initially sceptical about her daughter's claims.



"I thought she was just messing me around, and when she took me outside to look for these lights I couldn't see anything at first," she said.

"But as soon as the outside house light switched off, I suddenly saw these large beams of light in a circle in the direction of Langwith.

"It lasted about half an hour—these rings of light were pulsating outwards but facing inwards—and they seemed to be coming from the sky."

Tina, who lives on Birch Street, is keen to find out the cause of the phenomenon, and is urging anyone who might have an explanation to come forward.

Tipton UFO Sighting Report

By Dave Hodrien

Sighting Details

It was 2.30pm in the afternoon of the 16th September 2008 when Sharon Demby witnessed something very unusual in the skies over Tipton. It was a bright, still day with no cloud in the sky and she was out at the back door of her house on Gordon Drive (Fig 1) having a cigarette. She suddenly heard a scuffling sound and looked up to see a squirrel entering the loft of her neighbour's house. But then something else caught her attention. In the sky was what looked like a long black/silver cigar shaped object. It appeared to be quite high up, she estimates at least a couple of hundred feet but it was difficult to judge. There were no clear markings on the object. It was completely still and angled at a sharp diagonal. At first she thought it must be a balloon of some kind, but the object was hovering completely still in the sky and she soon thought it must be something more unusual. She ran inside and grabbed her camera. When she went back out, the object was still there so she took a photograph. She watched it a bit longer, and although puzzled by it, headed back inside the house.

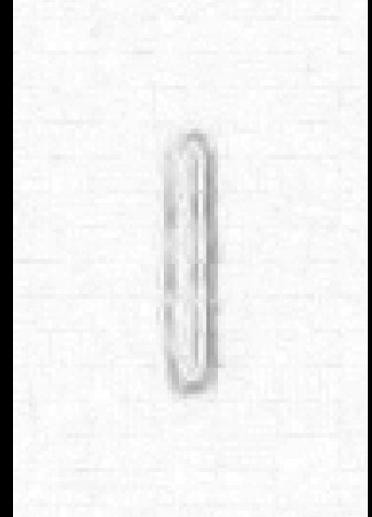
Fifteen minutes later she headed back outside to see if the object was still there. It was in exactly the same position in the sky but its angle had changed to be vertical. She decided at this point to take a second photograph. Sharon wondered what it could be and stayed there watching it for about five minutes, during which time it did not move at all. After this she went back inside. When her partner came home she took him outside but the object had vanished.

Photographic Analysis

The object shortly after the witness first sighted it:



The object after she returned 15 minutes later:



Previous Sighting

After Sharon's sighting appeared in the local newspaper (The Chronicle) another witness contacted me to say that himself and others had both seen and video-taped the same object. It was the same time of day, 2.30pm, and once again clear and sunny weather conditions. The video shows the object turning slowly, and remaining stationary in a vertical position. It seems highly likely that it is the same object as that which was photographed by Sharon. However the date the witness says his footage is from is Saturday 13th September 2008. He believes that Sharon has the date wrong and that they both saw the object on the same day. This would explain why it was seen at the same time. He also mentioned that he lives only several streets away from Sharon.



Still of the object taken from the video footage (Difference in length is more than likely due to the angle it is being watched from):



In this still, the object captures the sunlight at various points along it as it turns:

Explanation

Available from numerous shops and websites, it is now possible to purchase something known as a Solar Airship. This is an 8 metre long inflatable, usually black in colour. It heats up in the sun until the heated air inside it lifts it into the sky. It is held in place with a tether line similar to a kite. The object is made out of very thin material so despite its size, only a thin tether is required.

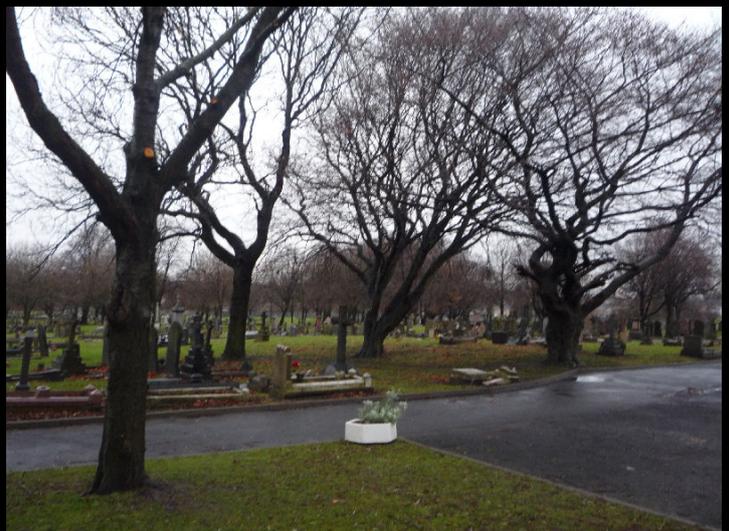
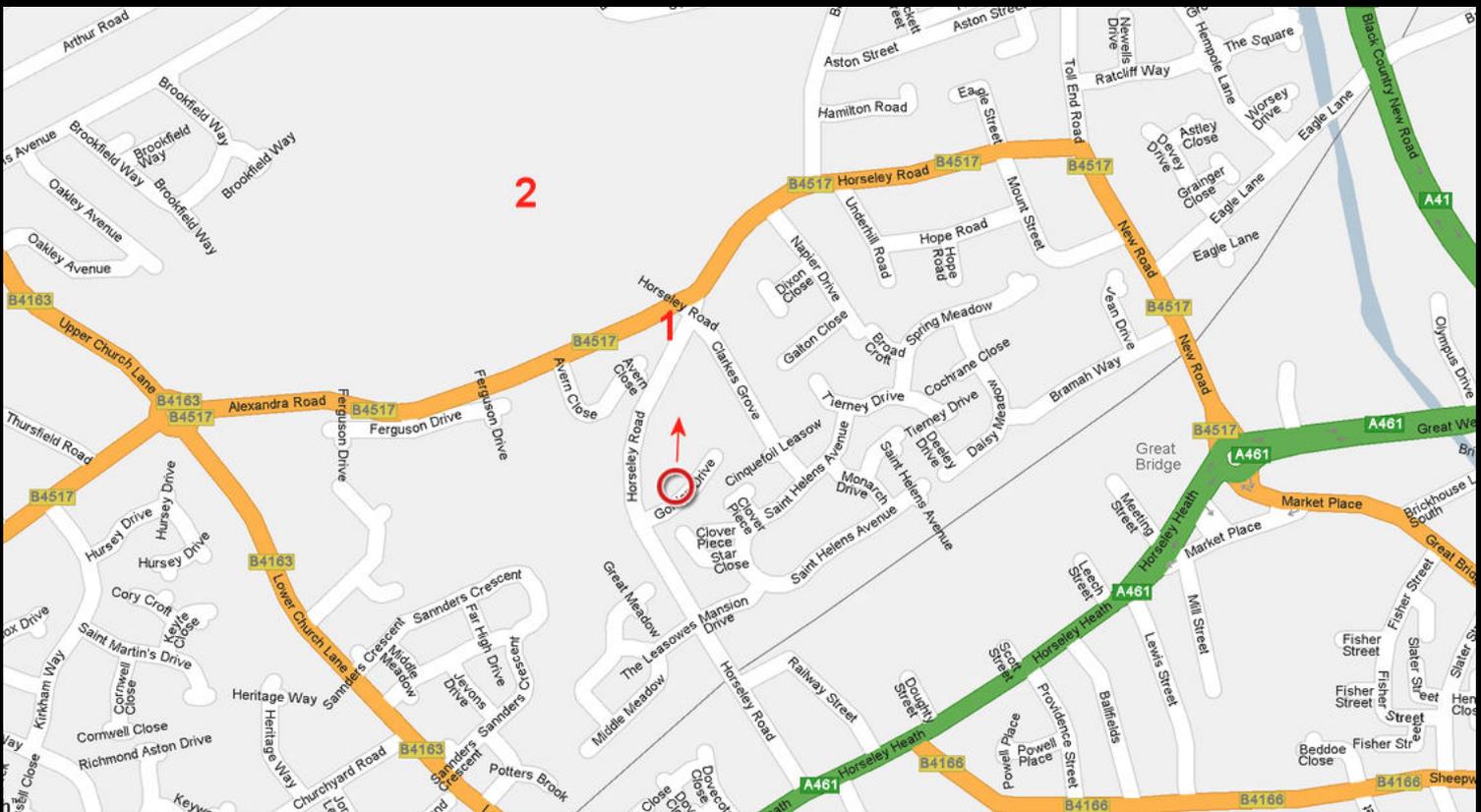
Photograph of a solar airship available from Argos for less than ten pounds:

