

# UFO POTPOURRI

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## FLORIDA CLOSE ENCOUNTER

From: ISLANDER, Pensacola Beach, FL, 7/10/96

On the night of June 17, 1996 at approximately 10:30 pm, a young Pensacola resident was returning home from work. He was traveling east on Kingsfield Road in north Pensacola, driving his pick up and playing the radio. He noticed lights in the sky ahead of him. He thought at first that it was an airplane coming directly toward him down the road. Driving ahead of him was a truck pulling a boat trailer and a boat. As he drove, he continued to see the object coming toward him. He could see that it was a large triangular shaped craft resembling an equilateral triangle. "It was dark black," he said. "There were white lights, one on each corner. The lights were perfectly round and were shining down toward the ground. There was a red blinking light in the center of the triangle."

As he watched this craft come over his truck, he pulled off the side of the road. So did the truck towing the boat in front of him. The witness found himself directly beneath the large craft which was now hovering over the north side of Kingsfield Road. "When it was over me, I could not see the lights on it that I saw when it was coming towards me, just the ones on the corner and the red one in the middle," the witness stated. It hovered there above him for approximately 20 seconds before moving slowly off to the east and then gaining speed until it was out of sight.

The witness left the area immediately and drove to a friend's house to tell them what he had seen.

When it was suggested that maybe he had seen a conventional aircraft, he said he felt it was not since it had hovered stationary for a period of time. When asked if could have been a Harrier jet, the witness replied, "it it had been a Harrier, my whole truck would have been shaking!"

## FLYING TRIANGLE OVER ENGLAND

From: VISITOR, Southport, England, 3/8/96

UFOs hovering over Southport left witnesses stunned this week. A number of shocked motorists have contracted the VISITOR to report close encounters with the unidentified flying object. And now claims have been backed up by experts in extraterrestrial affairs.

One man was driving along Meols Cop Road at about 6 p.m. last Friday when he came face to face with a craft hovering over a field. He said: "This thing was unreal. It was sort of triangle-shaped with a white light in each corner and a square green light

in the middle. It remained motionless for at least five minutes. By that time several cars had stopped and the drivers and passengers were standing by their cars watching in amazement."

"Suddenly, the object started going round the field for a minute or two. Then it stopped and the lights gathered together. Now it was just one big green light and, without warning, it just flew off."

A couple driving home along New Cut Lane at 8:30 p.m. on Sunday also spotted an unidentifiable craft. Mr. Dave Singleton, of Shaftesbury Road, said: "I saw a flash across the sky very high up. Then it came back a few seconds later, leaving behind a vapor trail. It was moving too fast to be a plane."

Merseyside Police say their helicopter was not in the area at the time of the sightings, and the RAF say they know nothing about it.

"We don't fly at night," said squadron leader Nigel May at Woodvale. "I can categorically say it was not a plane from Woodvale."

## ANOTHER FLYING TRIANGLE

From: BRECON & RADNOR EXPRESS, 3/28/96

The description of a mysterious formation of lights in the sky near Penlan, Brecon (England), by local mother of two Sarah Barnard fits closely with reports of an unexplained flying object in a national newspaper.

Mrs. Barnard and her children were frightened and mystified when they saw a large ring of lights close to the ground moving towards Groesffordd on Thursday March 14 and told of their experience.

Saturday's DAILY MAIL included an article describing a slow, silent object dubbed the 'Silent Vulcan' or 'Flying Triangle'.

## FLYING WEDGE (TRIANGLE) OVER ENGLAND

From: THE WEEKLY NEWS, London, 4/6/96

One of the strangest encounters reported recently by the Civil Aviation Authority after a year-long investigation into a bizarre sighting by two British Airways pilots.

They were approaching Manchester Airport last January in their Boeing 737 when suddenly, at 4,000 feet, a strange wedge-shaped object lit up like a Christmas tree flashed soundlessly by the plane's right side and vanished at astonishing speed. The craft past so closely that one of the pilots actually ducked. The two pilots radioed a near miss but the CAA could find no explanation for what they saw.

