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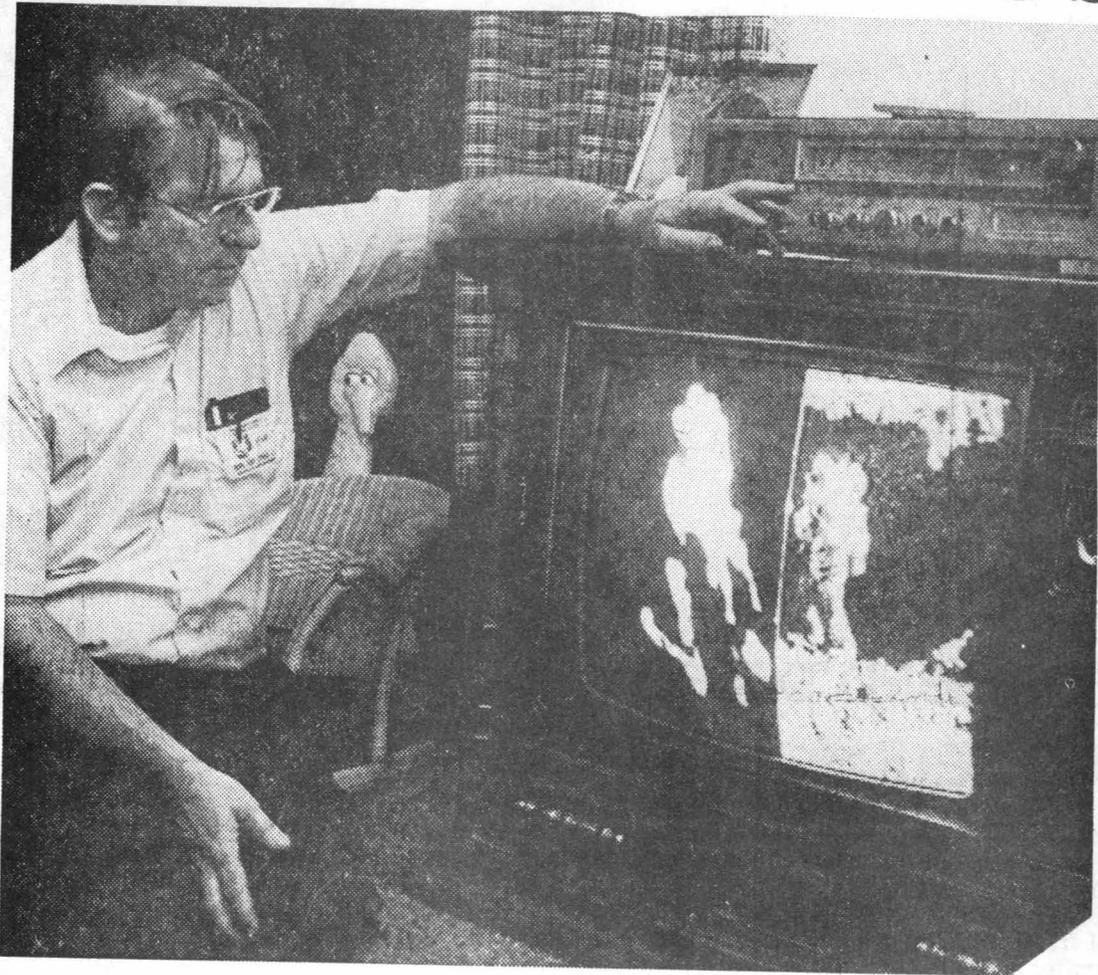
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Believers in UFOs



Larry Tillman displays lights, left photo, which he says really are UFO

By Syliva Brooks
Dispatch Staff Reporter

LONDON, Ohio — Madison County resident Betty Powell believes UFOs dropped Bigfoot into the area for "rest and recuperation because of our beautiful creeks and woods."

A man named Clark Kent has a small, high-voltage electronics lab in Xenia, Ohio, and is conducting experiments on what he calls "UFO technology."

"If we don't do it, the Russians or someone else will," he said.

They are two of 15 members of Phenomena Research Organization, which has looked into claims of orange balls of light in the sky, Bigfoot sightings, UFO landings and anything else which the general public would consider strange.

Five members met last week in a mobile home several miles west of here to discuss a meeting set for Monday to let central-Ohio-at-large know about their group.

PRO members are believers. They have seen

things they can't explain, and they want to find other believers.

Larry Tillman, former disaster services coordinator for Madison County and now an employee of the Ohio Department of Transportation, is one of the executive coordinators. He has a microscope through which one can see what he says are Bigfoot hair and skin samples.

Tillman also has an odd-shaped figure he calls a devil but looks like a mass-produced, novelty shop figurine. It is wrapped in cloth and packed carefully in a suitcase. Tilling admits he does not know what it is but says it is dehydrated and made of skin and bone.

"My grandfather got it at a garage sale," he said.

Lining walls of the mobile home where the five met last week are tapes of claimed UFO sightings, a computer on which they are listed, an oscilloscope and videotape equipment. A 45-minute tape produced by Tillman includes man's first moon landing, a segment of a 1980 television show on Madison

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County's "UFO Highway" and oddly shaped lights which Tillman says are UFOs captured by time-exposure photography.

UFO Highway is Rt. 665, which heads east from here and where sightings of orange balls of light have been claimed. Some people say the lights hover over the London Correctional Institution, too, but if they do, Superintendent Arnold Jago has not seen them.

"I have been here five years," he said. "I do not live very far from the institution. I sit in my yard a lot. I see a helicopter once in a while, but I've never had a UFO report, and I've never seen one."

But the stories of UFOs and Bigfoot will not go away. Between 1948 and 1969, 12,618 UFO sightings were reported and 11,917 found to be natural events or fraud.

The U.S. Air Force closed its books on UFOs in 1969, determining they were not a security threat and not extraterrestrial.

But 701 remain unexplained. Some of them will be described Monday night.



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Chinese keep pace in flying saucers

and his dehydrated devil

Dispatch photos by Mary Circelli

DAY after day, fresh surprises occur in China as part of the opening-up to Western influences in that Communist and sometimes xenophobic land.

Cola-Cola, fashion shows, rock-music concerts, cosmetics, large doses of free enterprise, a more critical press — all are phenomena, major and minor, that would have been unheard of a few years ago. China's receptiveness to things foreign took yet another unexpected turn the other day with a report that a Chinese Boeing 747 jetliner had encountered an unidentified flying object while over western China on the Peking-Paris run.

The report was published in the overseas edition of the Communist Party newspaper; People's Daily. The exact-time and place of the UFO sighting were given.

According to crew members on the Civil Aviation Administration of China flight, the UFO shone brilliantly for 25

to 30 minutes and paced the aircraft for about two minutes.

Now that the Chinese are recognizing UFOs, there is no reason why theirs should not equal anything seen in the West. The one sighted by the Chinese jumbo jet was six miles wide!



Times file

Unidentified flying object photographed over Zanesville, Ohio.

THE SUNDAY SUN
AUG 11 1985

'UFO' caused Peking duck

PEKING (UPI) — A Chinese jumbo jet captain claims a UFO shadowed his plane briefly on a recent flight from Peking, a Chinese newspaper reported.

He was starting to make an emergency landing when the object disappeared, *People's Daily* said Friday.

The paper quoted Captain Wang Shuting as saying, "The crew first spotted the walnut-sized yellow light, brighter than any star we had ever seen, as we were flying at a height of 32,800 feet above Inner Mongolia on the night of June 11."