It is clear that what was more than likely photographed and videoed was one of these Solar Airships, probably a bought one. The fact that the sightings occurred during bright sunny weather seems to back up this theory. I presume that the reason a tether could not be seen at the time or on the photos and video footage is because it is very thin and against a bright sky. There are many photographs of kites in flight where the tether is not visible. From the movements of the object in the video footage it looks probable that there is a tether holding it in place at one end.

There are two landmarks in the vicinity of the sighting location, both of which are in the direction the object was seen in. The first is a local pub, The Shrubbery (Fig 2), and beyond this is Tipton Cemetery (Fig 3). While visiting the witness who took the photographs, I contacted the pub to see if there had been any function around the date mentioned which could explain the object. They confirmed there had been no such event, so we can disregard this as a place which the Solar Airship was being flown from. Therefore my conclusion is that the witnesses probably saw a Solar Airship that was being flown by someone from their garden in Tipton.

Figures

Fig 1: Photographer sighting location map, showing position of witness, direction the object was seen in, and nearby pub (1) and cemetery (2)



Amateur Astronomers, Bad Astronomy and UFOs

written by Kevin Randle

Monday, February 16, 2009

Not all that long ago we had a couple of discussions about amateur astronomers and UFOs, meaning here, alien spacecraft. I had mentioned a couple of instances in which amateur astronomers had seen UFOs, in this case meaning something unidentified which, of course could also mean alien spacecraft.

Once again, in just looking at the UFO Investigator (January 1974 issue, page 1) that came on the DVD supplied by the Center for UFO Studies, I found a couple of stories about amateur astronomers and UFOs. Terence Dickinson, of the Strasenburg Planetarium in Rochester, New York, said that he, with five students, were studying Jupiter, when they spotted five steady lights in the southern sky on October 24, 1973. The UFOs climbed higher and seemed to get brighter.

Dickinson watched the objects through an eight power spotter scope while students kept the objects in sight without an optical aide. They all said that the objects climbed for about two minutes until they were about 55 degrees above the horizon and all were as bright as Venus with a single exception at the rear of the formation that also had a "pinkish" cast.

The objects were flying in a "V" formation that in military terms would have been a heavy right, meaning it was more checkmark shaped than an actual "V." The lights of the object were steady, and were estimated to be about two miles away and at about 10,000 feet.

Dickinson and his students were not the only ones to see the objects. Richard Quick, Director of the Libraries at State University of New York at Geneseo, provided corroboration of the sighting in a detailed letter to Dickinson.

I suppose I should mention that Dickinson was a member of NICAP at the time of his sighting. Working with Dr. Stuart Appelle, a NICAP regional director, they attempted to find a prosaic explanation but civilian and military authorities, including NORAD, said that none of their aircraft were in the area at the time of the sighting.

A month earlier, meaning the December 1974 issue of the UFO Investigator, the headline in big bold type across the front was "President and Vice President of Long Island Astronomical Society Sight UFO."

On Sunday, October 21, 1973, Lee Gugliotto and James Paciello, were on the second floor terrace of Gugliotto's home, looking for meteors when a reddish star attracted their attention. They watched it for a moment and then returned to their wives. About two hours later, they returned to the terrace and noticed the red light again. It seemed to move to the west and then began to come right at them until they could see a ball shape. Eventually the object was about the third of the size of a full moon and as bright as Venus.

As the object was about to disappear over the house, Gugliotto and the women hurried downstairs with the intention of following the object. Paciello stayed where he was, watching. A white glow appeared and was quickly replaced by three blinking lights that were evenly spaced on the object. One was green, one red and one white. Paciello noted that the lights were not blinking in a regular pattern, nor were the spaced as the navigation lights on an airplane would be.

