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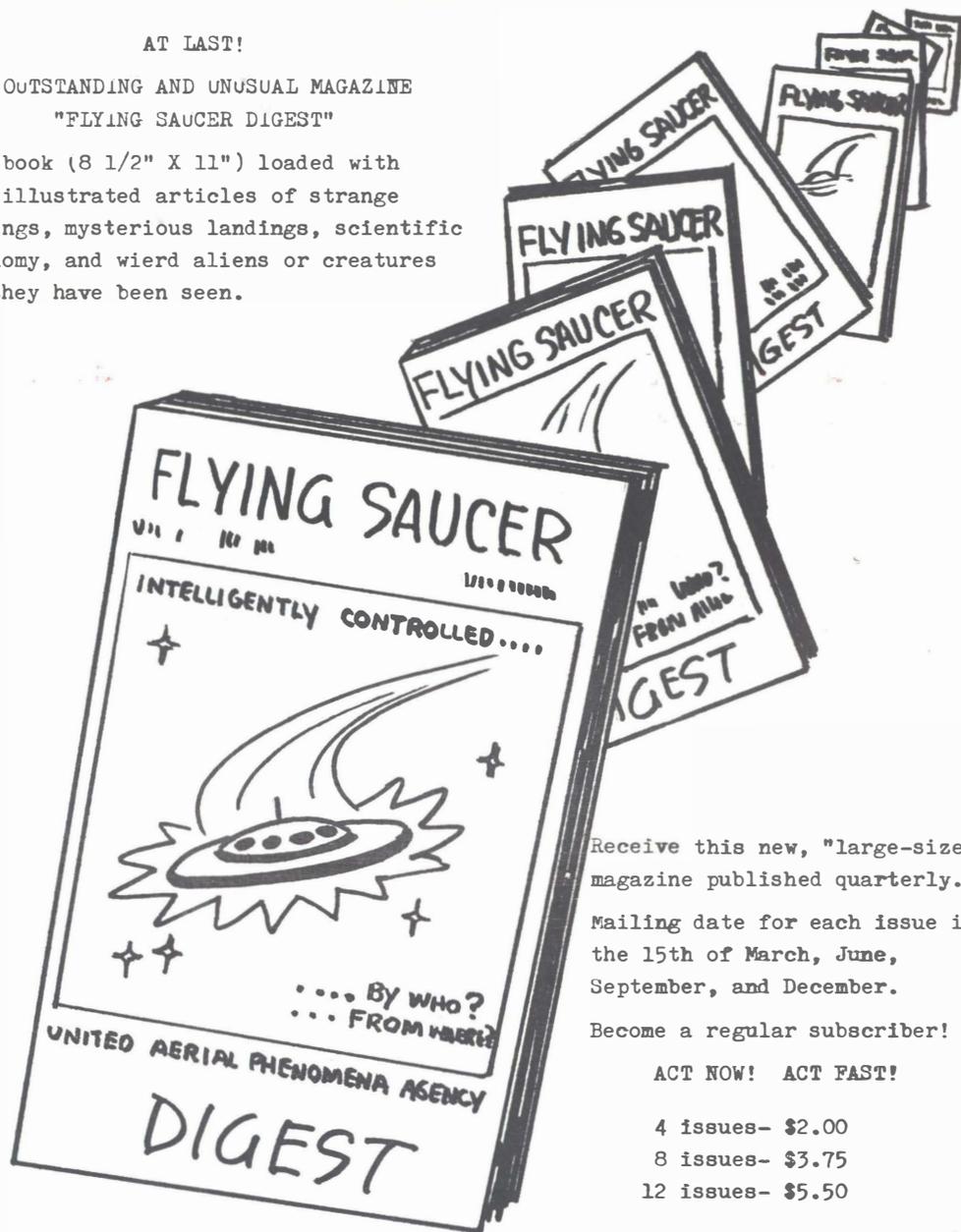


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THE CHALLENGE OF THE GREEN FIREBALLS

By Allan J. Manak

Unidentified flying objects have been viewed in a multitude of forms. These include discs, cylinders, globes, and a wide variety of other geometrical shapes. They have been reported as being solid, both reflecting and giving off light. One phenomenon that I believe are connected with UFOs are the reports of Green Fireballs; globes of green fire, of a brightness more intense than the full moon. These "fireballs" may, in fact, represent a "key" to the solution of the UFO enigma.

The Green Fireballs have baffled astronomers and other scientists ever since they were first discovered in this country, during the fall of 1948. Their color has been singularly impressive to many people. When witnesses were asked to point out the approximate color on a spectrum chart, most of them indicated a band at 5200 angstroms (a unit of measure of the wave lengths of light radiations). Naturally, as if one need to ask, this color was green, which resembles that of burning copper.

This factor is of particular importance. Copper is rarely found in meteorites, which are frequently called upon as explanations for the Green Fireballs. This is because the friction of the air oxidizes it shortly after a meteor enters the upper atmosphere. This effectively rules out the "fireballs" as being a purely natural phenomenon. It might also be noted that concentrations of copper particles are now present in the air over Arizona and New Mexico, the "fireball" areas. Prior to 1948, these areas contained little or no copper particles in their atmosphere.

Let's explore further the differences between meteorites and Green Fireballs:

Meteors, when entering the atmosphere, are usually reported as a glowing white, with tints of orange or red. They are most frequently seen in the months of October and November. Their speed has been reliably estimated at around twelve miles per second. Meteors that penetrate our atmospheric blanket always have curved trajectories, due to the pull of gravity. Green Fireballs always travel in straight lines. Meteors produce a loud, shattering noise when they explode. Green Fireballs are silent. Meteors break into fragments upon exploding. Green Fireballs do not.

According to Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, mathematician, astronomer, and Director of the Institute of Meteoritics at the University of New Mexico, "normal fireballs do not appear green, neither do they appear to be electrostatic phenomena. They move too regularly, and too fast."

