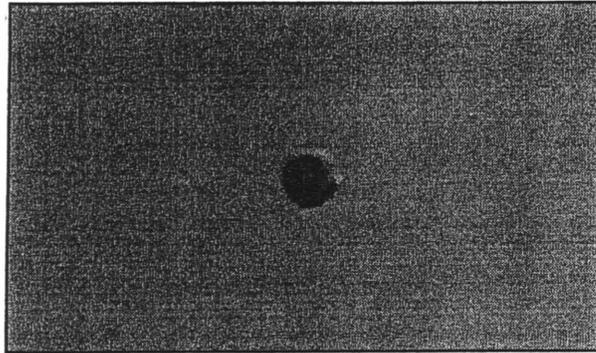


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Object photographed over New Westminster, British Columbia

## THE SAUCER SCENE

by Carol Hilberg

### TERRACE, BRITISH COLUMBIA REMAINS CANADIAN "UFO HOTSPOT"

From the Horseshoe to Ferry Island, and from Krumm Road to Highway 16 West, residents of the Terrace area are seeing weird things in the sky that no one has been able to explain.

According to the latest annual UFO survey, Terrace remains a hotbed of activity, accounting for about 10 percent of all the sightings reported in B.C. last year.

Terrace is ranked in fourth spot in the country for UFO reports, according to the 2003 Canadian UFO Survey.

We're just behind Houston, B.C., Toronto, and Vancouver, which has emerged as the Canadian UFO capital.

"There's something happening, and I don't know what it is," says Brian Vike, a Houston, B.C.-based researcher who operates a 1-800 UFO hot line and sends in data to the UFO survey.

A while back, every time he got a new UFO report from somewhere in B.C., he'd put a pin into a map of the province he'd hung on the wall.

An unmistakable pattern has emerged.

To Vike, it sure looks like most of the reports are coming from inside a band that stretches southeast from Terrace to the Cranbrook area in the Kootenays.

"This is where the majority of sightings of unusual craft are being seen," he says, adding a number of the locations along this line are larger lakes, mines and power stations.

"Terrace has a number of natural and manmade things which may attract these objects," he adds, pointing to Alcan, a relatively close source of hydro-electric power.

The natural thermal power of the hot springs may also be responsible



Nation-wide, the number of UFO sightings climbed by 39 % in 2003.

British Columbia leads the rest of the country in terms of sheer volume of sightings, with 304 reported here last year, compared to 150 in Ontario and 76 in Alberta.

Most sightings have two witnesses and last for 10 minutes.

Mass sightings sometimes stem from a big event - like a major fireball in 1993 that hundreds across Canada witnessed.

Various agencies and individuals participate in the survey, including the Houston, B.C., Centre for UFOs, which supplied seven percent of the reports in this years survey. Source: Jennifer Lang, *The Standard*, Terrace, B.C. April 7, 2004.

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### **AROUND AND ABOUT THE SAUCER WORLD**

by Rick Hilberg

#### WELSH LEGENDS: "FAIRIES AND ALIENS"?

*The following article by Richard Holland, published in the Liverpool Daily Post from the U.K., speculates on a subject that many writers have concentrated on in the past, namely that the "wee folk" of our collective legends and the "ufonauts" or space beings are one and the same.*

There are many intriguing parallels between the old belief in fairies and the modern day belief in aliens and UFOs.

Take the following story, for example. The action takes place in the close neighbourhood of Portmeirion and the time is one dark night one year in the first half of the 19th century - more than a century before the concept of a UFO was even thought of.

A young woman named Miss Jones was walking home from a neighbour's house and she had with her a servant known by the nickname of Dafydd Fawr, "because of his great strength and stature." Dafydd was carrying a joint of bacon on his back and walking rather slowly. Miss Jones hurried on her way through the night and Dafydd followed.

When she arrived home, however, Miss Jones was surprised to find that Dafydd was not with her - and it was another three hours before he finally turned up, the bacon still on his back.

The servant was amazed when he was told how late it was. He was

sure he had been just a few minutes behind, but he explained that he had been briefly delayed by a strange sight.