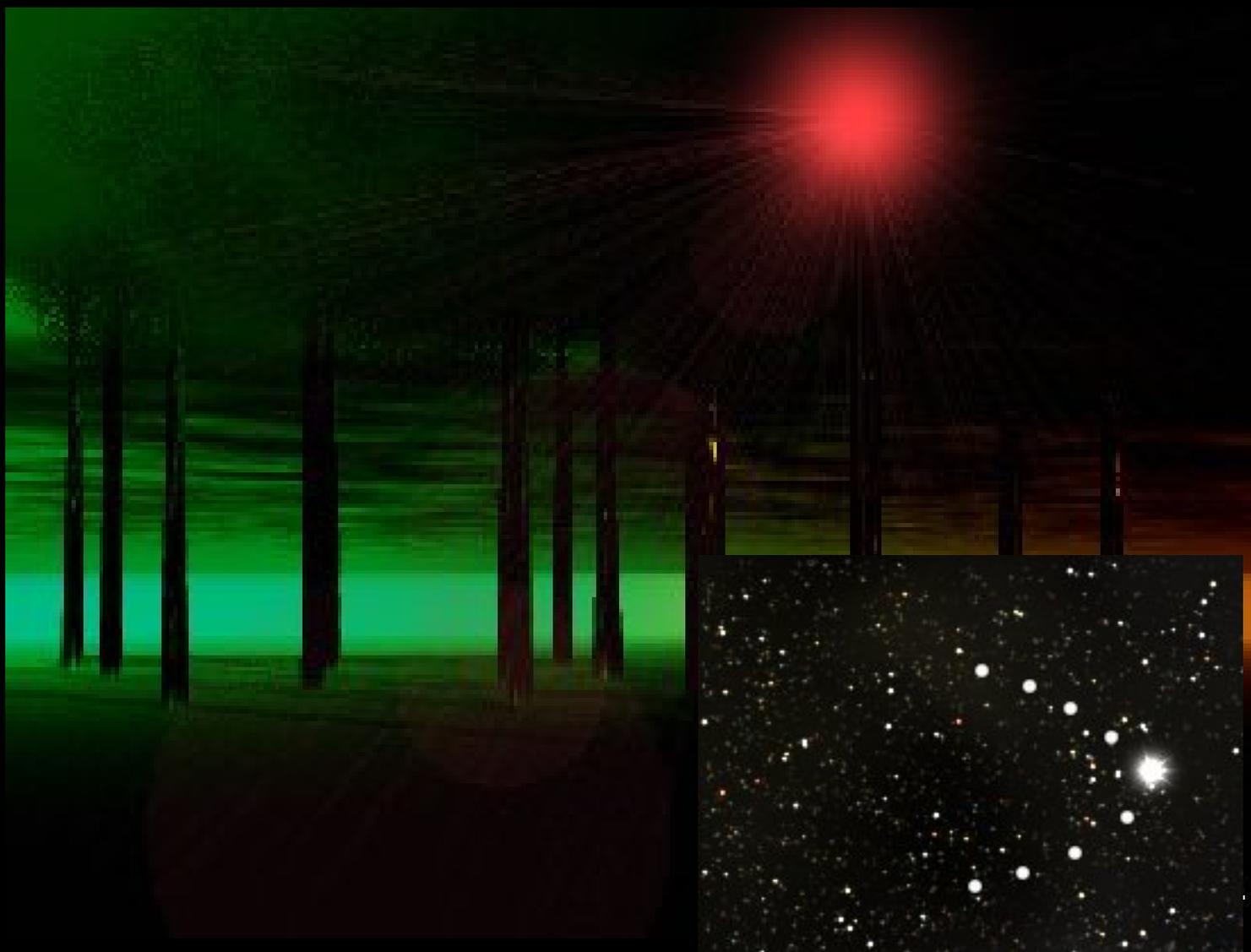
Paciello joined the others and they drove down the hill, keeping the object in sight until it faded away in the haze. They then returned home and called the police.

NICAP's regional investigator, Diana Russell, obtained a detailed report and learned that others in the area had also seen the object. She learned that small aircraft were spotted during the sighting so that everyone could compare the navigation lights on an aircraft, and the general shape of the aircraft with the object. They said that the airplanes looked like "pin dots by comparison to the size of the UFO."

Again, I should note, as did the UFO Investigator, that although the witnesses had an interest in UFOs, "they did not immediately leap to the conclusion that they were experiencing a UFO sighting."

Marc Levine, Director of the Planetarium at Vanderbilt Museum, who knew both the men, said, "If they say something was up there that did not belong there I would have to go along with them."

So, there are two more reports by amateur astronomers but in each case the object is called a UFO as opposed to an alien spacecraft. Of course, the reports also suggest that all other explanations, from man-made to natural have been eliminated. The amateur astronomers are familiar with what in the sky, as Phil Plait has told us repeatedly, and checks for aircraft, satellites, or other Earth-bound craft had failed. That suggests to me that we can say that here are two more reports of flying saucers (though none were of the objects saucer shaped).



I mentioned these because, once again I stumbled over them as I was looking through the UFO Investigator for something else... The 1973 date should give it away. That was during the big "occupant" wave of the fall when lots of people were seeing lots of UFOs and many of them had landed with the creatures from the inside being seen on the outside.

I suppose the question now becomes, how many of these sorts of sightings do we have to report before Phil concedes that amateur astronomers do see UFOs, and in many cases those UFOs are alien spacecraft...

Yes, I can hear him now, explaining that a light in the sky, even one under close observation, does not necessarily mean alien spacecraft. We don't know that these were alien spacecraft. We just know that they were strange objects that seem to have no Earthly explanation but that doesn't lead us directly to the extraterrestrial. We need something more to get there.

I suppose that the best we can hope for is Phil to concede that amateurs do report UFOs, but that doesn't mean they have reported an alien ship. We are, however, getting closer. Posted by KRandle at 1:58 PM

Unknown Object Photographed Below Crest of Niagara Falls!

by Dirk Vander Ploeg

On January 21, 2009 I received an email and a series of photographs from Darryl. What's truly amazing is the Darryl put on his reporter's hat and contacted Transport Canada and had the government agency start an investigation focusing on Darryl's description of the event and his spectacular photo of Niagara Falls.

It was early, by my standards, 6:35 a.m. Monday morning, June 2, 2008. Darryl was staying at the Fallsview Casino in Niagara Falls, Canada. He was on the 18th floor looking out his room window. Darryl was there for a couple a days "for a getaway". He said that he also have another picture of the object and would send it to me. He said that he saw it in the sky and the new photo was taken from the parking roof of the Fallsview Casino and that he only spotted the object by accident.