Now that I've brought up the subject of electrostatic phenomena, we ought to compare a form of these with the Green Fireballs. Such a form we might term "Lightning Type Fireballs."

"Lightning Type Fireballs" have been measured from a fraction of an inch, to five feet in diameter, but the average size is around four to eight inches in diameter. They glow eerily, often red, but occasionally blue-green, gold or white. Some pulsate, but most have a bluish halo encircling them.

Sometimes there are noises associated with their appearance, like a hissing or humming. The "lightning ball" can appear for as short as a fraction of a second to as long as fifteen minutes. When they leave an area, they sometimes fade out gradually, or simply disappear. Some "pop" and some leave with an explosion, often shooting streamers or flames in all directions, leaving an evil smelling blue mist. But, more importantly, these "fireballs" occur only during a thunderstorm, usually toward the tail end, most often following a normal lightning bolt. Hardly an explanation for the Green Fireballs.

Since 1948, Green Fireballs have literally bathed the Southwest. But not until 1951 were they seen over the rest of the United States. Prior to 1948, scattered reports of Green Fireballs came from areas surrounding Sweden.

Hundreds of pilots, meteorologists, atomic scientists, and other trained observers have sighted them. Reports came so thick and fast in 1948 that, less than a year later, the Air Force established an agency to investigate them, known as "Project Twinkle." The project was first set up at Vaughn, New Mexico, to obtain scientific data on the "fireballs." After three months, it was transferred to Holloman Air Base, at Alamogordo, New Mexico.

At Holloman, during the next three months, there were only a few sightings. And the great speed of the Green Fireballs prevented the Air Force from arriving at any satisfactory explanation, if one was possible. Search parties even explored the areas directly beneath the point where the "fireballs" disappeared, but found nothing. "Project Twinkle," faltered, and soon failed completely.

In the fall of 1951, during a period of some thirteen days, eight especially brilliant Green Fireballs were seen in five Southwestern states. Dr. LaPaz, reporting in the November 19, 1951 issue of TIME, said "a fall of nine bright meteorites in a year over a comparable area would be considered exceptional."

One of the best Green Fireball sightings occurred on November 2, of that year. It attracted over 165 separate reports, and was seen from Vista, California, to Santa Fe, New Mexico, a distance of some one thousand miles. Witnesses included pilots, scientists at Los Alamos, CAA towermen, the Army, the Air Force, and even the unsuspecting civilian. It appeared as if the "fireballs" were aiming toward the bomb test sites at White Sands Proving Grounds.

Said H.B. Darrach, Jr. and Robert Genna, in the April 7, 1952 issue of LIFE, "they are not distortions of the atmosphere resulting from atomic activity. Nor are they aberrations of the Northern Lights. Magnetic disturbances cannot account for them." They were clearly baffled.....

In 1952, observations of Green Fireballs equalled or surpassed those of 1948. Then they tapered off considerably. Only a few observations were reported during the next four years. Then, to everyone's amazement, they were back again in full force during the great flying saucer flap of 1957. Just as things started to get interesting, the "fireballs" fell to their lowest ebb in the course of the next five years.

In 1963, reports increased in frequency once again. They came from all over the Western Hemisphere, but this time it was almost predictable. I say almost, because it is not until after UFOlogists record or designate a flap year, that the phenomenon of the Green Fireballs is also seen on the upsurge.

Thus, it can be shown that so-called UFO flaps coincide with great increases in the incidence of Green Fireballs, and, it would seem that both are actually related.

Will this lead us to the long-sought answer, or will the mystery deepen ?

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THE ADVENTURES OF DOCTOR D. DOGMA II

By Olesko



"I don't care if you are a leading citizen in this town, Judge. You are a liar if you persist in claiming you saw a flying saucer!"

GIANT SAUCER FLAP STIRS THE NATION ! ! !

by Rick Hilberg

-1965-

Those UFO investigators who said that the saucers had left us after years of observation have been wrong lately. Three short years ago I can recall cynical articles stating that it was time to get out of Ufology because there was no longer anything to investigate.

For a while I was inclined to take such statements seriously, for it was plain to see that few good reports were coming in. A look at the saucer publications of the period shows that many were reporting observations of meteors in their pages, trying to somehow mold them into reports of UFO.

Fortunately things began to improve in 1963. In that year reports began to pick up to the point where morale was almost back to normal. The strange craters found in Charlton, England and elsewhere were topics of much interest.

And we all know what happened in 1964! After Lonnie Zamora sighted an egg-shaped machine on the desert, a great wave of flying saucers struck the United States. Some may say that the current flap is but an extension of the 1964 wave, indeed this may be correct. However, there was a large gap in the fall and winter that seems to show that the late winter reports in Virginia, and the current activity are separate activities of saucer observation.

The current reports have received much publicity. For the first time in many years the national press has devoted large amounts of space to UFO reports. It can also be said that the attitude and tone of the press reports is somewhat improved over the skeptical and tongue-in-cheek methods used previously. This can probably be traced to the fact that many newsmen (and men of science) have finally realized that the saucers are not just a summer madness to be laughed-off, but a serious scientific problem.

Probably the clincher to many was the fact that UFO reports started to build in intensity during the Mariner fly-by of Mars. Were the Martians (or whoever uses Mars as a base) sending their own Mariners to earth? Were they angry at us for violating their privacy? This interesting question is, of course, impossible to answer.

The reports you are about to read are just a small sample of those available. To report fully on the flap would take scores of pages in small type, yet they are sufficient to give a picture of the current activity.

JULY

3 If I were asked for the first report of the flap, I would probably say the one reported in newspapers from coast-to-coast regarding a lens-shaped object at the South Pole would be "it."

On that date came official reports that a mysterious lens-shaped flying object, maneuvering and moving at a great speed, was sighted.

Mario Jahn Barrera, commander of a Chilean base, radioed his defense ministry that the object was "something real" and that it caused interference in the electromagnetic apparatus. In Buenos Aires the navy issued a communique saying the object was seen and photographed at Argentina's Antarctic base.

