

FLYING SAUCER DIGEST

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Photo taken August 22, 2004 in Phoenix, Arizona of two objects in a V-formation.
Credit: HBCC UFO Research

THE SAUCER SCENE

by Carol Hilberg

DR. JOHN MACK DIES IN LONDON, ENGLAND ACCIDENT

Dr. John Mack, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, and for some years researching the alien abduction phenomenon was hit and killed by a drunk driver on September 27, 2004.

Dr. Mack was in London speaking at a symposium regarding T. E. Lawrence ("Lawrence of Arabia"). Mack won a Pulitzer Prize for his 1977 biography of Lawrence, *A Prince of Our Disorder*.

After the conference he was walking to his lodgings when a vehicle driven by an intoxicated driver hit and killed him in a crosswalk on Totteridge Road.

"FIREBALL" PLAGUES HUNGERFORD, ENGLAND

The mystery fireball seen over Hungerford has been appearing in West Berkshire skies for at least two months, the Newbury Weekly News can reveal.

Mr. Presley, who lives in Andover, added: "A couple of years ago, my daughter saw seven orange balls of light hovering stationary in the sky - then they just zipped away." Source: John Garvey, *Newbury Weekly News* Newbury, England July 29, 2004.

TRACE CASE INVESTIGATOR TO SPEAK IN OHIO

MUFON of Ohio is bringing Ted Phillips, Director of the Center for Physical Trace Research, and a veteran UFO researcher to the Greater Cleveland area on November 6, 2004 for an important public presentation. Ted's talk is entitled "Physical Evidence Associated with UFO Sightings: 1460 - 2004" and will feature scores of cases that he personally investigated. This is one event that our Ohio and Pennsylvania readers don't want to miss!

The event starts at noon with a social hour that will feature food and refreshments. Things will wrap-up at 5 p.m. after a question and answer session where you can ask Ted specifics on his presentation. The sponsors are asking for a donation of from \$8.00 to \$15.00 to help defray expenses for the event.

The venue is at the large meeting room of the Eagle Creek Garden Center, located at 18548 Chillicothe Rd. (Rt. 306) in Bainbridge, Ohio, which is located just east of Cleveland. For more information call 440-543-4241 or 440-708-2211.

AROUND AND ABOUT THE SAUCER WORLD

by Rick Hilberg

HUSBAND AND WIFE SPOT OHIO UFO FROM TWO DIFFERENT LOCATIONS

On Wednesday, June 16, 2004, a veteran Deputy Sheriff in Lake County, Ohio and his wife observed an unusual triangular-shaped aircraft from two separated vantage points at nearly the same time. The husband and wife couple discussed their experience in detail the following afternoon. (According to information given to NUFORC, both sightings were made at approximately 5:45 p.m. EDST - R. Hilberg)

The wife reported sighting the bizarre aircraft at a closer vantage point and with more dramatic detail, spotting the unusual object while driving east along State Route 91 near the State Route 91 and 306 intersections near Willoughby Hills, Ohio.

Deputy Sheriff Kevin Coleman sought to report the two sightings to the National UFO Center, advising of the situation in a comprehensive summary on the NUFORC's "online report form."

Separately, the witness was also contacted by telephone on Wednesday, June 23, 2004 for additional follow-up.

Coleman advised that he holds a position as Deputy Sheriff with the Lake County Sheriff's Department, and will see his 11th year in service this coming October. He was promoted to detective within 3 years of duty and has investigated all types of crimes and is a veteran SWAT member. He has also investigated plane crashes in the vicinity.

Deputy Sheriff Coleman reports that the high-flying object he saw traveling from west to east June 16, was nothing he was familiar with. The object was apparently higher than a jet airliner that was also seen flying through the area.

Most interestingly, according to the witness, was how this unidentified object seemed to be self-luminous.

"I was concerned to find out if this object was just reflecting

sunlight. But after studying this for the length of time that I could, it did not seem to change in intensity or seem to be reflecting light in any way," he said. "It had an angular shape to it, giving me the impression that it was self-luminous. In my opinion, it was self-luminous.

"It was definitely traveling in the easterly direction of the Perry Nuclear Plant when I first saw it," Coleman said. "Then this thing seemed to slow down and get bigger. The object was just 'gone,' not accelerating or flew off somewhere, it simply disappeared.

"I had a good visual on it, there was no question about it moving off."

When asked further about its departure method or how sure he was of this observation, Coleman affirmed his certainty that the object did not depart in a conventional sense.

"This was, without question, the hardest part for me to explain about the situation...was how it was gone. I mean it was just gone."

Coleman said that the duration of his sighting was between 10 to 20 seconds from the time he first noticed the object traveling from west to east and increasing in apparent size to the point of its apparent disappearance.

The near-simultaneous sighting by Coleman's wife of a boomerang-shaped aircraft hovering only 100-feet from the ground was far more dramatic, according to Coleman, and the duration of that sighting was over 1 minute and discontinued due to traffic circumstances.

First viewed to her right and in a northerly direction, Coleman's wife thought the object was some type of military aircraft that was possibly in a holding pattern.

"My wife thought this plane was somehow related to the events of September 11th, or even in some kind of investigation related to 911," Coleman said.

"What made this really interesting is that she was looking out her window to her right, which would be in a northerly direction which would have generally been the same direction as my sighting," he said.

When asked if he notified any other police agencies of the sighting, he said that he did not, only filing the report to NUFORC.