He was just taking a few snapshots of the falls to keep as souvenirs of his trip. Remarkably, he did not see the object on the right side of the photo that appears to be hovering directly over the basin of Horseshoe Falls. Darryl said that he spoke to a pilot who stated that a copter of the size would not survive that close to the falls with all the turbulent conditions below the crest of the falls and the heavy water from the mist...Darryl later enhanced the photo and noticed the "right angle probe" jutting out of the top of the object.

As, in many UFO photos captured by digital cameras, the unknown object was not recognized, as such, until it was uploaded to Darryl's computer. He checked with local authorities and discovered that helicopters are not allowed below the crest of the falls due to winds and extreme moisture. He was using a digital camera which was a Samsung Digimax A6 6.0 mega pixels-size set at 1600x1200--quality set at fine.

Niagara Falls Helicopters: the helicopters lift off from various locations, offering awe-inspiring views of the Niagara Region begin to appear below. You wouldn't want any picture-taking opportunity to be missed so cameras should be ready to go right from the start! **Compare the two close-ups and judge for yourself if they are the same!**



UFO over Scotland 'Looked Like a Plane on Fire'

By Fiona Howard

A HELENSBURGH man, washing his dishes on Monday, looked out of his kitchen window and thought he saw a plane about to crash. But now he is looking to hear from anyone else who saw the strange phenomenon which he now believes was a UFO.

Lewis Graham, a graphic artist, was working at the sink in his Lomond Street flat just before seven o'clock when he saw the fiery red object pass across the window. He said: "At first I thought it was a plane on fire or a helicopter. Then I thought it was an asteroid descending!

"It was silent and appeared to have a single red light to the rear. It must have been really low as there was nearly 100 per cent cloud cover. "It remained stationery over what I reckon was Cardross then got dimmer and vanished. "I've never seen anything like it and at one point I panicked and thought about taking cover as I thought it was going to plummet down to earth!" He added: "I noticed other people stopping in the street to look and some even stopped their cars and got out.

"It seemed to come from the Faslane direction and went straight across towards Cardross before it stopped and then gradually faded away. "It must have been very low because there was a lot of cloud and no stars. "It was just really weird, really strange." Lewis took a moment to switch everything off in his house so that he could hear any noise it made but it was completely silent.

He went on: "I am a keen amateur astronomer and I know my stars and planets but until now I have always been an unbeliever when it comes to UFOs but now I believe." Lewis reported his sighting to the UK UFO Sightings website and found that a very similar sighting had been reported on January 19 over Partick as well as others in England.

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Italy: Air Force Head Says UFOs Possibly ET Craft

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Italians are increasingly asking the question as to what is going on in their skies. Last year more UFO sightings were recorded in Italy than any year prior and this is catching the attention of the media. The Vatican has recently warmed up to the idea of life on other planets which begs the question as to whether Rome knows more about the topic than they are giving away. Now an Air Force chief is conceding that aliens might be behind UFO incidents. In the last few weeks a number of high profile media outlets ran stories on UFOs. '055 News 'noted that the Italian Air Force has recorded 38 sightings of UFOs since 2001. In 2008 alone three sightings of interest were seen by the Air Force or picked up on their radars.

The first and perhaps the most interesting occurred on March 2 in the evening where 'A spherical object, coloured white and glowing with a red halo was seen flying at around 200m above ground over Teresina'. The second sighting dates to July 28 when numerous people in Riccione including members of the Air Force saw a irregular object change shape, 'Twirl in on itself' and then disappear. The third sighting recorded by the Air Force occurred on August 21 when citizens of Riccone again saw a mysterious object in the sky-this time a glowing red sphere.

Roberto Di Giorgio, head of general security for the Italian Air force commented to Italian media outlets that all 38 cases recorded by the Air Force are ones that have no immediate explanation. He stressed 'We cannot rule out the possibility of extraterrestrial intelligence (in relation to these sightings)' although noted also that 'We cannot prove that ETs are behind these sightings'. The media reports mentioned other incidents that occurred last year: - On September 27 the pilot of an airliner saw and reported a white spherical UFO crossing the sky to his west. - A civil airline flying from Catania to Naples on October 15 noticed a black object following it leaving a grey trail. This event was seen by some on the ground.

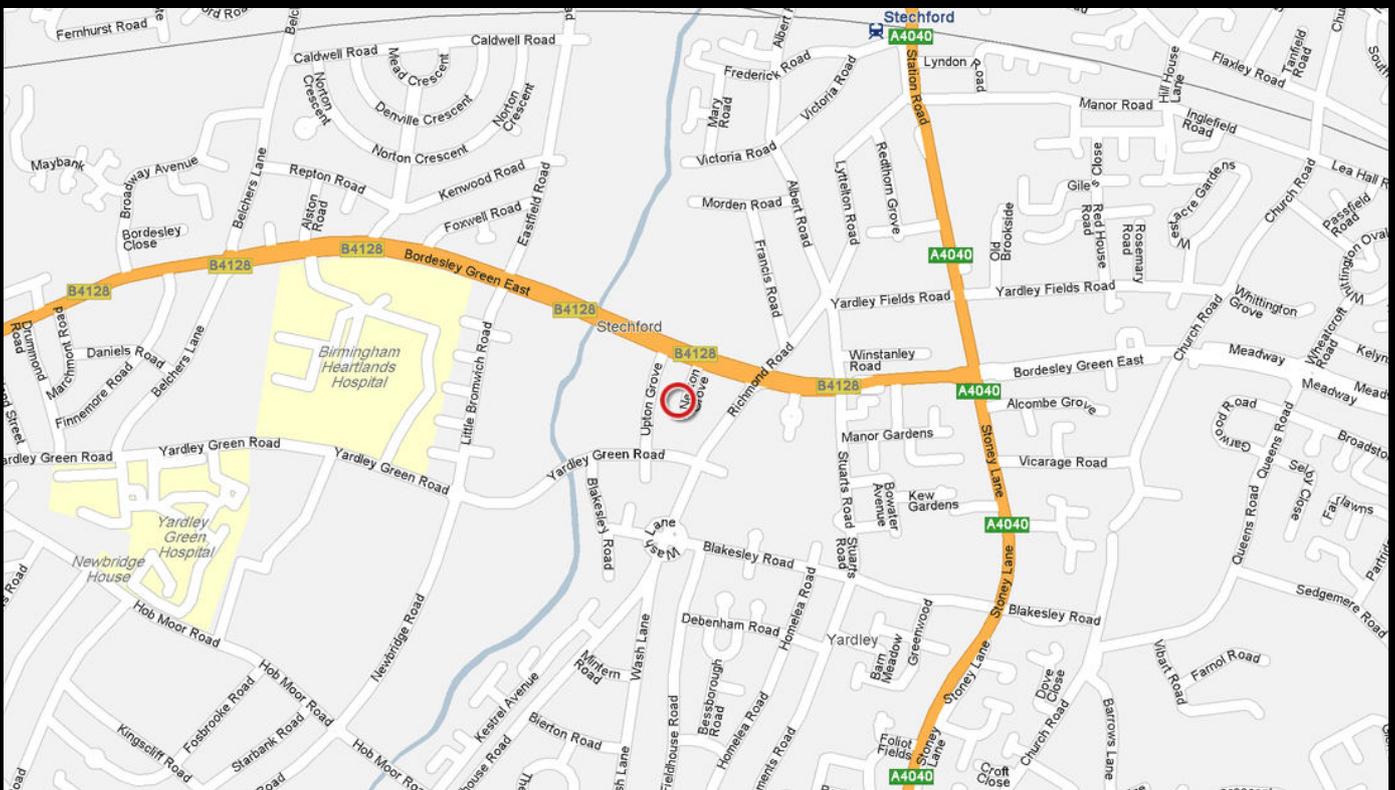
- A white spherical object was seen on November 16 both from the ground and by pilots of an Airliner. It flew to the side of the plane and then turned and vanished. Many Ufologists are now counting down the years, months or days until governments of the world come clean and tell their countrymen what they know about UFOs.