"He observed," she said, " a brilliant meteor passing through the air, which was followed by a ring or hoop of fire, and within this hoop stood a man and woman of small size, handsomely dressed. With one arm they embraced each other, and with the other they took hold of the hoop, and their feet rested on the concave surface of the ring.

"When the hoop reaches the earth these two beings jumped out of it, and immediately proceeded to make a circle upon the ground. As soon as this was done, a large number of men and women instantly appeared, and to the sweetest music that ear ever heard commenced dancing round and round the circle."

The music was so entrancing the man stayed what he thought a few minutes to witness the scene. The ground all around was lit up by a kind of subdued light, and he observed every movement of these beings.

By and by the meteor which had at first attracted his attention appeared again, and then the fiery hoop came to view, and when it reached the spot where the dancing was, the lady and gentleman who had arrived in it jumped into the hoop, and disappeared in the same manner in which they had reached the place.

"Immediately after their departure the fairies vanished, and the man found himself alone and in darkness, and then proceeded homewards. For this reason he accounted for his delay on the way."

The "meteor" and the strange beings arriving to earth in a glowing circular object are clearly reminiscent of UFO stories. It is also significant that the experience of missing time - hours, or even days or years, passing by in what seems but a few minutes - is equally common in fairy-lore and in accounts of alien abduction.

This begs the question: were fairies the aliens of our forefathers?  
Source: The Liverpool *Daily Post* April 15, 2004.

#### **2002 ALABAMA PLANE CRASH - "COLLISION WITH AN UNKNOWN OBJECT"**

Federal investigators have determined that a single-engine delivery plane that crashed into Big Bateau Bay on Oct. 23, 2002 slammed into something 3,000 feet above the Mobile-Tensaw Delta moments earlier - they're just not sure what it was.

The highly unusual National Transportation Safety Board account points to unidentified red marks on the severely damaged nose and front belly of the plane as evidence that it hit another object in the air. The crash killed 54-year-old pilot Thomas J. Preziose of Mobile minutes after he took off from Downtown Airport.

Agency officials "don't know of any other accident that we have in our files that states 'collision with an unknown object,'" said Keith Holloway, a spokesman for the NTSB, which investigates all domestic air accidents.

"I've never seen a report like that," said Don Goodwin, a veteran pilot and chief executive officer of Mid-Atlantic Freight, which owned the plane. "And it's very troubling to have something like this happen and not know what caused it. I know the family's upset, and understandably upset. It's just a great thing that this kind of thing didn't happen to an airliner with a bunch of people on it."

The report, released within the past few days, also notes that malfunctioning radar recording equipment hampered efforts to determine the exact cause of the accident. Moreover, an air traffic controller at Mobile Regional Airport apparently gave incorrect positions to Preziose

about the location of a DC-10 in the area, according to the recently released report, officially called a finding of facts.

A Federal Aviation Administration official at Mobile Regional Airport said Tuesday afternoon he wasn't aware of any equipment malfunctions. He deferred further comment to officials who had left for the day.

The five-page report states that the FedEx DC-10 doesn't appear to have been involved in the collision; investigators examined it the day after the crash and found it unscathed. That lack of damage, however, deepens the mystery as to what happened to Preziose's Cessna 208B.

Additionally, investigators were unable to identify the source of "a small piece of what appeared to be black anodized aluminum, which was found embedded in the left wing" near the fuselage, the report states. Source: Joe Danborn, *The Mobile Register* April 14, 2004 via A. Etheredge.

#### REVIEW

For some reason or other that I find quite mystifying, writers and publications who should know better, have for the past few years been trying to turn the 1948 Aztec, New Mexico crashed saucer hoax into a legitimate historical reality. The yarn first gained attention in Frank Scully's best seller, *Behind the Flying Saucers* way back in 1950, and was exposed as a hoax by writer J. P. Cahn in articles published in *True* magazine in 1952 and 1956.