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## LARGE BLACK TRIANGLE OVER ENGLAND

From: SUNDAY INDEPENDENT, Plymouth, 5/5/96

Two teenagers on a fishing trip dropped their tackle and ran when a strange black craft appeared in the sky above them.

Steven Wright, 17 and James Rawle, 16 from Wellington, said they were fishing near Milverton at about 8:30 pm when the craft appeared making a low-pitched humming noise.

They described it as a large black triangle with a white light on each corner and another near the center. It passed overhead at about 200 to 300 feet.

Steven said: "It was pretty scary. We thought it was about to get us so we cut loose our fishing tackle, jumped on our bikes and cycled away."

## SILENT UFO ZOOMS BY

From: PRESS AND JOURNAL, Aberdeen, Scotland, 2/27/96

Two workers with Highland Regional Council are mystified by a 'silent' UFO that buzzed them early yesterday.

Simon McKenzie and Murdo Macleod were loading their road gritter at Achiltibule on the west coast when the strange object zoomed the tops of the telephone poles, without making a sound.

The object then flew off towards the Brae of Achnahaird, four miles north.

Mr. Macleod, 33, said: "We were going up the road and we saw it again stationary above a point of land. It then crossed the brae to another point of land.

"We actually stopped and watched it for about 10 to 15 minutes. It was going up and down, backwards and forwards, all sorts of strange maneuvers."

"Mr. McKenzie, 30, said: "I have no idea what it was. It certainly wasn't a helicopter or a jet. The only explanation is a UFO."

Aberdeen Weather Center said there were no unusual climatic conditions in the area. But RAF Kinloss said aircraft had been flying all through the night as part of a NATO exercise.

## CANADA'S X-FILES CLOSED

From: Vancouver SUN, 7/27/96

Canada's X-Files have been shut down. For years, federal bodies, such as the Mounties, have been sending reports from the public to the National Research Council.

Although the National Research Council has collected hundreds of UFO sightings over the

years, it is no longer a beacon for accounts of alien activity.

The official story: The mysterious reports that might shed light on little green men have fallen prey to the federal tide of swelling red ink.

The NRC's Solar-Terrestrial Physics Group is being phased out, the victim of budget cuts, leaving no one to collect and catalog the sighting reports. But when the subject is government knowledge of UFOs, can whispers of cover-up be far behind?

Quicker than you can say extraterrestrial biological entity, the NRC's Fokke Creutzberg moves to squelch suggestions of conspiracy.

"In Canada - a cover up? A conspiracy to hide stuff? Holy smokes," says Creutzberg, a physicist who has spent 30 years studying the upper atmosphere. "We don't have enough time in the world to play games like that."

What about a top-secret, deny-everything campaign at the highest levels, like on TV's *X-Files*?

"There could be," he allows. "Nothing is impossible, OK?"

It seems the NRC, however, got into the flying saucer field almost by accident. The council had an active meteorite research program in the 1950s and encouraged the public to make reports of celestial sightings. Meteor research fizzled in the 1970s, but reports kept coming in, says Creutzberg. "And from then on in, basically, it became the UFO files."

For years, various federal agencies - including the RCMP, defense and transport - have been forwarding reports from the public to the NRC.

The council has transferred dozens of reports annually to the National Archives, where the public can see them, with the witnesses' names deleted to protect privacy.

The sightings reports include police files, letters, interview transcripts and sketches.

## V-SHAPED UFO OVER ENGLAND

From: SOUTHEND EVENING ECHO, 3/29/96

A "V-shaped craft" with about 20 lights on its flanks was spotted by Southend (Essex) couple Mike and Kay Rose, at about 8:35 pm on Wednesday. The couple, of Bournemouth Park Road, were watching the comet Hyakutake when they saw the craft.

Mick said: "It looked like a formation of ducks, but crossed the sky from east to west in about five seconds." Another woman had a sighting at 9:15.

Rayleigh astronomer Royston Dean, from the Astronomy Resource Center in Hawkwell, is baffled by the sightings. He said: "I am at a loss to explain them."