Stechford Jan 2009 UFO Sighting

By Dave Hodrien Release Date: 26/02/2009

Recently a contact of BUFOG informed us of a multiple witness sighting which occurred towards the end of January 2009 in Stechford.

The sighting took place around 11pm on the 27th January. It was a clear and still night, with the stars and moon visible. The sister of a friend of our contact, and her friend (names undisclosed) were coming back from a local shop and were nearing home on Neston Grove when they first spotted the object. Looking to the North East they could see a reddish-orange sphere of light that appeared to be heading towards them. The object appeared to be quite high up and was apparently completely silent. Its exact size was hard to judge, but was much larger than a star in the sky. At first the object was stationary, but then it began to move slowly across the sky. As they walked they kept watching the object, and it appeared to follow them. They were amazed by what they were looking at, so immediately went to get our contact's friend to tell him to come outside so he could also see the UFO. He was on the phone to our contact at the time, but ended the call so he could go and take a look.



When our contacts friend saw the object it was heading west. It then suddenly stopped for several seconds, before moving away from them in a Northerly direction. They watched it until it had vanished from sight. In total the sighting lasted for approximately ten minutes, of which our contacts friend only saw the final seconds. Sadly no photos or video footage of the object was taken.

Both the girls were distressed by the sighting as they felt that the object was watching them. None of the witnesses have any idea as to what the object could have been. Our contact showed his friend some videos of Chinese Lanterns, but he says this is not what they saw. This is one of the possible explanations I would give for such a sighting, the colour and shape both seem to fit this explanation. However, the fact that the object seemed to stop and start moving at will, and also dramatically change direction suggests it was not a lantern. These usually drift randomly, not perform seemingly intelligent manoeuvres. Perhaps the movement observed was due to changes in wind direction, we cannot rule out this possibility. If it wasn't a lantern then what else could it have been? It could not have been a helicopter as the lighting colour was different, and also the witnesses would almost certainly have heard the rotor blades, especially as the sighting took place on a clear night. Neither was it an aeroplane, as of course these cannot stop or change direction so quickly. It could possibly have been some sort of radio controlled object, but this seems unlikely. Therefore, this sighting will continue to remain a mystery for now, one with numerous puzzling aspects.

Most Profitable UFO Sighting in Tennessee History

written by Eddie Middleton

Eddie Middleton's radio show, Night Search, and E-Magazine are the main sources for UFO news in Tennessee. As State Director for the Mutual UFO Network, he provides up-to-the-minute information in this exciting field.

In 1977 The Blue Ribbon Panel sponsored by The National Enquirer awarded \$7500 to five Memphis police officers for the most important UFO sighting of the year. The U.S. Members on this panel had some impressively credentialed backgrounds such as one man who had been the dean of the Engineering and Applied Sciences department of Washington University in St. Louis.



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He said that this sighting was chosen to receive the award not only because it was one of the most dramatic in the annals of Ufology, but also because of the high credibility of the five witnesses. All were members of the elite S.W.A.T. squad. They all had keen eyesight and were heavily relied upon for their observational skills. This was part of their job. And to think that they would have made this whole story up was beyond question.

It would have been professional suicide. In the late '70's the UFO subject was still the butt of a lot of ridicule, especially in the media and the scientific community. And the most important criterion of the award was that the case in question furnish strong evidence for the reality of the phenomenon.

The two officers who got the Lion's share of the award, Lamar Todd and Jerry Jeter were the ones who saw the UFO at close range. They had been patrolling around 10:30 pm in a somewhat deserted rural area of South Memphis when they suddenly spotted a strange object hovering at treetop level over a community golf course. Todd described it as a solid black, slender isosceles triangular craft the length of a football field. And with no lights on it whatsoever.

This must have seemed a spectral phantom of the night sure 'nough! And to add to its eerie appearance, it was parked dead still in the air. With professional sangfroid, Todd immediately got his high-powered rifle from the trunk of the squad car so as to use the telescopic lens to get a closer look.

When he pointed his rifle at it, it immediately started moving off slowly, and then shot away to the North faster than their eyes could follow. Three other officers, Patrolmen Birdsong, Davidson, and Bartlett at the Northeast sub-station 15 miles away, saw this thing pass over them at supersonic speed.

These officers were the other recipients of the award because they added confirmation to what Todd and Jeter had reported, also identifying this mysterious ranger of the night as triangular or pyramidal shaped.

This amazing sighting occurred over 30 years ago when major UFO sighting reports were sparse-or at the least, sparsely reported. Nowadays, with the plethora of dramatic UFO close encounter reports coming in on almost a daily basis, it would take something like Gort arriving in a humongous alien visitation craft, stepping out and paralyzing half the population of a city before the Enquirer would part with any more dough from its prize purse.

Government Knowledge about Aliens

IN DECEMBER 1988 countless witnesses in Puerto Rico saw apparent encounters between US warplanes and strange, huge alien aircraft. On one occasion, bystanders saw two F-14 jets actually enter another massive flying triangular craft. Were the war planes destroyed or were they co-operating in joint manoeuvres with the unknown vessel?