None of the plane's flight or navigation instruments were affected by the object, which kept pace with the plane for two minutes.

Wang said he reported the object to flight controllers and was just starting to make an emergency landing at a nearby airport when the light began to fade.

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Ex-Tulsan Recalls 'Shooting' UFO



World Staff Photo by Jim Wolfe

Alan R. Smith displays a photograph he took of a UFO over Tulsa 20 years ago Sunday.

By **RALPH MARLER**
Of the World Staff

On a warm Sunday night 20 years ago, a Tulsa youth aimed his Boy Scout camera at the dark sky and clicked the shutter.

In that instant, Alan R. Smith, then 14, made his mark on a controversy that puzzles many today.

Alan took a color photograph of a UFO — an unidentified flying object.

It wasn't a clearly defined "flying saucer." The pictured object was multi-colored, separated by dark bands.

But it was a UFO: an object, flying, and unidentified.

Even the Air Force said so, reluctantly.

Alan's UFO photo was published around the world. Life Magazine printed it.

The photo became a standard used by UFO buffs in search of proof of various theories: "visitors" from another world, or time.

But Alan wasn't impressed with UFOs.

"I didn't see a 'flying saucer,' or 'little green men.' I saw a UFO," he said on a recent Tulsa visit.

"I didn't really develop a serious interest in UFOs. I became more fascinated by the world of journalism than the world of UFOs," said Alan, now 34 and the father of three.

The press attention to his photo amazed him. And it led indirectly to his decision to include journalism in his education.

Too, the photo made him some money, enough to pay three semesters of tuition at Northeastern State University at Tahlequah and later the University of Tulsa.

Today, Alan handles public information and marketing for the High Plains Vo-Tech school in Woodward. And he freelances some for area newspapers.

Alan still remembers the UFO, however.

Actually, there were two UFOs that passed over his parents' home in southwest Tulsa's Carbondale area on the nights of Aug. 1 and 2, 1965. MM

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They appeared during a summer when thousands of people from Minnesota to Mexico reported seeing brilliant, colored objects in the skies.

But Alan didn't know about UFOs.

"I was just a 14-year-old kid interested in baseball and girls," he said. "I was oblivious to the world."

On a Saturday night, after finishing his chore as a route carrier for the Tulsa afternoon newspaper, Alan was in his backyard, listening to a St. Louis Cardinals baseball game on the radio until his father got off the night shift as an Ameri-

can Airlines mechanic.

Through a mimosa tree, Alan and a friend noticed a huge orange light float from northeast to southwest.

It was making a humming noise, but wasn't an airplane or helicopter, Alan said.

"It was a round brilliant object. There didn't appear to be a craft behind it ... just a light," Alan added.

The craft disappeared, silently.

Alan remembered his camera, a Christmas gift the year before.

He bought a roll of film the next day, loaded the film in the

camera and put it near the back door.

On Sunday night, Alan waited again. This time, his father, his sister and a friend were watching, too.

Nothing happened, for awhile.

"We'd almost forgotten about it," Alan said, "and were getting ready to go in the house."

"I looked around...and saw that orange sucker again.

"It looked like it was coming straight overhead." Again the object hummed, moving from southwest to southeast, picking

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UFO Put on Film 20 Years Ago

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up speed.

While the others watched the object, Alan grabbed his camera and raced to the rear of the backyard, where lights were dimmer, braced himself against a clothesline post, and pointed his camera.

"I panned the camera a second or two. When I thought I had it dead-center, I clicked the shutter."

Alan took two more shots of the object.

But when the film came back from a processor about two weeks later, there were no prints.

"I was kinda disappointed...so much for that."

But his father, A. L. Smith, asked if he'd examined the negatives. Alan hadn't. When he did, he noticed a small speck in a corner of the negative. He had it enlarged and printed.

"It was sort of breathtaking," Alan recalled. "The image was clear and vivid, about the size of a dime on a 5-by-7 print."

"It wasn't quite what I saw. I saw a round orange-reddish disc that changed to white as it moved away. In the photo, we got all the colors."

Alan showed the photo to a few friends.

Publisher W. P. "Bill" Atkinson, who had launched his Oklahoma Journal newspaper the year before, heard about Alan's photo. Atkinson, Managing Editor John Clabes and Journal photographers visited Alan.

For weeks, the Journal tried to duplicate the photo, without luck. Finally, the Journal decided

to print it, reserving publishing copyrights.

Alan said he wasn't paid by the Journal, which Clabes confirmed recently. But Alan didn't even think of being paid.

"I remember thinking, why would someone want to pay me for using that picture?" he said.

Eventually Alan would set up a savings account to handle the approximately \$500 he would get from re-print rights to the UFO photo.

The photograph was first published Oct. 5, 1965, on Page 1 of the Oklahoma Journal. Clabes, public information officer for Tinker Air Force Base since the Journal folded in 1980, said the issue was a sell-out.

Other newspapers and magazines worldwide published the photo. It still is used in UFO journals and books.

Hayden Hewes, Oklahoma City UFOlogist, supplied a copy of the Journal's negative to the Air Force UFO team in November 1965. The Air Force returned it, saying it was meaningless to analyze copies of negatives.

A year later, after Life published the picture, a congressional committee strongly suggested the Air Force analyze Alan's picture.

On June 9, 1966, the Air Force reported: "Based upon the information furnished, we can neither confirm nor deny the identification of an unidentified flying object."

To Alan, the Air Force report "bears out what I saw."

"I'm not a hoaxster or attention seeker. I took a picture of an object, flying, that hasn't been

identified."

Hewes said it was the first time the Air Force used the phrase "...neither confirm nor deny the existence" of a UFO.

And, Alan's photo was a key that UFO buffs could use to compare with other UFO sightings, said Hewes.

Alan's fame was quick, and short. He spoke to UFO groups across the state.

Classmates at Clinton Junior High School were fascinated, and didn't ridicule him.

Gradually, as interest waned, Alan finished Webster High School, went to college, got drafted into the Army, married high school sweetheart Jamie Hunter.

Their oldest son, Amos, 12, is an aircraft "fanatic," said Alan. Youngest son Eli, 8, is into baseball.

Alan drives to Tulsa often this summer to see daughter, Glory, 10, who is in the City of Faith Hospital recovering from a leg infection.

He's winding up work on his master's degree in education from Northeastern State University.

Alan doesn't give much thought to the UFO now. "The only serious thought I ever had was it was some type of experimental aircraft."

"The fact it's from this planet has more certainty for me than anything else."

"When you get down to it, everyone has seen a UFO. I feel many can be explained. But also, I feel a very small number of them cannot be explained.

"I haven't seen one since." //

Group supports those who have sighted UFOs

By PATRIK VANDER VELDEN
of the Northwestern

A local UFO discussion group wanted to set up a stand at the Experimental Aircraft Association to tell fliers that extraterrestrials are friendly, but couldn't come up with the \$400 to pay for the spot.

"We wanted to be able to talk to people who have not reported UFOs and to learn about other sightings. To let them know people from other planets are mostly friendly as opposed to warlike," said Judy Woolcott, member of the Fox Valley UFO Discussion and Support Group.

The group was unable to come up with the money because they had just spent \$45 on lecture expenses and \$55 to renew their clipping service, she said.

"We're hoping next year to have an education booth to hand out brochures and show our VCR presentation of pictures of craft we've taken," she said.