The colors were given as "yellowing red, changing to green, yellow, white and orange."

The Argentine dispatch from a detachment at Deception, said the object was "neither balloon nor star nor aircraft." The report stressed the lack of sound and noted that the object stood still in space at times.

A Chilean corporal took pictures-but in total darkness. Further, the base has no facilities for developing film. The men must wait eight months to be relieved and have the film developed on the mainland.¹

11 Portugal

Strange objects moving through space were reported sighted in two widely separated areas of Portugal. The Azores weather bureau said interference from one stopped its electromagnetic clocks.

The first reported mysterious flying object appeared in Motosinhos, near the northern city of Oporto, where Manuel Fernandes and his wife at first saw "some sort of luminous flattened balloon."

Fernandes, an employe of the fisherman's union, said "The strange object at first looked like a flattened balloon, but then as we both watched, it looked like a plate turned over.

"The thing was very luminous, and had orange coloring and was nearly red at times," the couple said. "The saucer stopped at rather high altitude, near the coast, for about three minutes. Then, with an incredible velocity, it sped towards the north."

Some sort of interference stopped the electromagnetic clocks of the Villa Do Porto weather bureau in the Portuguese Azores archipelago, a spokesman said. He added a "cylindrical white object" circled around in the sky. He said the object was moving slowly northeast at an altitude of 24,000 to 30,000 feet.²

12 Marion, South Carolina

UFOs were reported in the Pee Dee area at night-one case outside Florence and the other outside Marion.

The Marion report said that a "real bright object" flew along outside Marion. Jerry Coleman and Sonny Foxworth, both of Latta, reported seeing the object as they approached Marion from Latta. They said the object was flat and gave off a bright light.

About a half-hour later, Robert Sims of Florence said he sighted an object going west over Florence. The time was 8 p.m. and Sims said the object appeared to land near the Timmonsville Highway.

About the object Sims saw, he said it looked like "a big ball of fire and left a smoke trail." It is quite possible that Mr. Sims may have spotted a meteor.³

Pepper Pike, Ohio

Mrs. William W. Kehres of Chagrin Falls, Ohio and her 11-year-old son, Grant, saw a brilliant and hovering UFO along Shaker Blvd. near Lander Road.

"I stopped the car so we could watch," she said. "It was oblong and very shiny-sort of metallic-and appeared to be hovering at about 5,000 feet."

In a moment the object disappeared, she reported. As the car started the object reappeared.

It began accelerating at a rapid rate and disappeared in the distance, she said.⁴

Greenwood, Indiana

Two youngsters in northeast Greenwood viewed unidentified lights in the sky about 11 p.m. that evening.

"The first looked cigar-shaped and was larger than the second one which was more round and was only half as far away," described Michael Hughes, an 18-year-old, who was visiting his aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. William C. Miller.

Teresa Owen, who was putting her bicycle into the garage, said she only saw the first light which she too described as cigar-shaped. She viewed the strange sight at her home in Greenwood. Teresa, who will be a sixth-grader, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Owen.

Teresa said the cylindrical light "moved fast and was pretty high." She commented, "It didn't look like an airplane to me. It looked like a long streak and kept moving about. It didn't make any noise."

"The first one looked like a cigar in shape and moved faster and was higher than any jet I've ever seen," said the Hughes youth, who has taken an interest in science since high school.

"I watched it fly toward the moon and cut across a bright star before it was gone."⁵

Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland

An unidentified flying object-or objects-spotted in the sky had thousands of persons and numerous agencies in at least four states baffled.

The general consensus of "experts" was that the object was a weather balloon. But if it was a balloon, no one was able to find out where it came from!

The Federal Aviation Agency, which is generally informed on such matters, said it had no reports of any weather balloons being launched that day except one in Tyler, Texas. A spokesman said, however, that the Tyler balloon was launched only a short time before the first UFO report was made in Ohio that morning.

Late that night, the FAA at Columbus said to disregard its earlier information that the object was a weather balloon. It would not comment further.

A spokesman at Lockbourne AFB, near Columbus, said the object spotted in the Mideastern states was a satellite. He too declined further comment.

A report that the object was "definitely" Venus came from Friend Kierstead, orbit analyst for the Akron-Canton Satellite Tracking Group which traces satellites for the government. Kierstead said the planet had become visible after moving within close range of the sun.

There was speculation by the FAA and research officials at Ohio State University, however, that the object spotted in Akron may not have been the same one seen in other states.

Lockbourne sent up a jet plane to get a closer look at the object, reported by several sources to have been hovering at about 60,000 to 80,000 feet. The pilot reported that he was no closer to the object at 31,000 feet- the highest he went-then when he was on the ground.

Officials at Wright Patterson AFB, near Dayton-home of the Air Force UFO center-said they did not know for sure what the object was or where it came from.

The chief meteorologist at the Columbus Weather Bureau said it appeared as "an inverted flow-through tea bag." Descriptions by others who watched the object through telescopes ranged from "tier-shaped," "cigar-shaped," "bell-shaped " to "round." Reports on the color varied widely from white to silver to orange.

Thousands of bewildered persons who saw it, telephoned news media, weather bureaus, police officers-jamming switchboards.⁶

17 Uruguay-Argentina

A youth was reported as saying he saw a four-legged object touch down for two minutes in broad daylight on a beach just across the River Plate in Uruguay.

He was quoted in Buenos Aires as saying the object shot skywards in a blinding flash after a tug hooted a siren.

One of several Uruguayans who claimed to have seen the object on Honda Beach said it had a circular center, with flattened, oval extensions on either side.

A local Roman Catholic review, commenting on the recent spate of strange sightings in Latin America, said if there had been visitors from other worlds one could be glad that they did not appear to harbor sinister intentions.