Certainly some conspiracy theorists have suggested that the United States government actually has a close relationship with alien visitors, and provides them with ground bases. One of the areas is said to be under the water of the western Atlantic. Other theories propose that extraterrestrial beings are allegedly abducting law abiding US citizens in return for technological secrets. But what do our governments really know about UFOs?

The US Department of Defense does not, officially, have anything to do with UFOs anymore. That is because they are no longer called UFOs. In the present age, such phenomenon are called Uncorrelated Targets, or UCTs for earthbound unidentified air-based incidents. The US military rarely reveals what it knows, and exact figures are scarce. Officially, there is also no central department dealing with the issue, although many investigators consider this to be a fallacy. In either case, this situation has only developed since 1974 with the shutting down of the US military's open, public examination of UFO cases.

After the Second World War, a spate of UFO sightings initiated a US project called 'Operation Blue Book'. It was a scheme designed to show the public there were no secrets in the US's official investigation of alien craft. This 'openness' was merely a front, and it was actually made a crime equal to spying for military officers to reveal details of UFOs to unauthorised people. In reality, Blue Book only reported cases that were guaranteed to be found as hoaxes or mistaken identity. One of the experts who worked as a scientific consultant on the project was Josef Allan Hynek, an astrophysicist and sceptic. He revealed that any sightings reported by people under 18 years of age were automatically ignored, and other incidents would only be published if they could be rationalised. In total, Blue Book investigated 15,000 reports of UFOs, many of them still not explained, and Hynek himself experienced something of a conversion. He became an informed believer, and coined the term 'close encounter'.

Britain has its own group of people similar to Hynek. Nick Pope was a civil servant who worked for the Ministry of Defence. His role was to respond to questions from the public about UFOs. During the course of his work, he uncovered enough fascinating information to write his own books about unexplained phenomenon. Other investigators believe what Pope has been privy too is merely the tip of the iceberg, and some quite extraordinary files concerning the issue of UFOs have been uncovered. One collection entitled 'UFO Policy' features a six-page document from 1960 which states that any unauthorised information disclosures would be viewed as breaches of the Official Secrets Act.

The Ministry of Defence official policy states that it does not investigate UFO sightings unless they are of 'defence significance'. Despite impressive proof or terrifying witness accounts, the authorities at the Ministry of Defence continually rule that each incident has no importance to national security. At least that is the public position, and what happens behind the scenes is unknown.

One of the problems British investigators have when searching for old files like this is that the various ministries and departments involved are quite adept at being secretive. United States officials, on the other hand, are supposed to be more open. The American Constitution and Freedom of Information Act is designed to let the public know what is actually happening. In 1980, however, a group called 'Citizens Against Unidentified Flying Objects Secrecy' sued the National Security Agency.

It wanted the NSA to open its files on 239 UFO incidents but the authorities argued that to do so would damage US national safety. In recent years a ruling changing the classification status of documents has meant many of these reports will finally be put in the public domain. One cannot help but feel that any truly amazing official papers that may cause public hysteria will be suppressed. Are national governments hiding the truth from their people, or is there really nothing to report? It is a question to which we may never have a definite answer.

Out of this World - Family Report Three UFO Sightings

It's the mantra of UFO fanatics across the planet... we are not alone. But it has added meaning for one St Helens family after three of them experienced close encounters with unexplained objects hovering over the borough's skies. The family's brush with the extraterrestrial started when nightshift worker Michael Simpson, of Dentons Green, was returning home along the East Lancs and was stopped in his tracks by a strange floating object. When he told what he'd seen instead of a good-natured ribbing, he was stunned to discover his mum and uncle had both spotted the same mysterious 'orange light' patrolling the skies over St Helens over the previous few weeks. Michael, 31, said: "I had said, listen Mum, this is going to sound strange but on my way home today I saw something in the sky and I don't know what it was. "I expected her to look confused but she looked stunned and yet intrigued but instead she said 'was it an orange fireball?'. I was completely taken aback."

Julie Bradbury admitted she'd spotted a similar object weeks earlier but had dismissed it and only confessed to her encounter when Michael's uncle Philip Cahalin reported a similar sighting. The trio are now at a loss to explain their sightings - which all happened in January. Michael's close encounter took place as was cycling home at around 4.30am travelling on the Liverpool-bound carriageway on January 21 near to the Waterside pub. He explains: "It was around the height that the police helicopter can normally be seen, so this was my first thought as to what it could be. There was, however, absolutely no sound emitting from the object. "I had stopped travelling at this point and the object was moving very slowly and steadily towards me. It could not have been travelling any faster than 40-60 knots.

"Initially, I thought I could see a shaft of orange or red light shining down beneath the object, but as it crept ever closer it became apparent I was looking at flames. Please, let me be clear; I do not think I saw flames. I know I did." Michael began filming the incredible sight with the video function on his mobile phone, only to discover he had forgotten to activate the 'night mode' switch. He went on: "For complete want of a better comparison, the object was 'bowler-hat-shaped' with flames protruding from 'inside' at the centre, and I could clearly make out their reflections on the metallic underbelly of the craft. Also visible, were tiny, red lights on the sides and top of the craft."

Michael's incredible story is not the first UFO sighting in St Helens in recent times. Many sceptics dismiss UFO sighting as simply the European Space Station - something Michael says is not possible because of how low his unexplained object managed to fly. "I have spoken to a lot of people about and the people that know me and know how rationally-minded I am are intrigued," he added. "The people that don't know me have been dismissive."

Unknown Object Filmed over Chester, VA

Chester, Virginia-02-24-09-I'm Sheila B., a member of your web site since the summer of 2008, and I have some still frames from a video I took last night that I'd like to share with you. I see this spinning light object outside of my place pretty frequently, sometimes more than one, and finally caught it on video last night. We started noticing them this past August (of 2008) - they hover and spin with different colored lights, and then disappear eventually.

We just got a camcorder last week, and I finally learned how to use it. Unfortunately, my camcorder doesn't zoom in very much, but at least I was able to get it recorded. I used the disk that came with the camcorder to view the video, and was able to capture some still frames from it. They look pretty interesting to me, but I'd definitely like your opinion since you see these types of videos all the time, I'm sure. Let me know if you need any other info, and I appreciate you taking the time to look. This video was taken last night 2/24/2009 (I guess technically it was 2/25, because it was around 1 AM), and I live in Chester, Virginia, looking towards the east. Thank you, Sheila B.