The group is about 11 years old and has around 12 members who meet in Menasha the first and third Sunday of each month. They made the 30-minute VCR tape of still shots of flying saucers. The group gives lectures, talks on radio call-in talk shows, keeps a library with 300 UFO-related books, and receives news stories from a worldwide newspaper clipping service.

Mrs. Woolcott runs a cake catering business. Three years ago she had a stand near the EAA grounds on 20th Avenue and talked to pilots then about UFOs. She said pilots were re-

luctant to talk about UFO sightings because of fear of ridicule.

The 48-year-old mother of five does not push her views upon her children.

"There is one that believes and would rather not admit it. I don't ask my kids to get involved. This is my thing and if they don't want to, why should they?"

It was her first sighting in 1958 in St. Petersburg, Fla., that triggered her interest in UFOs.

"I was driving down a boulevard in my convertible and happened to look up to the sky and see this ball of fire falling. In an instant, the fire went out and it looked more like a star and all of a sudden it changed direction. The next day, the St. Petersburg Sun Times had columns of names reporting people who had seen it," she said.

Her most recent sighting was one week ago during a vacation to Ranger Lake, Ontario, Canada.

"I saw nine last week in Canada. We took along binoculars, a telescope. The first night we were there, we saw high flyers that are mother craft way up in the atmosphere. They look like large stars and are moving," she said.

It's easy to find a UFO, she said. "In order to find a craft you take a group of stars and find any that are moving."

Since that first sighting, Mrs. Woolcott claims to have had a missing-time experience and seen a hologram of a 12-inch UFO in her kitchen.

The missing-time experience, she

said, happened about three years ago when she and a friend drove from Appleton to a New London campground. A trip that normally takes 30 minutes took three hours, Mrs. Woolcott said.

"We don't know what happened," she said.

The image of the hologram lasted about 90 seconds, she said.

"It didn't faze me in the least. I would say it was about 12 inches high by six inches wide."

As to why a hologram of UFO would appear in her kitchen, Mrs. Woolcott said, "Why not?"

She took this incident to be a thank-you sign. She explains her frequent viewings of UFOs when she drives her car as signs of protection from extraterrestrials.

"I'm trying to tell people about the space brothers and what they are trying to do for man. And they are trying to turn around and do something for me. It's as if they are guardian angels and they just want to make sure we have a safe trip," she said.

It is not only Mrs. Woolcott that UFO occupants are concerned about — it is concern for the whole human race that brings them to earth from where ever they come, she said.

"They want to save man from himself, prevent us from a nuclear disaster is the biggest thing," she said.

Mrs. Woolcott was not certain of the origin of all the space travelers.

"I don't know. I've never been up

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Northwestern photo

Judy Woolcott holds up photograph of alleged UFO

there."

But she speculated they come from planets within our solar system, within the Milky Way and beyond. "There are so many planets out there, so many galaxies," she said, adding that where they come from is not important. UFOs have been on earth as long as man has been on earth, she said.

"The point is, they do come down here and live among us. They can work here. I'm not saying they're from all the planets. Not all look like us."

UFOs travel on "free electromagnetic energy," said Mrs. Woolcott.

As to how she knew this she said, "Some things, you just know."

For now, the group hopes to make itself more visible to the public.

"We're trying to let the general public have a place to call to report sightings. We will do lectures, call-in shows, go anyplace to talk to anybody who wants to have information about what's happening."

They are willing to offer support for those who have had UFO experi-

ences and felt trauma.

"We interviewed a lady who had a UFO experience. Five years prior she met with the little people. She demonstrated how they walked, but it still scared her. She was crying. She never told anyone. Not even her husband. So she had harbored this. People are afraid to talk about this," said Mrs. Woolcott.

A Catholic, Mrs. Woolcott said her association with UFOs is like a religious experience.

"There's a certain feeling with seeing a UFO. There's a warm,

tender feeling. I don't want it to sound like we worship UFOs, but there is a feeling that goes with seeing a craft.

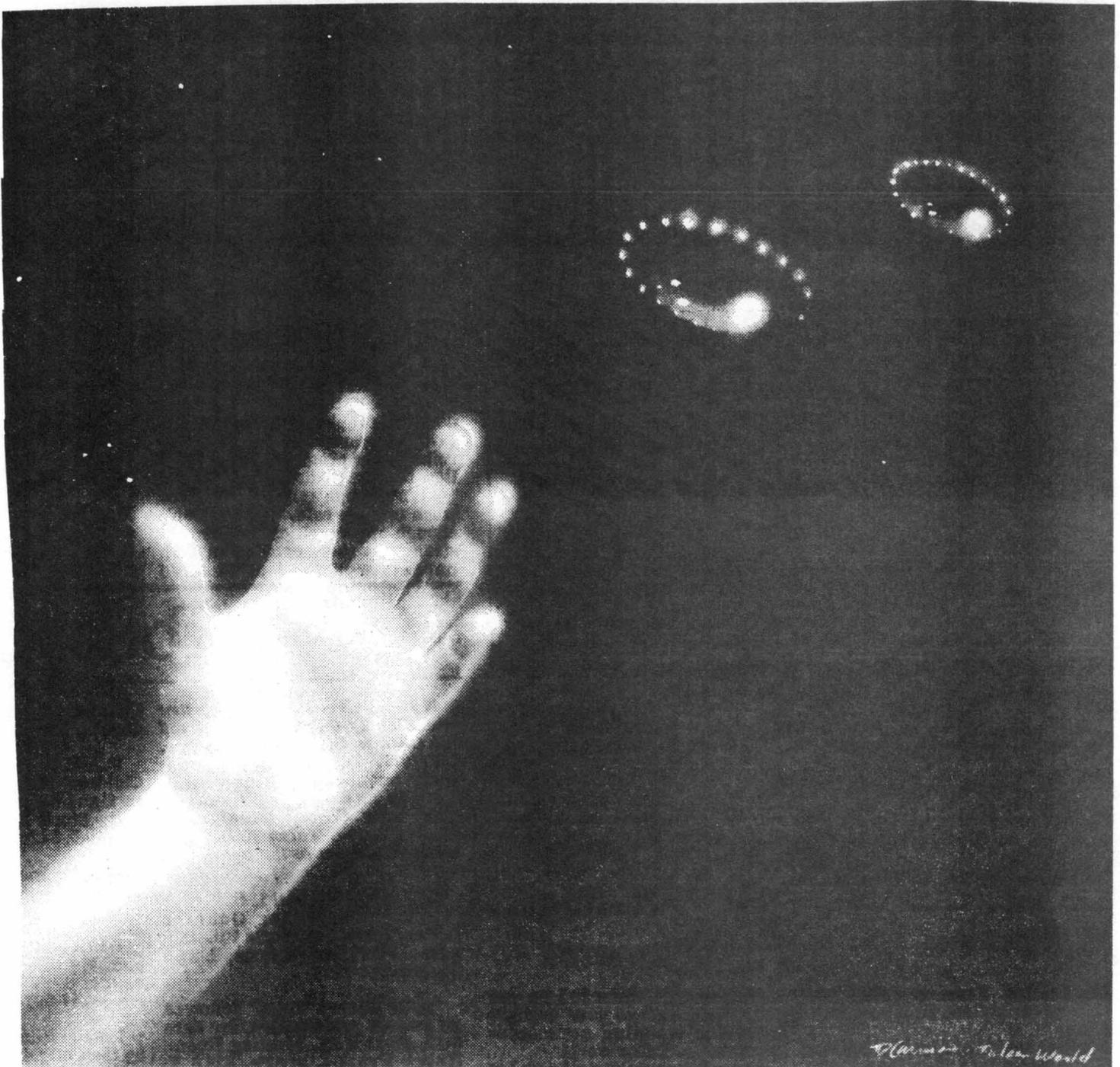
"I attend church every Sunday. The more you study UFOs, the more religious you get, the more contact with God and nature you get. The God for earth is not different than the God of the other planets."