The description by the Uruguayan tallied with a photograph published in Buenos Aires on the front page of Sunday's tabloid newspaper El Mundo. It was claimed to have been taken as an unidentified flying object hovered over a gas plant in the southern city of Bahia Blanca.

El Mundo said it was submitting the negatives for local scientific investigation.⁷

21 Anaheim, California

An Anaheim woman, her husband, and 13-year-old son reported that they saw a round, color-changing UFO in the skies over Orange County.

Mrs. Stephen Pallow said the object was first spotted by her son at 8:55 p.m. The boy raced home from Maxwell Park, where he had been watching an outdoor program, and told his mother he had seen the object.

"I was a little skeptical," she said, "but I went into the back yard and I saw it, too."

Mrs. Pallow said the object, traveling in a straight line from southeast to northwest, gave off "a white glow, but slowly changed colors." She indicated it had "arms of light, like rays."

"It slowly turned yellow-orange, then became a bright orange," she added.

Mrs. Pallow's husband, who returned home in the midst of the 25 minute "UFO watch", also saw the object but, she said, "didn't want us to tell anybody because they would think we were crazy." However she said, "I'm sure we saw something."

Mrs. Pallow said she also watched the object through binoculars and it "appeared to be about the size of a nickel" as it moved toward Los Angeles.

"It wasn't a plane, I'm sure," she said, "because of the change of colors and the fact that it hovered."⁸

22 Saco, Montana

Yound Jeff and Tana Kappel were enjoying the warm summer evening and riding their horses around the yard of their home. Jeff called to his mother that he wanted to be helped off the horse.

As she came out of the house she glanced up and noted the sun glinted on something shiny. She saw an object that appeared to be shaped like a gourd or a slightly tipped bowling pin. She dashed into the house for the binoculars and observed the silver-colored object floating around about a quarter-mile high above the ground.

It left no vapor, emitted no sound, and in a few seconds drifted completely out of sight, leaving "an eerie feeling" with Mrs. Kappel.⁹

AUGUST

(July) 31-1-2 Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Wyoming

Unidentified "blips" on the radar screen at the Wichita Weather Bureau (see cover) has confirmed the presence of unidentified flying objects in the Southwest.

Visual sightings were reported from Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said that Tinker Air Force Base, at Oklahoma City, was tracking as many as four. Tinker has refused to confirm or deny the report.

John Shockley, Wichita weatherman, tracked "them" at different times between two and six a.m. "mostly on the south side of the city."

"I don't know what we've got here," he said. "It looks about the size of a Cessna on the screen." Altitudes were from 6,000 to 9,000 feet.

P.H. Messner, in charge of air traffic control installations for the Federal Aviation Agency, said, "We have no information on unidentified flying objects. I have no reports of any observed on our electronic equipment."

A spokesman at McConnell confirmed that the FAA report, but noted that the FAA radar covers only a 30-mile radius, while the Weather Bureau covers about all of Kansas.

Numerous reports from citizens and law enforcement officials agree on the objects' bright lights. Descriptions of movement and shapes vary.

Deputy Sheriff Everett Tucker, of Wellington, Kansas, said he and his wife saw one about 4:50 a.m., "moving rapidly to the north." He said a red vapor trailed behind the egg-shaped object.

Sightings of four mysterious craft flying in a diamond formation came from Chickasha, Cushing, Shawnee and Chandler, Oklahoma. Officers in three patrol cars at Shawnee said they watched the diamond formation shortly after 9 p.m. They said the strange craft moved in a northerly direction, and changed colors from red to white to blue-green, and moved from side to side at times.

Jack Sheets, Wellington, Kansas, said he and four other men watched the objects from between 4:50 and 5:30 a.m.

The five were working in the yards of Santa Fe Railroad and watching the sky because of earlier reports concerning flying objects in the area. Sheets recalled four different aircraft "or whatever they were" passing across the sky in intervals of seven or eight minutes.

"The first two were a solid red light, no flashing or anything. They seemed to be at a very high altitude on a steady and even course at an even speed.

"The third was red, and after it passed straight over us, it turned white. The fourth was white from the first sighting until after it was gone.

"They all seemed about the same type of movement, and pretty evenly-spaced in time. The third was the only one that changed color," sheets emphasized.

Police in Dallas said the lights formed two triangular patterns and flashed from red to green to blue-white. They criss-crossed the area from 2:20 a.m. until dawn.¹⁰

Tower guards at the Colorado State Penitentiary at Canon City, watched a bluish-white light about 20 minutes before it faded. It came back, brighter than before, and disappeared.¹¹

Two Police officers from Caldwell, Kansas, said they were close enough to a flying saucer "to get a picture." The two, Dave Lowe and Eddie Roberts, are both rookies on the force.

"They can call me a liar or anything they want, but I saw it," Lowe said. "I used to think all those people were crazy...I saw 'em in the sky myself and still thought I was nuts...but when I got close it was something other than like I've seen made by man and that's all there is to it."

Lowe and Roberts heard reports over the police radio that UFOs were moving in a southerly direction toward Wellington, South Haven and Caldwell.

The two headed for the Caldwell Airport on the east edge of town. They spotted a couple hovering high in the sky, but could not see them clearly.

When the objects disappeared, they went back to sipping coffee and telling each other how absurd people were who said that they could tell definitely that the objects were not stars.

A radio report of a UFO tracked by radar north of Caldwell interrupted the conversation. They saw nothing at first, then Lowe noticed something behind a rise in the ground about 50 yards away. He thought at first it was car headlights.

"It looked like the halo of light a city has at night," Lowe related. "I jumped up on the car running board to take a closer look and there it was, bright as a hundred search lights."

Lowe described it as being white, red and bluish-green in color. It was impossible to separate the colors; they all blended together, he said.

"It didn't look at all like what I thought a flying saucer would. It wasn't round and it was much longer than it was wide. Actually, it looked like an egg," he said. "It was a hundred yards long."