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The Day The Earth Stood Still Review

By **John** - December 12, 2008 - 04:29 America/Montreal

Thanks for checking out our The Day The Earth Stood Still review.

I still remember back when it was first announced that Keanu Reeves was cast to play Klaatu in the remake of The Day The Earth Stood Still. There was a very mixed reaction. Some people seemed to think that while Reeves isn't all that good of an actor, he was nonetheless a decent fit for the part. Others... well... the majority of people seemed to think this was a disastrous choice that would be sure to lead to the film's ruin and destruction on a Gort like scale. Then Comic Con came and some people had the chance to watch some footage from the film and even see a rough trailer... it actually didn't look all that bad. There even started to be some sense of enthusiasm amongst some fans and I'll admit I was one of them. One of the lines from the trailer that struck me the most was the one Klaatu says to Jennifer Connelly's character: "If the earth dies, you die. If you die, the earth survives". The line gave me that little shiver of coolness and doom at the same time. I was officially looking forward to the flick. So did it meet my upgrade expectations? No... but it wasn't as bad as I first feared either.

THE GENERAL IDEA

The synopsis for The Day The Earth Stood Still looks something like this: "Keanu Reeves tops this adaptation of the seminal 1951 sci-fi film The Day the Earth Stood Still with this 20th Century Fox production. Scott Derrickson (The Exorcism of Emily Rose) helms the story of an alien traveler, Klaatu (Reeves), who heads to Earth along with his bodyguard robot, Gort, to deliver a warning of planetary destruction if the people of the world fail to bring peace to their civilizations. Jennifer Connelly, Jon Hamm, and Kathy Bates co-star in the Ryne Douglas Pearson-penned film."

As I mentioned in the introductory paragraph, I really don't find Keanu Reeves all that good of an actor. However, sometimes it's less about talent and more about "fit". In my opinion, Reeves was a solid fit for the character of Klaatu. Klaatu usually has that same sort of "where am I? This seems strange. Whoa." disposition that Reeves usually portrays in most of his films. For this film, it's just what the character called for and thus it worked for me.

Some of the visual effects in the movie were jaw dropping (not all of them... I'll get to the bad ones in a minute). The one effect in particular that I think was most effective was the one we see in the trailers where a "cloud" was evaporating everything in its path. As this "cloud" raced across the country it gave me a grave sort of "holy crap they're all screwed!" feeling... which is a great one to give your audience.

The first 15 minutes of the movie were quite effective in getting the story up and running and creating a decent sense of mystery at the same time. Who was this visitor? What are his motives for being here in the first place? Why does he look like that dude from The Matrix?

I had forgotten that John Cleese has a part in the movie, so when he showed up on screen it was a pleasant surprise. He's not in the movie very long, but when he is there it feels like the quality of the movie is kicked up a notch or two.

OVERALL

The Day The Earth Stood Still ends up being an enjoyable in places / painful in places sort of movie with just enough enjoyable stuff that it's sort of worth seeing, but enough painful stuff that you'd probably never suggest a friend go see it either. I ended up not minding it too much, but at the same time wouldn't say I "liked" it either. **Overall I give The Day The Earth Stood Still a 5 out of 10.**



UFOs 'Buzz' Two U.S. Military Bases

Roger Marsh, UFO Examiner

Witnesses are reporting UFO activity near U.S. military bases in Arizona and Texas this week. The Texas incident lit up both the sky and the ground as a glowing light moved toward the ground. Fighter jets were reported to have chased "two intense red lights" in Arizona.

In a neighbourhood bordering Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, witnesses saw a bright white object light up the sky and yard where they were standing in the early morning hours of Feb. 22. "I noticed that this light had a somewhat definite geometric shape," one witness said. "It was square with pointed corners. The edges of the square were slightly concave, just a slight bend which didn't make it look like a traditional square."

The glowing and silent object, he said, was spinning as it moved toward the ground, and seemed to reach the rooftop levels of nearby structures. In a second case on Feb. 23 near Luke Air Force Base in Arizona, a witness described two pulsating, bright lights that were stationary in the sky. After five minutes, one of the lights went out and was replaced by four or five new lights. As five "fighter jets" moved toward the lights, the lights "blinked off." The witness said that the jets seemed to be chasing the light.

Following is the unedited account of the Texas incident from the Mutual UFO Network database. The unedited Arizona account follows. TX - Feb. 22, 2009 - Was standing outside, a light lit up the yard, I looked up and saw something bright falling out of the sky

I was at a friend's home in San Antonio, TX. The neighbourhood is called Willshire Terrace in the Terrell Hills area of San Antonio. This neighbourhood is roughly 2 miles from Downtown proper. The cross streets closest to this neighbourhood are Austin Hwy., Rittiman Rd., and Harry Wurzbach Rd. The thing that makes this most interesting is that Fort Sam Houston Army Base borders this neighbourhood and is almost literally a stones throw (about 2 blocks) from the fence of this base.

I was standing outside with two other friends, it was about 2 am. As we were talking, a bright white light lit up the sky and the entire yard. At first I thought that someone had taken a picture, there had been a photographer with us earlier in the night, but this lasted too long to be a camera flash. All three of us quickly realized that this light was coming from the sky. I happened to be in the position where I was looking directly at the object when we looked up in the sky, my two friends were looking at me and had to turn around when they looked up, whereas I just had to raise my head. The object was directly in my field of vision.

Needless to say I got a pretty good look at this, and it was Intensely BRIGHT. As I'm looking at it, I'm trying to process everything about it. I was expecting this to look as if it was a falling star or a heavy meteor but it wasn't any of those things. I noticed that this light had a somewhat definite geometric shape. It was square with pointed corners. The edges of the square were slightly concave, just a slight bend which didn't make it look like a traditional square. The object seemed to be glowing all over, which made it seem more like a light than something that was being lit up. The best way that I can describe it was a rapid flickering, not unlike a strobe light, but whereas a strobe has a brief pause between flashes this has no pause. I might even go so far as to say it was twinkling.

This square also seemed to give off a corona or halo of light around it as it moved, not unlike the corona you would see around street lights after being in the swimming pool for a while. Also, the corona around the object remained fixed and did not seem to spin, which is exactly what one would expect of an object emanating light. The square light seemed to be spinning as it fell out of the sky. The spin was in a counter-clockwise rotation. The angle of the object was very steep in relation to the horizon, so I knew this quickly would rule out the possibility that this was any kind of aircraft landing nearby.