If there is only one message that Mrs. Woolcott would want UFO agnostics to learn it is this: "Take a clear night and look to the sky. Enjoy what you see. See if you can see something moving."

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

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By RALPH MARLER

Of the World Staff

Early Saturday morning 20 years ago, Wynnewood policeman Lewis Sikes stopped by his home during his night shift. It was about 1:30 a.m.

From the front lawn, Mrs. Sikes pointed to a bright light in the sky

Sikes looked.

"It was to the northeast, about 10,000 feet or more above the ground. It just hovered there...." Sikes recalled.

"For the heck of it," Sikes asked other lawmen to see if Tinker Air Force Base had a radar fix on an object in the area.

Tinker did. Something solid was in the sky. Carswell Air Force Base in Texas also picked up the object on radar in the same area.

No one identified it, however.

Thus began one of the most curious periods in state, and the nation's, history: the 1965 "flap" of UFO sightings that stretched from Mexico to Minnesota.

"The whole world woke up that day," recalled Sikes. "I had calls from all over the U.S. and Europe."

Newspapers, radio and television reporters telephoned or came to his house to interview Sikes about his "UFO."

Sikes hid in the bathroom to avoid the media.

"It was scary and strange. I thought I'd really messed up" by reporting a UFO.

But press attention quickly turned to other sightings of "unidentified flying objects" around the state, including Tulsa.

Sikes was ignored except for later interviews by "UFOlogists," a band of UFO buffs out to prove almost every theory imaginable.

Sikes didn't report he saw two more UFOs in August 1965.

Both were more vivid than his first "light in the sky" UFO. One he saw about 6 p.m. was flying overhead, north to south, at 20,000 to 25,000 feet altitude.

He stopped his police car, but halfway through a U-turn, the object was overhead.

"It appeared to be oval shaped, with an oval seam in the middle ... an oval within an oval," he said.

It glowed, a brilliant white, which lit up the thin clouds more than the western sun.

"It was flying just above the clouds, looked like it was riding on the clouds," Sikes recalled.

The object was twice the size of a Boeing 707 airplane's circumference measured wingtip to wingtip, he said.

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Sikes didn't report that UFO.

"I learned better the first time," he said.

A week or so later, again on night patrol, Sikes was called by a man who would talk only to him: "I saw this thing light (land)

here," the man told Sikes.

Sikes drove to the man's house, and was told a "red ball" was behind the trees near the football field.

Sikes turned off his car lights, drove toward the trees.

A red globe of pulsating light, about 30 feet in diameter, arose silently from the ground, hovered a moment and speeded off.

He didn't report that one either.

Why not? "Because of all the press attention. Before I reported anything else, even if one landed on Main Street, I'd just put a parking ticket on it and go about my business."

And why disclose the other two UFO's now? "Because I'm older and tougher now and don't care what anyone says."

Sikes stayed on the Wynnewood police force another year, then quit for more money on the Nichols Hills police department. He retired last March, and now is a private investigator.

"I didn't see stars," Sikes said.

"What I saw definitely weren't stars."

Sikes wasn't the only one who reported seeing things in the sky, either.

That Saturday night, hundreds of UFO's were reported in the Southwest.

Oklahomans bombarded police, sheriffs and the highway patrol with UFO sightings.

In the coming week, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol teletype would log UFOs from all sections of the state. At times, the OHP

teletype couldn't keep up with the reports.

Early Sunday morning, Aug. 1, Tulsa Boy Scout Alan Smith, 14, saw a strange light in the west. He photographed it, or another light, Sunday night, and saw his photograph become world famous.

Other Tulsans would report UFOs.

Newspaper stories on UFO "silly season" were printed on inside pages initially. But as more reports came in, the story made it to the front page, bottom half.

The top stories in the Tulsa World concerned the upcoming \$22 million city bond election, and in front page editorials the World supported all six bond issues except the one to build City Hall in the Civic Center.

The UFO reports persisted through the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. McDaniel, who still live at 8106 E. 31st Court, remember their UFO "as if I saw it last night," as Mrs. McDaniel put it.

"To me, it looked just like a big saucer with lights all around the bottom in different colors," Mrs. McDaniel said in a recent interview.

"All of a sudden, there was a big red flash and it took off. I didn't see it anymore," she said.

"It moved too fast for jets," added McDaniel, now retired from Rockwell, where the sightings were mentioned frequently by coworkers.

Didn't they mind the joking, the ridicule, then ... or now?

"We know what we saw," said Mrs. McDaniel.

The next Sunday night, the Rev. Buster Stottlemire and seven of his flock walked outside after prayer service at the Full Gospel Chapel, 2523 N. Columbia Place.

They saw lights in the sky, and objects.

Press accounts said the churchgoers saw 17 lights, but Stottlemire just remembers an object flying at tree-top level, so close it looked as if it would knock down trees or homes.

"It looked like a child's spinning toy top," he recalled, slowly pondering each word.

He judged the round craft as 18 feet wide, six feet high, "and there didn't seem to be any propeller. It must have had holes somewhere around the thing to pull it through the air. It still don't make much sense to me."

"Being a pastor, something like that ... well, you know. We weren't interested in any of that (UFO) stuff. But, sure we wondered ... but, we figured it was a new kind of aircraft or something," he said.

"Whatever it was, it was real."

The 1965 sightings continued, but dropped steadily, for a few weeks.

Newspaper UFO stories returned to inside pages, along with later accounts that a farmer near Stilwell in eastern Oklahoma, and another farmer near Fayetteville, Ark., found strange objects in their fields. Investigators found on the farms what appeared to be a cluster of deflating balloons or plastic bags such as those dry cleaners wrap over suits and dresses.

At the bottom of the clusters, some type of light bulb — usually from a flashlight — was wired to a battery. Other lights were wrapped in colored paper.

Meanwhile, Tulsa voters approved all six bond issues, including the one to build City Hall in the Civic Center, where it now stands.

Once-Common Sightings of UFOs Diminish in U.S.

Where are the UFOs?

It seems they've disappeared.

In the 1960s and 1970s, thousands of people reported UFOs in the skies.

Twenty years ago, dozens of Tulsans peered into the August sky looking for unidentified flying objects. Some held UFO watch parties on their lawns.

Today, reported sightings are few.

In June, bright sky lights reported over Australia and Miami, Fla., were attributed to space junk.

And, when UFOs are reported now, some are huge: flying objects bigger than a football field over New York and Pennsylvania in 1984; an object 6 miles wide over Red China in June.

Some UFO buffs say the UFO "market" is saturated, that movies have fulfilled the public's curiosity in spacecraft of unknown identification ... or origin.

Instead of UFO lawn parties, people now watch "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" on television or go to a theater and see "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial."

Others say the news media report only exciting sightings, and then infrequently.

The fear of ridicule, from peers and press, keeps people from reporting UFOs, many UFOlogists believe.

A few say UFO "visitors" have finished their surveys of earth ... for a while.

Or, we're still being surveyed, as mankind would a wilderness.

Government officials said "unidentified" flying objects never existed. The UFOs were really planets or stars or man's own creations such as balloons or airplanes or satellites, Air Force officials say.