After regaining their composure, the two jumped in the squad car and raced after the object to get a closer look. As they pulled onto U.S. 81 and headed east, the object ducked behind a hedge row and they lost sight of it.

"When it went behind the hedge row, the darn thing must have turned out the lights so we couldn't follow it," Lowe said. "Anyway we never saw the thing again."

Total time the object was seen at close-hand was approximately three minutes, they said.

"I mentioned several minutes before we saw it that I heard an engine running," Lowe said. "I thought it was an airplane, but we never saw one come in afterwards."

"It was nothing manmade like I've seen. It might have been something experimental, but I don't think so," Roberts said.

When the sun came up Monday morning, the pair returned to the field where it was thought the object touched down. The search failed to turn up any evidence that the saucer made a landing.¹²

Some residents of the Justin and Ponder areas of north Texas said they saw a "flying saucer" land near Texas Highway 156 Monday night. However, investigation by authorities failed to turn up any evidence of a landing.¹³

3 Hennepin and Anoka Counties, Minnesota (near Minneapolis)

At 12:25 a.m. law enforcement officers stared at the sky. Reports of UFOs had been received over the last three days in at least eight states. The nation was in the grip of another big saucer flap, similar to the one in 1952. The Air Force tried to brush-off the saucers currently being sighted as stars...only trouble was that the stars they mentioned were not visible in the Northern Hemisphere at the time.

Sky-gazing in the Minneapolis area began as Shorewood Patrolman Bob Force drove along Highway 7 in western Hennepin County. "Don't think I'm nuts or something," he told the radio dispatcher. "But something funny is going on. I just saw a star pass me up." Force later elaborated, "It appeared to go alongside me. Then, suddenly it was out in front. You got to see it to believe it."

For more than two hours afterward, other officers vindicated Force's eyesight, to say nothing of his sanity. Something was up there, all right.

"It bobs like a cork...it dips like a falling star, then stops...it darts... it has a jerky motion...It's traveling northeastward...it's on the horizon..."

it's at a 20 degree angle...It changes colors...it's got a white glow in the middle,green lights on the sides and a red light on top...It's round... it's wedge-shaped...it's making U-turns..."

Among those calling in was a Blaine patrolman who reported sighting an object just before 1 a.m. Anoka County dispatcher G.R. Van Dusen,reacted skeptically."Say," Van Dusen said. "Blaine's got an ordance against fly- ing saucers doesen't it?"

Along Highway 12 in western Hennepin County,within shouting distance of the Wayzata Country Club,stood seven squad cars,doors flung open.Officers had gathered there after Long Lake Police Chief Bill Kearin reported see- ing a formation of strange objects.

Hennepin County Sgt.Chet Seviola,who remained dubious to the last ,heard of Kearin's sighting and hurried to the scene."I wanted to catch Bill in the act," Seviola said."And there he was,pointing out seven objects in the shape of a cup."

"It was the Big Dipper.Why,he was even counting headlights on passing cars."

But Kearin insisted he had sighted phenomena that were neither stars, planets nor headlights.Officers from Spring Park and Wayzata agreed."Those two over there," Kearin said,pointing to a pair of heavenly objects that seemed to bob and twinkle in red-and-green."You can't tell me...."

While Hennepin and Anoka County officials staggered under the mystery of it all,the Ramsey County sheriff's office was getting no flying object reports whatsoever.

"No sir," said Patrolman Walter Fowler,the Ramsey County radio dispatcher. "Our men have too many better things to do than chase flying objects." 14

4 Abilene,Kansas

Don Tenopir,44,a truck driver from Beatrice,Oklahoma,reported that he was buzzed by a flying saucer about 25 miles south of Abilene shortly before two a.m.

He gave this account to newsmen:

"I was driving north on Highway 15 about 25 miles south of Abilene.I was carrying a full load of peanuts and was en route to Lincoln,Nebraska.I guess it was about 1:30 a.m. when all of a sudden the lights on my truck went out. Then they came back on again.

"About this time this thing,saucer,or whatever,went over my truck with a sizzling or wind-like blowing sound.It scared the hell out of me.It seemed to almost touch the cab,maybe it was 20 feet in the air,and it just swooped down over the road and hovered there not more than 100 feet in front of me.

"I tell you I was standing on those brakes.I just don't know what was happening.It looked like it was going to fall right in the middle of the road,but it didn't.

"I got my rig stopped and about that time this thing raised up a bit and slowly took off to the west and then headed south. I don't know how long it

was there.It seemed longer than 20 seconds,but I was just to damned scared to tell time.

"The thing looked round to me.I'd guess it was about 14 or 15 feet in diameter and sort of orange-colored.This thing was shooting off reddish rays, kind of in spurts.The rays weren't really steady,kind of flashing.

"The object appeared to be like a saucer.I'd guess it was about two feet thick and the edge was round.There was a hump,or something like that,in the middle.This hump stuck up about four feet or so.There was a dark spot in 15 the hump ,and this might have been a window or something.I just don't know."

These reports prove that something was going on in our skies in early August.Stars do not land,unless the Air Force is keeping some world-shaking news concerning astronomy from us.Likewise,the machines sighted were not "moon dust" as one "scientist" tried to have us believe.If you would tell those people in the Southwest that what they saw was no more than moon dust, they would say you had not moon dust on your mind,but rocks in your head !

Footnotes

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THE GREAT ISOSCELES TRIANGLE OF ENGLAND****

by J. Goddard

In 1961 Tony Weed, an English Ufologist who lives in Chiddingstone, Kent, brought out a small booklet entitled "Skyways and Landmarks." This dealt with a surmised connection between leys, ancient monument alignments discovered in 1922 by Alfred Watkins (an amateur Herefordshire archaeologist) and orthoteny, Aime Michel's discovery of the straight-line pattern which formed when UFO sightings during the 1954 French flap were taken on a 24-hour basis.