Writer and researcher Karl T. Pflock extensively studied this case in recent years, and published the definitive monograph on the whole business in 2002, *The Day After Aztec: Revelations From Beyond the Grave*. Pflock was even able to examine a hand written manuscript from the "con man" who used the story of the crash to promote his various scams over the years. Quite frankly, Pflock's report is a great read and should put all of the Aztec nonsense to rest once and for all.

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#### CALIFORNIA SEES JUNE UFO ACTIVITY

SAN LEANDRO - "Around 2:30 a.m., my husband heard a loud noise like a humming or tuning fork noise and looked out our window to see a black circle ship with small red lights on the bottom on June 9, 2004. It was hovering over the tree tops moving very slowly. He said, 'It looked like it was dispersing something that looked like black orbs that were all around it.' Then he watched it speed up and fly over Lake Chabot Hills in Castro Valley and then it disappeared."

TORRANCE - The witness spotted high up in the sky a metal object moving west with the sun reflecting off its surface on June 12, 2004. At 3:03 p.m., two antique bi-planes flew at a lower altitude over the car show near the Torrance Airport. The object moved mostly west for seven minutes with the sunlight reflecting off its surface periodically. The high flying object would not show up in the digital camera viewfinder.

SONORA - Mark A. Olsen was facing east and noticed a bright flash on

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June 15, 2004, so he grabbed his camcorder and saw something with three lights on it. "These were not FAA lights! This craft was seen in the DAYTIME! There were three lights in triangular formation, but no craft could be seen. A few minutes before I captured an airplane in the same vicinity and I could clearly see its wings, tailfin, and even the engines, but the triangular craft could not be seen, just the lights! The three lights were recorded on my camcorder for about four minutes. Video clearly shows these lights flying behind a pine tree and after the sighting, I became ill. This is the SIXTH major sighting in Sonora, in the past month."

MODESTO - "This UFO was hovering for a few seconds above my house on June 18, 2004. It was rotating and changed shape, almost as though something was protruding and retracting from its side. When I looked at it through binoculars it appeared to have a spin to it, rotating counter-clockwise. I snapped the picture before observing it with binoculars, and when I put the binoculars down, I lost sight of it completely." Source: George Filer, "Filer's Files" No. 27 - 2004.

#### **EGG-SHAPED OBJECT OVER NELSON, BRITISH COLUMBIA**

A couple was traveling north along the Kootenay River on Highway 3A on June 16, 2004, when they saw an egg-shaped object which sat stationary over the river at 11:55 p.m. Around the center of the egg was a broken ring of blue lights which were very bright, but not flashing. The object was 500 to 600 feet above the river. The husband wanted to stop to investigate, but due to his wife being frightened they kept moving but at a slow pace. A short distance down the highway his wife looked behind, and it had disappeared. The husband estimates the object had a completely smooth surface that was 40 to 50 feet in length. Source: George Filer, "Filer's Files" No. 27 - 2004.

#### **FLYING RECTANGLE IN BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN**

Doug Parrish saw a slightly curved surface of a huge brushed aluminum rectangular object on Thursday evening May 26, 2004, at 6:50 p.m. He states, "I had just left the Best Buy and was heading west towards Howell, on I-96, when I looked up and it looked like it was floating gently in the sky several miles away from me, but it was the width of my thumbnail at arm's length - making it 1000 to 1500 feet long. It was on a slight decline with its forward leading edge pointing lightly downward. It was not a plane because there were no wings nor was there a tail, just a very large slightly convex curved rectangular surface. It was like a paper towel tube made out of aluminum, cut end to end down one side, then opened up and tried to make it lie flat. It was glittering in the sun's light but I could make out its strange, non-aeronautical shape. It very closely resembled another craft of similar dimensions that I saw a few years ago in England.

"It remained in sight for a couple of seconds. Then trees alongside the highway were in the way for 20 or 30 seconds. When I once again cleared the trees, the object had disappeared, probably into a cloud. The object was headed towards one of the clouds ahead of it." Source: [www.nationalufocenter.com](http://www.nationalufocenter.com).

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