Still, the Air Force couldn't explain 701 UFOs out of the 12,618 it investigated between 1948 and 1969.

The Air Force started investigating UFOs in 1948, a year after "saucer" type objects were spotted by a pilot over Washington state's Mt. Rainier. The press started referring to "flying saucers" after the pilot said the objects flew "like a saucer if you skipped it across water."

UFO sightings grew, peaking in 1952, 1957 and 1966, when more than 1,000 were reported yearly across the United States.

National security prompted the federal government to look into UFO sightings in the late 1940s and 1950s. Security agencies feared an enemy would use a UFO flap to mask a surprise air attack.

The Air Force got the task, which it named Project Blue Book. But attempts to explain UFOs embarrassed the Air Force at times. For example, during the 1965 flap in Oklahoma, the Air Force claimed people really were seeing certain stars. An Oklahoma City astronomer debunked that claim and said the particular stars were on the other side of the earth from Oklahoma.

Scientists stayed out of the controversy until the 1965-67 sightings. A scientific panel reviewed Air Force files and concluded UFOs were not a security threat, didn't involve unknown technology and didn't involve vehicles from outer space.

The Air Force was relieved: if there was no security threat, there was no defense mission for the Air Force, and it dropped the subject.

Private groups didn't stop, however. Today, a half-dozen private groups still research UFOs, from different perspectives.

The oldest, Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO), operates in Tucson, Ariz., where it collects, screens and publishes UFO reports in its monthly bulletin.

Publicity-shy APRO isn't as showy or sensational as other UFO groups, says director James Lorenzen.

But Lorenzen confirms UFO sightings have decreased be-

UFOlogists: Ridicule Reduces Sightings

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cause people don't report sightings for fear of ridicule and because Hollywood's space movies relieved the public's "psychological anxiety" and curiosity about UFOs.

Movies such as "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," which dealt fictionally with UFO sightings, and "E.T.," which showed a friendly visitor, satisfy the public's emotional awe with UFO, Lorenzen says.

But such movies can mislead the public, too, Lorenzen says. "E.T." depicts an angelic visitor who is mankind's peer. APRO believes UFOs possibly represent extra-terrestrial beings who do not consider mankind as peers.

These ETs "are indifferent to us," and are neither hostile nor benevolent, Lorenzen says.

"People can't accept that. Psychologically, that indifference makes it harder for people to accept ETs if we're not even considered an enemy," he says.

"It's better to keep an open mind and realize we don't know that much" about UFOs even today. That's why APRO keeps researching sightings, to find evidence, to find patterns.

"The mystery is still puzzling," Lorenzen says.

Another group is Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), which is sponsoring National UFO Information Week on Aug. 18-25. Based in Seguin, Texas, MUFON investigates UFOs in most states, including Oklahoma.

Norma Jean Waller, of Norman, MUFON's Oklahoma investigator, tries with limited funds to check out the few sightings in Oklahoma now.

Ms. Waller, who works at Tinker Air Force Base, says the most recent Oklahoma incident occurred last winter near Enid, when two farm families awoke one morning to find wheat straw neatly dropped on their homes and strange marks on the ground in a wheat field between the homes. Another incident occurred in a remote area east of Pawhuska in 1978, when people saw saucer objects hover silently at nights.

She suspects people are "more sophisticated and less frightened" of UFOs since movies and science fiction books have popularized them.

Ms. Waller's problem is being notified on sightings so she, or other MUFON investigators, can go to the scene quickly and gather what physical evidence might remain and talk with witnesses.

City police departments once forwarded UFO sightings to her, but few do nowadays.

Oklahoma's Highway Patrol, which received hundreds of UFO reports from 1965 to 1973, seldom hears about them now, says Lt. Pat Collins, public information officer.

OHP doesn't keep records of UFO sightings, but troopers do investigate them in event a plane or other aircraft may have crashed, Collins says.

Research also is conducted by Center for UFO Studies, Glenview, Ill., a non-profit group founded by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, who switched from a UFO skeptic to believer, and Sherman J. Larsen.

Individuals keep track of UFOs, too, such as Hayden Hewes, 41, of Oklahoma City, who has been active in the field since age 13.

Hewes has written hundreds of articles for newspapers and magazines on UFOs and related "paranormal" incidents as Bigfoot, a legendary primitive creature sighted in the northwest, to sexual encounters with alien visitors to earth.

"Today, there's hardly any interest in UFOs," Hewes says. "And, if there is, it's combined with other paranormal incidents" such as Bigfoot and abductions of humans by ETs.

UFOs are "not as strange today," Hewes says.

But that's not to say UFO research should end. Jerome Clark, editor of International UFO Reporter, says in the March issue it's uncertain whether the absence of UFO activity "is a fluke" or merely a return to pre-1947 days when the objects didn't even have a name.

"Even if we are entering a long lull in sightings, we 1980s UFOlogists have nearly four decades of reports, claims, controversies and unanswered (or misanswered) questions with which to concern ourselves," Clark says.

"Something is out there — something that science has paid too little attention to and the public has paid too much of the wrong kind of attention to. It's time now for a mature UFOlogy to address itself, in the right way, to the real issues."

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John Beale/Post-Gazette

Stan Gordon holds an infrared device for viewing at night.

UFO sightings remain open case

By Michael A. Fuoco
Post-Gazette Staff Writer

When Stan Gordon heard the reports last June 21 of bright reddish-orange lights streaking in formation across the skies of Western Pennsylvania, he was, as is his nature, skeptical.

A call to NORAD's space center in Cheyenne Mountain, Colo., confirmed his skepticism. As he suspected, the bright lights were caused by "space junk" — pieces of the Soviet satellite Cosmos 1530 burning up. Case closed.

However, Gordon has yet to find a logical explanation for the sightings at the same time in Jefferson County, Somerset County and Indian Head, Fayette County, of a bright object that looked like a large blimp with six flashing blue lights.

That phenomena, like thousands of others, remains an open case being studied by the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained.

Gordon, an electronics technician, founded the statewide clearinghouse for UFO sightings and other phenomena in 1981 and has seen its membership grow to 70 volunteers — mostly scientists, chemists, medical doctors, psychologists, archeologists, technicians and engineers.

The non-profit group's wide range of disciplines enables scientific re-

search of physical evidence collected at sites and analysis of reports from eyewitnesses, Gordon said. The result is a professional separation of the logical and the unexplained.

Most sightings are misidentifications of normal objects — planes, weather balloons, bright stars, meteors, satellites — observed under unusual conditions, Gordon said.

However, he said that about 10 percent of the reported sightings of unidentified flying objects, Bigfoot, mystery animals and the falling of strange objects from the sky remain unexplained.

"We don't know what they are," Gordon said. "That's not to say they're from outer space or another dimension. We have no idea what the unexplained category of phenomena is."

This year, about 220 UFO sightings have been reported in Pennsylvania along with dozens of other phenomena, Gordon said.

In the basement of his Greensburg home, Gordon maintains six file cabinets containing the 26 years of research he's conducted since the age of 10.

Also sharing space there are the PASU computer; radio scanners; short-wave radios; radiological monitoring equipment; magnetometers; an infrared viewing device; plaster casts of Big Foot and other strange

creatures; thousands of taped interviews with people who claim to have witnessed unexplained events; and hundreds of books about UFOs and other phenomena.

Several of the books, including "UFO Dynamics," and "The Bigfoot Casebook," refer to research by Gordon, who's searching for a publisher for his first book.