Chiddingstone is a fairly important ley centre (the prehistoric monuments consist of burial mounds, standing stones, hilltop clumps of trees, etc.), as more than three leys cross there. The Weed booklet contained some interesting sightings. At Chiddingstone itself a "daystar" was observed motionless in the sky on 28 March 1959. At Mark Beech, a ley centre not far from Chiddingstone, a pulsating light moving north-west was seen. On the same ley, at Shoreham, a white light moving eastwards very fast was observed. At Keston Mark, a ley centre with a ley running to Chiddingstone, another pulsating light was seen moving east to west. This was on 26 August 1960 (the two previous sightings were seen on 23 August and 5 January, 1961 respectively). On yet another ley leading into this little Kent village, a cigar-shaped object was seen moving westwards at great speed on 4 May 1959. This was seen at the town of Little Hawkwell.

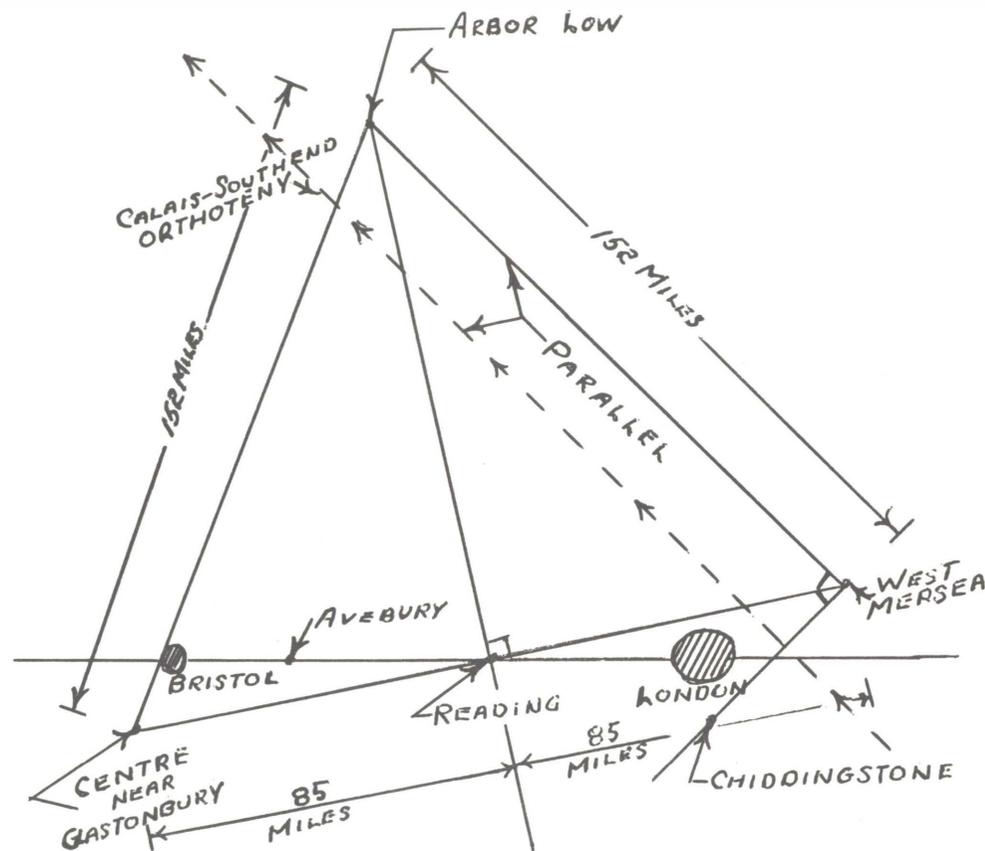
But, while these sightings are very interesting and indeed seem to suggest a connection between leys and orthoteny, they do not provide conclusive proof of the connection because Aime Michel stipulates that, for an orthoteny to be claimed to exist, all the sightings must occur in a single twenty-four hours, from midnight to midnight.

Since "Skyways and Landmarks" was published, an organization called "The Ley Hunter's Club" was set up under the chairmanship of Philip Heselton, a Ufologist who lives at Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex, England. The objects of this group were to form a national index of all the leys in England and to do research into the leys, especially in their connection with UFOs. Much work was done in trying to find conclusive proof of the connection, but the trouble was that all the leys discovered were in England, while all the orthoteny were in France and America.

Then in 1964 the research of the "Ley Hunter's Club" bore fruit. A huge isosceles triangle covering many square miles of English countryside was discovered, a triangle of leys seeming to connect accurately with the only one of Michel's orthoteny to cross the English coast, the Calais-Southend orthoteny.

The apex of the Triangle is the great ley centre of Arbor Low, Derbyshire, which is reputed to have fifty leys passing through it. From this two lines, each 152 miles long, run to a centre near Glastonbury and to the town of West Mersea. The mid-point of the line running from West Mersea to the centre near Glastonbury is the important Reading ley centre. The perpendicular to the mid-point of this line, which obviously will pass through Arbor Low, is 125 miles long and, where it crosses the Calais-Southend orthoteny (which incidentally is parallel to the eastern side of the Triangle) is the spot where the famous Overseal Sighting took place. (continued on page 14)

Sketch of the Great Isosceles Triangle of England



The Overseal Sighting occurred September 13, 1962 and was reported in THE TIMES on September 15 as well as the November-December, 1962 issue of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW. Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Jones were driving along a road near Overseal, Derbyshire, when at 11:20 p.m. Mrs. Jones saw a light over the car. She looked up and there was a grey, luminous object bigger than the car just above the top of the telegraph poles. It was curved underneath, and the top was domed like a child's humming top. There were some dark spots round the rim of the base, and the whole thing seemed to be tilted slightly and slowly revolving. Mrs. Jones was very frightened and she thought the object was going to land on the top of the car, but after a few moments it made "a swishing sound like a rocket" and disappeared. Mr. Jones, however, was looking ahead at the road and did not see the object. Even so, this sighting was easily one of the most important for 1962.