Coleman was asked what his thoughts were about bringing this situation to the attention of Homeland Security personnel, or if he feels there is any need for concern due to the uncertain nature of the UFO and its June 16th proximity to the Perry Nuclear Power station.

"The concept of a huge, hovering, abnormal aircraft doesn't register with us to take action on. I don't know what this thing was, but it was far outside the scope of our routine training or duty. This did not seem to be an actionable situation. What I saw was not traditional."

When Deputy Sheriff Coleman was asked if he had any objection to his name being listed in this report, he said: "I have no objection to my name being used. This is a subject that is not a hobby to me, my interest in this is simply reporting the truth about this matter. I believe I have been affected by this and nobody has given me a reasonable explanation for it." Source: Kenny Young, "UFO Reasearch" June 23, 2004 via Scott Santa.

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ACORN-SHAPED OBJECT IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, TENN.

A retired algebra professor who was driving home on Sunday, September 20, 2004, along Highway 11 around 9 p.m., saw a large acorn-shaped object moving low in the sky over Buffalo Mountain. The discernible shape was made by noting the arrangement of lights on the object which he stated were quite like a "marquee". The object was flying in ever tightening circles. The lights were flashing in a random, fast way, exhibiting more than five different colors, that reminded him of a Christmas tree. He pulled his car over and watched the bizarre object rise, fall and finally moving up and behind the mountain out of view.

This witness states that, in 1966, he and his late wife, along with hundreds of Johnson City citizens witnessed a gigantic black disk-shaped object block out all the stars in the sky on a summer night. He also remembered that the giant disk had multiple arrangements of lights on the bottom which flashed sequentially. The *Johnson City Press* did a full page story on the sighting. Source: George Filer, "Filer's Files" No. 41 - 2004.

CAMPERS SPOT FLYING TRIANGLE IN WASHINGTON STATE

Cliff Mickelson writes, "A group of highly credible witnesses are reporting the sighting of a huge triangle of lights that passed over a remote campground on the eastern edge of Washington State on September 12, 2004." The sighting occurred several hours after dusk. The phenomenon was described as being a "huge" triangle of lights that moved with an eerie exactitude across the night sky. Although campers were not certain as to whether it was "one" object with three lights or "three" different objects, there was consensus that the lights moved in faultless unison across the heavens. Several campers report that the stars appeared to be occluded in the space between the lights. All witnesses agree that the object or objects were located at a great altitude, perhaps bordering on the edge of space. The object(s) remained in plain view for several minutes despite the narrow confines of the heavily wooded canyon campground location, ten miles west of Tampico.

The "triangle" seemed to be in no big hurry. This latest sighting has taken place in an area enclosed by Mt. Rainer, Mt. Adams, and the upper and lower Yakima Valleys. It is an area unsurpassed for the number of documented UFO sightings. The Yakima Indian Tribal Police, as well as individual tribal members often report these and other such sightings during routine patrols in the more inaccessible parts of the Yakima Reservation. Source: George Filer, "Filer's Files" No. 41 - 2004.

APOLLO 16 PHOTO POSSIBLY EXPLAINED

A group of image analysts has concluded that the well-known "Apollo 16 UFO" can be explained rationally, and say they can find no reason to

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rely on the UFO theory. Instead, they say the answer is quite simple - the object is a part of the NASA spacecraft.

The Apollo UFO theory began after NASA released four seconds of video footage taken by the crew shortly after they began their return from the Moon. Astronauts John Young, Thomas Mattingly and Charles Duke captured the object, which seemed to look a lot like the archetypal UFO image, from a command/service module window on a 16mm motion picture camera shooting at 12 frames per second.

The object, which appeared near the Moon as "a saucer-shaped object with a dome on top," seems to move out of the field of view as the video camera pans and then returns when the camera pans back. Some analysts thought the panning anomaly provided a clue to the true origin, and investigated further.

The group, headed by Gregory Byrne of Johnson Space Center's Image Science and Analysis Group, completed its investigation earlier this year. As part of their study, they stabilized images to correct for camera movement, and then aligned multiple frames in a sequence. Once this had been done, the analysts noticed that as the camera moved, the object appeared to move slightly, relative the Moon - a parallax effect which suggested the object was close to the camera.

The image experts also combined several frames in order to give them a higher resolution image. This combined frame showed a "linear feature" attached to one side of the object. Comparing this object to archived images from other Apollo missions illuminated the mystery considerably.

In its report, the group's conclusion was clear-cut. "All evidence in this analysis is consistent with the conclusion that the object in the Apollo 16 film was the EVA [spacewalk] floodlight/boom. There is no evidence in the photographic record to suggest otherwise." Source: *Phenomena Magazine*, September/October 2004 via Martin Piechota.

"FLYING LEMON" STALLS CAR IN NEW YORK

Two friends were driving in the mountains in upstate New York on July 22, 2004, around 2 a.m. They pulled the car off the highway in a heavily wooded area to take a break. They got out of their car, but left the headlights on because it was very dark. They heard a strange humming sound, which was not a typical humming sound. As the humming got louder, the car's headlights started dimming and went off. They started freaking out at this point. They jumped back in the car and attempted to start it. The car wouldn't start; they wanted to get the hell out of there as fast as they could. They were somewhat frantic. After about ten minutes the car's lights suddenly went back on and they were able to start the car. The observer states, "That's when we noticed this lemon-shaped light in the sky that just sort of drifted for a minute and the strange noise stopped, and I have no idea what it was, but I'm never going upstate again!" Source: George Filer, "Filer's Files" No. 23 - 2004.

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