But, Gordon said, he has never made a penny from his research and primarily does it because everyday people witnessing strange events are understandably at a loss.

"A lot of people don't know where else to turn," Gordon said. "They're afraid to tell their spouses and friends. It can be traumatic and a psychological problem."

Because people are reluctant to come forward with stories about seeing phenomena, the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) of Seguin, Texas, the world's largest UFO research organization, is sponsoring the first national UFO information week through Saturday.

In conjunction with the event, PASU will exhibit equipment and documents and present a slide show at Westmoreland Mall, Greensburg, on Saturday.

PASU's 24-hour UFO hotline is 838-7768. Correspondence may be sent to 6 Oakhill Ave., Greensburg 15601.

In the sky, is it a bird, a plane?

If not, they'll check it out

By KARLA E. THORNHILL
Staff Writer

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Although the UFO researchers have recorded hundreds of sightings, Larry Tillman, a charter member of the group, said its members aren't necessarily believers.

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"I won't say that I believe," Forres-

ter said, "but I have a degree of knowledge.

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Celebrating a mystery

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national tabloids had a field day. "Want to meet a Martian? Go to Wiltshire," screamed the Daily Sketch. "Warminster gets ready for invasion," howled the Daily Mirror.

What to make of it all? Some people had undoubtedly reported service activities. For instance, a helicopter flying low at night can look and sound strange, especially if you are half-expecting to see a UFO.

One witness reported seeing a man in service uniform arrive out of the sky with a whoosh and a trail of smoke and then unstrap a pack from his back.

The American army, amid a great deal of publicity, was experimenting with rocket-propelled infantry at the time. It is likely the British Army was doing the same thing in a quieter way.

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But that left a hard core of sober, reliable observers, such as Mr Rump and Mrs Bye, whose stories matched and who were none too keen on publicity, who heard, or saw, things for which there seems no explanation — except possibly service experiments.

'UFologists' certain other forms of life are 'out there'

West Florida sightings / 8A

By David Adams
News Journal

FORT WALTON BEACH — Some people say that Unidentified Flying Objects, commonly known as UFOs, simply do not exist.

Don't tell Donald Ware that.

This week, Aug. 18 to 25, is the official National UFO Information Week, and Ware, the Florida state director of the Mutual UFO Network, is ready to gather information from anyone who has seen a UFO, or had contact with one.

The Mutual UFO Network, or MUFON as he calls it, is a nationwide web of people dedicated to the scientific study of UFO encounters. He emphasizes the word "scientific" to distinguish MUFON from other less responsible attempts to gather information on the subject.

MUFON, a 16-year-old non-profit, privately-funded organization, uses field investigators, re-

gional directors, as well as contact with overseas organizations to help compile statistics on UFOs.

Ware, 49, received his undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering from Duke University, his Master's degree in Nuclear Science from the Air Force Institute of Technology and spent 26 years in the military. After seeing a UFO above Washington, D.C., in 1952, in a well-publicized and well-documented case, he said, he instantly became a believer.

Ware, his sharp blue eyes un-moving as he recounts dozens of bizarre and hard-to-believe stories of UFO encounters, shrugs aside claims that the study of UFOs, or UFology, is for the birds.

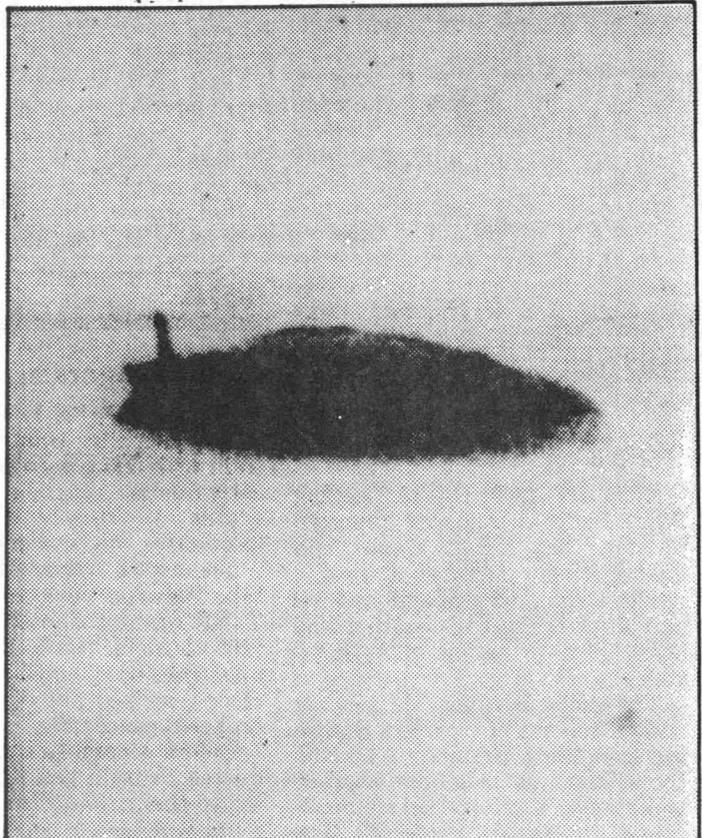
"A lot of people think I'm absolutely crazy," he said straight-faced, leaning back in his living room couch. "But, I've found that the people that feel that way don't know anything about the subject. People who try to find out more

usually change their mind on the subject."

Part of Ware's job as state director for MUFON is to recruit and coordinate field investigators who go out and collect various forms of data on any reported UFO sightings.

He throws a pile of forms on the coffee table. They look as complicated and thorough as tax forms. They are reports of any sort of contact with a UFO. There are forms for reporting visual, radar, or photographic contact, residual radiation, animal reactions, psychological and physiological effects, contact with "entities," electrical disturbances, and landing traces. All must be filled out by a MUFON investigator for every case.

There are over 100,000 documented UFO contacts on the computer files at the Center for UFO Studies in Lima, Ohio, with perhaps thousands of accounts that See 'UFOLOGISTS,' back of section



News Journal files

There are many documented sightings of UFOs, some of which, like the one in these photos, have been captured on film by amateur photographers.

'UFologists' want credibility

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have not been documented simply because people were embarrassed or just didn't bother, he said, shrugging his shoulders.

"Eighty to ninety percent of the cases investigated by field investigators are identified (as being something other than UFOs)," he admits.

Ware, however, is undaunted by this apparent low rate of success. The shelves of his living room are armed with volumes of well-documented UFO case material from all over the world. Ware himself has an encyclopedic knowledge of UFOs, and is equally ready to spew out case after case of sightings, disturbances or even abductions.

He recounts an incident in 1917 in Fatima, Portugal, when a UFO told three young girls that the ship would return on a certain day, and it did, he said. By communicating through the girls, the aliens would announce their next arrival. The girls, in turn, would tell the villagers, and they would turn out more and more to watch. By the UFO's fourth and last visit, on Oct. 13, 1917, there were over 70,000 villagers witnessing from the rural valley.

Why haven't UFOs recently made themselves more visible as in the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind"?

"There is a lot of evidence that at least one group has visited the planet for many thousands of years and did try open contact," he explains.

The lack of recent open contact, however, said Ware, may be attributable to their desire not to infect our society with their advanced technology.

"I suspect that aliens do not want to have a negative influence on our culture — they want to keep a low profile. They see us as warring tribes. They have the technology, and if we got a hold of it, we would just use it to kill ourselves more quickly."

The aliens are compassionate

and intelligent beings that have probably been cruising the highways of the galaxies for centuries, he said.