Another point to mention about the Calais-Southend orthoteny is that it passes through Canterbury Cathedral, which has a major ley leading to Stonehenge, the famous stone temple on Salisbury Plain.

As well as the base-line of the Triangle, there is another important ley passing through the Reading centre. This is the Bristol-London line which also passes through Avebury, a famous site of standing stones similar to Stonehenge, but without the horizontal stones. The Bristol-London line has an enormous number of sightings within a mile or so each side of it, and seems to be a major route, crossing Swansea Bay, Bristol, Keynsham, Reading, London Airport, South London, and the Thames Estuary. In practically every issue of the FLYING SAUCER REVIEW one will find several sightings on this line.

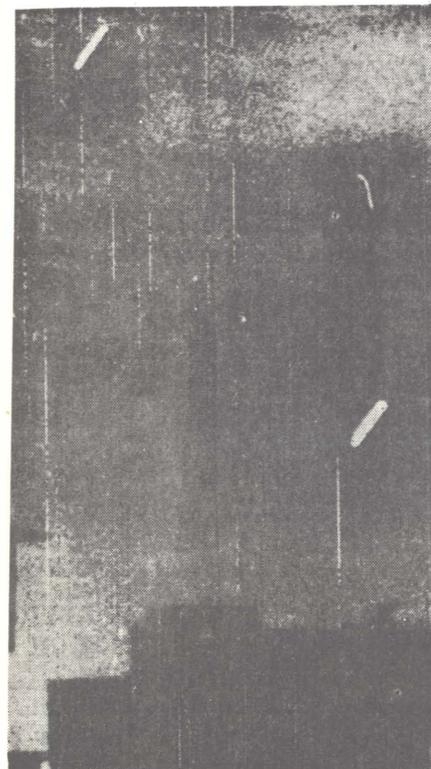
If we take a line from West Mersea at ninety degrees to the west side of the Triangle, we find that the line passes through Chiddingstone, the little Kent village mentioned earlier.

The implications of this discovery are staggering. The huge network of ancient sites with its fantastically accurate lengths and angles would be far beyond the capabilities or indeed the imaginations of our prehistoric ancestors. It would require an extremely advanced technology, far in advance of ours at the present time. Even yet we do not know the real reason the UFOs use these leys as routes (Is it to navigate by? To pick up power from? Or for some completely different purpose which is perhaps beyond our imagination?). What we do know, however, is that archaeologists will have to do some drastic re-thinking as to the nature of the sites they are studying.

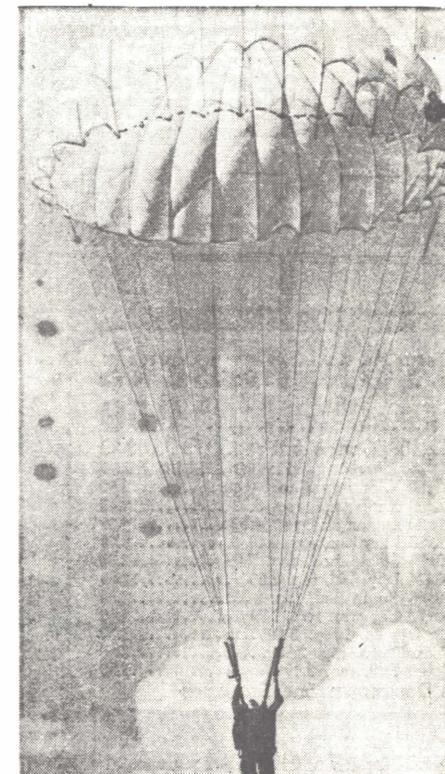
AIRLINER CHASES UFO OVER COLORADO !!!

On April 1, 1966 a Frontier Air Line pilot was asked by Lowery Air Force Base to alter his flight plan to Salt Lake City, and to investigate on a UFO south of Denver. Warren Heckman of Denver, the pilot, said he spotted colored lights about twenty miles away. He said he closed to within about three miles when he saw that the lights were attached to a moving object. Then the lights suddenly went down as if the object had landed. There was some speculation that the object might have been a tower in the Rocky Mountains near Palmer Lake. It seems rather odd that an Air Force base and an airline pilot could mistake a stationary tower for a "moving object!"

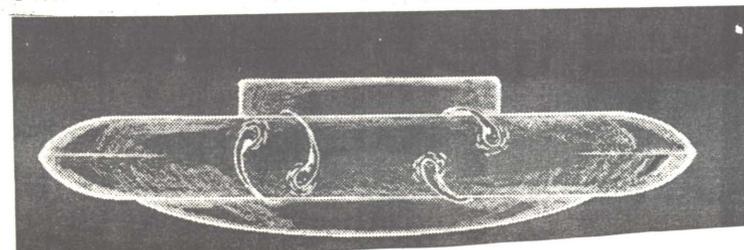
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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (white discs) were reported photographed in the night sky over Buenos Aires. The two objects remained stationary for about 10 minutes, according to reports, then flew away at great speed. The photograph was taken with an exposure of one minute. A series of sightings has been reported in the last weeks in the Azores, Spain and South America. (UPI Radiophoto)



EIGHT BLACK OVAL MARKS show on this photograph taken near Junction City, Kans., last Sunday. Photographer George Goodson said of 35 pictures taken of sky divers, this is the only one with the black ovals. He used a 135-mm lens on a 35-mm camera and didn't see the objects in the sky when he shot the film. (UPI Telephoto)



UFO?—Unexplained blips on weather-forecasting radar scopes lend more credence than usual to a rash of Unidentified Flying Objects sightings in the Southwest. This artist's version, copyrighted by the Oklahoma Journal, depicts an object an Air Force weather observer says he sighted over Oklahoma using a scope and high-powered field glasses. The tadpole objects represent rotating red lights the airman said were surrounded by a blue halo.



FLYING SOMETHING — This photo shows an unidentified flying object which Ralph Ditter, a Zanesville, Ohio, barber, said he photo-

graphed at his home. He said the picture was made with a Polaroid camera.