Also there was no noise whatsoever, as this object rapidly descended from the sky. The object also seemed to fall in somewhat of a diagonal and downward location to the left, which at that time I attributed to its counter-clockwise spin. The object was very low in the sky, so low it seemed like it was going to scrape a rooftop, or that if I had thrown a rock I could've hit it.

As I watched this square fall from the sky I noticed that it seemed to be generating a kind of trail behind it. This is somewhat of an internal debate with myself as to if what I saw was pieces of this object trailing off as debris behind it, several smaller objects falling behind it, or simply the ocular, or visual flare, a "trick of the eye" so to speak; since what I was looking at was very bright, and it hurt my eyes a bit after looking at it so intensely. But I will describe it as I saw it initially that night:

What I saw trailing immediately behind the first square were two to three smaller sized squares and a red, circular light, which seemed to flare yellow in the center. This entire object and its trail or flare, whatever the case may be, descended in the aforementioned diagonal downward direction below the tree line in what I could best judge at the time to be southeast towards the army base/downtown area. Although the easterly inclination of fall would best lend itself to the area of the base or the I-35 N./Loop 410 interchange.

I remember thinking that this is not any kind of star or meteor I've ever seen. I grew up in a rural area and have spent a lot of time camping. I've seen falling stars and meteor showers. This was too low in the sky to be any kind of falling star. This was right over my head. This object didn't seem heavy. It seemed very light. I remember thinking to myself that this object seemed to be floating out of the sky rather than falling. However, I also thought to myself that this didn't seem to be the natural state of this object, that something was wrong and that it was in distress. The emotion of it just seemed akin to watching a plane fall out of the sky, rather than watching a falling star or meteor.

At the time I saw this I remember thinking that I should really observe this thing. I had been hearing some talk of recent sightings of lights over the Texas area, and also of a recent satellite collision. I remember processing this in my mind and asking myself, is this debris? is this a light of an aircraft? is it an aircraft?

I remember thinking to myself to look at the sky around the object, that maybe it was a light attached to something bigger. As I did this I looked around for a split second, but the sky seemed normal around it; however my eyes were somewhat strained from staring at the light. When I refocused my eyes on the object, it was just in time to see it disappear below the tree line. I asked my two friends if they had seen this. One of them told me that it looked like a darker, bigger, square or perhaps a triangular shape was around it. I believe he was insinuating some form of craft, but I did not see this. However, you must remember, he had to turn around to look at this, I was staring right into the light. It's entirely possible that he got a better look at the sky around the light than I did before he saw the light itself. So I did not dismiss his observation.

The other friend told me that he had just seen the light. He turned around a bit slower than the rest of us. I think he might have thought it was a camera flash and looked around the yard first before noticing we were looking at the sky, and then turning around to look himself. As I said it came right down into my field of vision as I looked up. There is one more addendum to this story.

Two days later a friend of mine mentioned to me that he had seen "something like a falling star" that same night. I hadn't told him what I had seen yet and I asked him to describe it to me. The following is what he told me: He was driving south on Bandera Rd. towards the direction of Downtown. He was on the road in an area that is roughly 10-15 miles North/Northwest from where I was. He told me he was looking at downtown when he saw a streak of light fall from the sky over and to the left, but in front, of the downtown area. This would place the light close to my area. This completely surprised me, because I didn't expect that anyone else might have seen this. I asked him what time he saw this light.

He said he couldn't quite remember, he told me it was after he had spoken to me earlier that night. I looked at my phone and saw that his call was shortly before midnight that evening. I asked him if he could make out a shape or anything from where he was. He told me no, that to him it looked like a streak of light, but that it didn't start high in the sky, it started lower to the horizon. I told him what I had seen, but he told me from where he was he couldn't make out any shape. I didn't expect that he would be able to from the distance he was, but I was more interested in the location of where he saw it. That it was definitely over the downtown area, was in front of the skyline, and lower in the sky than the stars.

That is the end of what he told me about what he saw. Now if you're wondering about the person seeing this thing. I must tell you, I take a sceptical approach to my belief in UFOs. Although I do enjoy reading of UFO sightings and such phenomenon, I don't lend myself to mass hysteria.

I don't know if what I saw was a craft of some sort, it definitely was not what I would say would be the "classic" definition of a flying saucer. However, it was not something I was familiar with ever seeing in the sky. As I said before, I have been in rural areas with lots of stars in the sky. I have seen "shooting stars" and meteor showers both close up and far away. This was not like anything of that sort, and I was in the middle of the city, not many stars, even "shooting stars" can be seen through the street lights and haze.

I have lived in this city and seen many different types of aircraft fly in and out of the military bases and airport here. This was not like any aircraft or aircraft lighting that I have seen. Also there was NO sound, military aircraft are noisy even flying high over the city, at the altitude this object was, if it was any type of aircraft the noise would've been deafening. I am in my mid-twenties, I am an educated and I would say fairly intelligent person, and I have no reason to think that me seeing this was any trick of the mind. I have two people who were with me that night and a third who was not too far away from the area see the same thing at the same time.

I'm sure there were more people out there who must've seen it as well. There were a lot of people who would be on the road at about that time on a Saturday night, also a military installation close by, so the chances are not too slim. The one thing I wish was that I would've had my video camera, or that I would've been able to get out a cell phone and snap a picture or something. The whole incident happened so fast, literally in about 10 seconds, so there was little time to react in such a way.

I walked inside afterwards, and told the photographer whom was there that evening that they missed the best shot of the night. AZ - Feb. 23, 2009 - Two intense red lights in the distance that moved to a new area in seconds. Two intensely bright lights that were pulsating and stationary. Then in a split second they disappeared and reappeared a quarter of the sky distance away at a much lower altitude.

The lights stayed motionless pulsating for about 5 minutes, then one flickered out and in its place 4-5 small lights were evident. I live near Luke Air Force Base, and then I saw 5 fighter jets fly toward the lights. The lights blinked off as the jets came near. One or two of the jets circled, and then they all stormed off south as if taking chase. My wife says the Phoenix lights in 97 looked very familiar to this. It was intense to see, but hard to shoot at night...

**We hope you have enjoyed this magazine, we certainly
have enjoyed putting it together.**

**Hope you return for the next edition which will be
released May 2009**

Thank you very much

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