Ware, who subscribes to the Christian religion, said there is no conflict between the Bible and the possibility of alien involvement in the evolution of man.

"I believe aliens instigated all of the biblical religions," said the Richmond, Va., native.

Alien intervention in the growth of the current civilizations leaves off just where the Bible begins, he said.

"The progression from Homo Erectus to Homo Sapiens may have gotten a little 'help,'" he said with a grin.

"I believe that (our planet) is being watched right now, and has been for many of thousands of years," he said.

If so many aliens are watching us, why don't we know more about them?

Ware believes that somebody does.

He describes a book about a nebulous incident that occurred in 1947 in a desert town of New Mexico, where, according to many witnesses, a UFO actually crashed. The U.S. military moved in, cordoned off the area, and kept the lid on what really happened. The book implies that the military covered up information about what it may have found near the site.

"The implications of the book are consistent with the government policy on secrecy," he says, slowly making sure not to ignite a potential conflict between information-hungry civilian UFologists and the secretive U.S. government. "Technology and the desire to keep it is the primary rationale for the official policy of secrecy — to protect whatever we may have learned about alien technology."

Ware, who is married, has two teenage sons, and has been retired for two and a half years, will be willing to train interested and qualified field investigators. If you are interested, call 862-6582.

SCIENCE AND THE UFOs

Jenny Randles and Peter Warrington.
Basil Blackwell, \$17.95 ISBN 0-631-13563-4

UFO buffs will be disappointed that these leading British UFO researchers (joint authors of *UFOs: A British Viewpoint*) reveal no startling "facts" in their new work. Although it has long been argued that all governments have covered up evidence about the nature of UFOs observed since the 1940s, Randles and Warrington neither prove nor disprove the allegations. Rather, they zero in on the late-1960s Condon Report in the U.S.—a report that shrugged off UFOs as not even "interesting." Perhaps the most significant suggestion these ufologists make here is that the "alien spaceship" concept has distorted reports of sightings and thereby misled researchers, and that the UFO phenomena may indeed be terrestrial in origin. But here their failure to explore the notion is frustrating. They have written a peculiarly soft treatment of the UFO enigma, but one that nevertheless seems on firm ground in its insistence that UFOs exist and that scientists must begin a rigorous study. [October 1]

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UFO leaves air force standing

TOP Zimbabwe air force officers are convinced they have had a visit from outer space that showed them a clean pair of heels when chased by air force jets.

Air force fighter planes were scrambled after a "bright flying object" was sighted over southern parts of the country.

"This was no ordinary unidentified flying object and scores of people saw it," air force commander Azim Daudpota said.

Two air force Hawk jets moved to intercept the intruder, which streaked from 7,000 feet to 70,000 feet in less than a minute.

The two fighters were scrambled late afternoon and found the orange-coloured UFO hovering above Bulawayo at about 7,000 feet, the spokesmen said.

"It accelerated upwards at terrific speed. The Hawks levelled out at 31,000 feet and the UFO stopped at 70,000 feet," he said.

"When the two fighters returned to base the UFO could be seen by the jet pilots and other officers and men on the ground," he said.

Bulawayo Airport control tower officials said the UFO seemed rounded with a short cone above it.

"The diameter was less than the wingspan of a Boeing 707 and it was

20 years of strange Things

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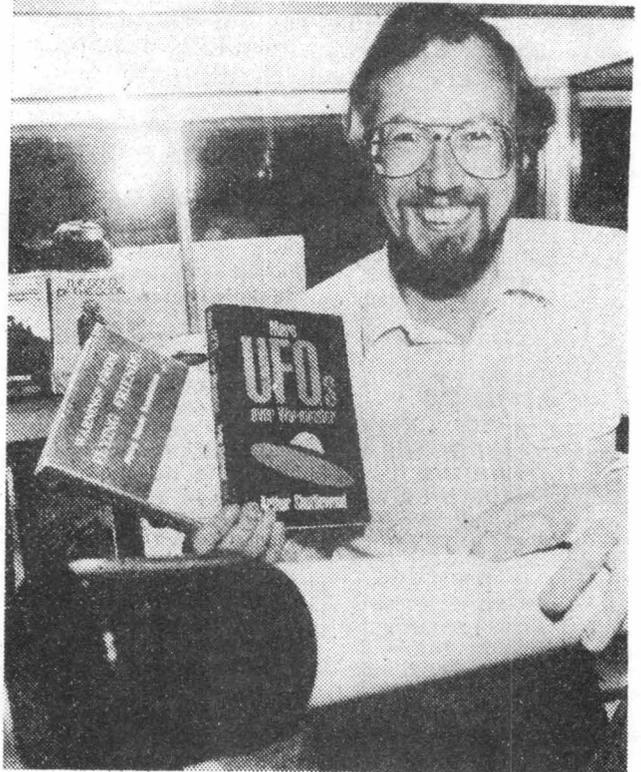
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MICHAEL MARSHMAN, librarian at Warminster, checks some of the exhibition items, including local journalist Arthur Shuttleworth's telescope, used in his research for books he has written about mysterious happenings over Warminster. 47063B

UFO riddle is solved

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INVESTIGATORS from Swindon think they've solved one of Britain's greatest UFO mysteries.

Two years of study has proved a ball of light filmed flashing across the Oxfordshire sky was a crashing plane, they say.

And now the work of SCUFORI — the Swindon centre for UFO research and investigation — may mean the textbooks will have to be rewritten.

by RICHARD PORTER

The story began in a country lane near Aylesbury in January 1973.

Architect Peter Day saw an orange light speeding across the sky, and quickly reached for the cine camera he kept in his car's glove compartment.

Experts spent months examining his film and decided it was genuine.

And although it was known an American Air Force F1-11 crashed on the same day, reports indi-

cated it was well before Peter Day's sighting.

But SCUFORI has now won proof from the USAF of the time the plane crashed.

"It was thought to be one of the best pieces of movie film of a UFO ever shot," said Martin Shipp, 26, of Westlea.

"But what the man shot was an F1-11 on fire. We are the only people to have proved that."

SCUFORI has been investigating UFOs for 11 years.

The group's five members are always keen to hear about more sightings, which are investigated at their base in Berkeley Lawns, the Lawn, Swindon, where investigator Charlie Affleck lives.

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Family's UFO mystery

IT WAS a normal September evening, just like any other. The O'Rourke family were sat in the front room of their semi-detached house in Huyton watching the television. Nothing extraordinary had happened to them that day but what they were about to see was certainly not an ordinary sight ... even in the wilds of Huyton.

Casually glancing out of the window Mr. O'Rourke noticed some flashing lights. For some reason the lights held his attention and he followed their progress as they moved slowly across the sky above the roof tops of Huyton.

by Star Reporter

They shot over the house very quickly. It made our ears pop. They were shaped like 50p pieces."

And the O'Rourkes claim that other people have witnessed these mysterious scenes. Said Mr. O'Rourke, "We've had people here who just smirked when we told them what we've seen. But when they've actually seen it for themselves they've changed their minds pretty quickly."

Strange

Said Mr. O'Rourke (39): "As I watched them I realized that they weren't the landing lights of an aeroplane. They were flashing and moving slowly over the garden. I'd never believed in all that U.F.O. sort of thing but when I saw this I started to have second thoughts. It was all really clear. You could see everything, all the different lights, really clearly."

Patrick O'Rourke had no difficulty convincing his wife Agnes (33), and his four children about what he'd seen. He just pointed it out to them and let them draw their own conclusions.