(AP Wirephoto)

November 13, 1966



This is a photo of an unidentified flying object taken by a television cameraman in Sherman, Tex., 17 miles south of the Texas-Oklahoma border. Photographer Bob Campbell, accompanied by Patrolman Pete McCollum, observed the object between 2 and 3:30 a.m. Monday. Campbell made a 2-minute exposure on Tri-X film.

August 2, 1965

NEW SAUCER FLAP STRIKES THE MIDWEST !

---by Rick R. Hilberg

1966

The following is a brief summary of the most important saucer reports to be found in the recent Midwestern flap. While there have been many sensational statements made by the Air Force, the press, and saucer investigators themselves, we will try to take a middle-road approach in this report.

March 20, 1966- At least forty persons—twelve of them policemen—reported seeing an unidentified flying object over Ann Arbor, Michigan. Two sheriff's deputies said they saw eerie blinking lights—apparently on a flying object—rise above the trees, then dip again. Another policeman said he saw a formation of four or five saucers pass over his car. Six patrol cars chased the formation until it vanished. One of the machines got to "within ten feet" of a patrol car, said Patrolman Robert Huniwell.

Farmer Frank Mannor got to within 500 yards of a football-shaped saucer with a waffled skin and red lights. Mannor, who with his son observed the strange machine in a nearby swamp area, said the saucer took off with a sound like a ricocheting bullet. Doctor J. Allen Hynek and the Air Force later tried to explain this and later reports away as glowing "swamp gas".

March 21, 1966- A county Civil Defense director and eighty-seven coeds said they watched a hovering saucer settle in a hollow (not swamp as reported widely!) near Hillsdale College, Michigan. William Van Horn, who has been County Civil Defense director for ten years, said he watched the object through binoculars for three hours. He said it looked round and oblong.

Miss Sara Robeck, a Hillsdale student, said that it appeared "as big as a house with a lot of lights around it." She reported that after the floodlights went out yellowish lights appeared on the craft. Then a red light glowed in the center.

March 25, 1966- Everett Will, who lives near Upper Sandusky, Ohio told authorities he saw an object that looked like a top or Christmas tree upside down. Sheriff's deputies who examined the scene found nothing.

In Lucas County, Ohio near Toledo, Deputies Robert Schultz and Stanley Nalepa reported seeing a huge object that had glowing red lights and a halo at tree-top level. The saucer disappeared when they moved closer.

March 28, 1966- An airport control tower operator at Columbus, Georgia reported seeing a glowing, oblong object maneuvering high in the sky. The object was also tracked on radar in Columbus and in distant Atlanta. Doyle Palmer, who works at the Muscogee County airport, said he observed the greenish-white cigar-shaped machine and tracked it on radar for over an hour. Six Columbus policemen also observed the strange machine.

Four police officers and a high school science teacher sighted a glowing green or white saucer over Green Bay, Wisconsin.

April 1, 1966- Two Berea, Ohio policemen said they saw "an orange glow as big as a house" floating above some trees early in the morning. "It must have been one of those unidentified flying objects seen in Michigan," said Patrolman Clarence T. Janowick when informed there was no moon out at the time. Patrolman Janowick and Patrolman John R. Galik Jr. said they saw the object on the morning of the 29th also. It was noted over Baldwin Lake in the south section of Berea at that time, and was visible for about forty-five seconds. On the first it was sighted six blocks from the lake over the Ohio Turnpike administration building.

Ted Scott, a newsman at radio station WBEX in Chillicothe, Ohio said he saw two objects in the western sky and one in the east during the evening. All were described as red, green and blue pulsating lights.

At Springfield, Ohio a farmer said that he has no idea what caused a burned spot in his five-inch-tall wheat field. Charles Schneider, 76, said the burned spot in the wheat is about twelve feet long, about two feet wide at the end and wider at the other.

The patch of wheat is dark brown in that area, he said, and the wheat around it is healthy and green. The earth seems to be exceptionally dry and crumbly in the burned area. Schneider said neighbors had suggested it might have been caused by a UFO. He said a neighbor, Dorothy Newsome, was driving along the road near the spot and saw a large, strange light momentarily, but could not identify it.

April 17, 1966- Shortly after five a.m., Deputies Dale F. Spaur and W. L. Neff, of the Portage County, Ohio Sheriff's office, were driving along route 14 south of Ravenna. They noticed an abandoned car parked along the south side of the road, and went over to investigate. Deputy Spaur got out of the car and proceeded to approach the vehicle so he could check it out for police records. Suddenly he saw a blinding light come over the highway from the embankment on the south side of the road over a stand of trees.

Deputy Spaur was momentarily blinded by the object after looking directly at it. The saucer flooded the area with a bright white light. After questioning Deputy Spaur sixteen hours after the encounter, he told your editor that the saucer he and Deputy Neff sighted must have been huge if it hovered closely over the highway. Your editor would estimate the object to have been from fifty to sixty feet in diameter from Spaur's description. Spaur said he and Neff heard a definite hum coming from the machine.

After running back to the car, he and Deputy Neff started to chase the object from approximately 5:07 a.m. to somewhere close to 7:00 a.m., to a point near Freedom, Pennsylvania. The object definitely was disk-shaped with a dome on top. It had two spotlights that at one time flooded the area surrounding a crane, around the bend from where the saucer was encountered near the abandoned car. The two lights converged from the machine to strike the ground, Spaur said.

Police Chief Gerald Buchert of Mantua, Ohio said he took a picture of an object during the time of the chase. The photo shows a half-disk at a great distance from the camera. The photo was only shown once on Cleveland television, and apparently was confiscated by Wright Patterson. Your editor has a photograph taken directly from the television screen showing the saucer Chief Buchert caught on film. The Air Force later said the object the two deputies chased was Venus! A neat trick, as Venus was not visible in the northeast where the domed saucer was observed during the 100 m.p.h. chase!

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