The O'Rourke family decided not to confide in anyone about their remarkable sightings — people are quick to pour scorn on claims of U.F.O. sightings and very often accuse the claimants of being mad. But there is no doubt in Agnes O'Rourke's mind about the mental stability of her family, "We're not nutty", she says.

After seeing these extraordinary lights for the first time the O'Rourkes began to keep a keen eye open for any more signs of strange goings on in the skys above Huyton.

And sure enough they were not disappointed.

Mr. O'Rourke explains: "Last December, just before Christmas, we saw two lights just hovering over the flats for four hours. They couldn't have been stars because all of a sudden they started moving.

Flashing

Patrick O'Rourke has not just sat back passively and observed the strange sights he claims to have seen in the skys above Huyton — he also claims to have communicated with them: "I rigged up a telescope with a light attached to it to flash back at these two shapes that had been hovering in the sky. After I'd been flashing this light at them for a while six more shapes

appeared suddenly and started flashing back at me. It made the hair stand up on the back of my neck," said Mr. O'Rourke.

The O'Rourkes are fully aware that many people will scoff at their claims but as Mr. O'Rourke said, "We are not trying to convince anybody about anything because we don't know what we've seen anyway. But we wish somebody would explain it to us."

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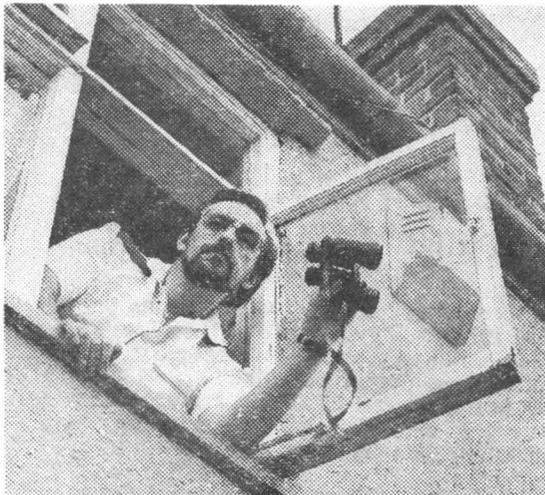
**Circles seen
in Sussex**

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THE mysterious circles seen in crops at Bratton and thought by some people to have been made by a UFO have appeared in Sussex.

The rings, a large circle surrounded by four smaller ones, were seen at the beginning of July beside a country lane near Findon. UFO experts were sceptical about how the rings had appeared in the cornfield in Sussex and numerous theories about their origins had been discounted, including the one about someone swinging a chain around in the field.

Christine Day, a journalist who investigated the Sussex circles, said: "They looked quite perfect, the large one 18 yards across and the smaller ones five yards across, and I tended to think such explanations too simple."

Circles were also seen in Hampshire in 1983.



Mr. Patrick O'Rourke—mysterious sights in the skies above Huyton

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Sightseers

Group gathering Ohio UFO data

By Karla E. Thornhill
Staff Writer

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"I won't say that I believe," Forrester said, "but I have a degree of knowledge" of how many people are seeing these things. The extensive body of data is what's significant.

"Our job is to faithfully record what the people see," he said. "In the next generation, when more information comes in, they can figure out what was seen."

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The U.S. government closed its books on the UFO phenomena in 1969, saying that sightings were not a security threat or extraterrestrial. However, there were more than 1,200 sightings reported between 1948 and 1969, and thousands more since.

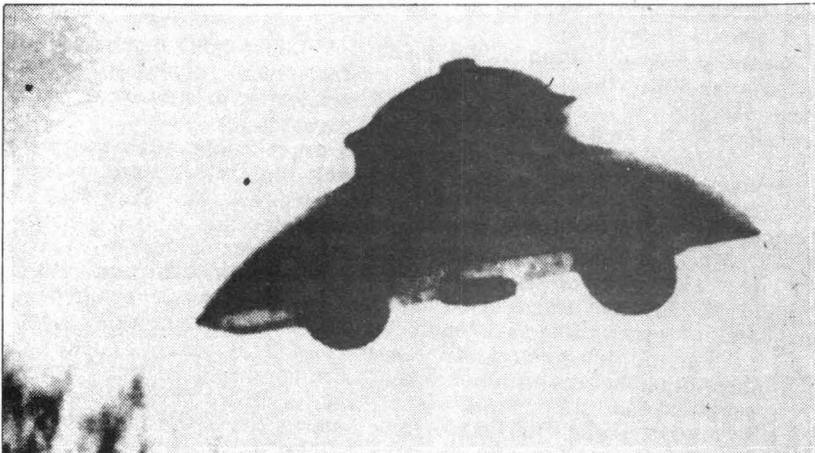
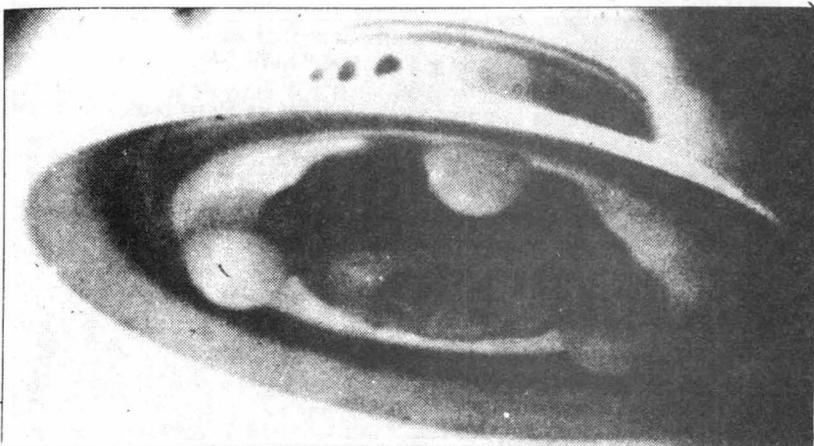


Photo taken by Marilyn Rodefer in Maryland, 1965



1 of 2 photos George Adamski shot in early 1950s

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SIGHTSEERS CONT

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In terms of "close encounters," Forrester said most people who claim to see actual beings describe them as "gray men with large basketball-shaped heads, big hypnotizing eyes, thin arms and legs (and) dressed in one-piece uniform outfits."

They're not threatening and they are usually busy gathering soil and plant samples, he said.

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CHINESE JET SIGHTS UFO

PEKING: The captain of a Chinese jumbo jet said a UFO shadowed his plane during a recent flight from Peking to Paris and almost forced him to make an emergency landing, a Chinese newspaper reported.

The People's Daily newspaper said the crew spotted a "walnut-sized yellow light," 33,000 feet over Inner Mongolia on June 11. The object kept pace with the plane for two minutes before disappearing.

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UFO POSER

AN unidentified flying object is baffling Italian airline officials.

Air traffic controllers in Milan say nothing showed up on their screens when the object — which the pilot said was 20 feet long — passed underneath a Greek airliner over the Italian Alps.

Military authorities have also failed to throw any light on the mystery UFO.

MI ST. JOSEPH HERALD PALLADIUM
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1381 Seen A UFO?—You Can Tell All About It In St. Joseph

By WILLIAM F. AST III
Staff Writer

The Michigan Chapter of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) has a field investigator in St. Joseph who wants people to contact her if they believe they've seen an unidentified flying object or had any other experiences that might involve UFOs.

Virginia Tilly of St. Joseph said her assignment involves following up on reports of such sightings or experiences. Ms. Tilly said she conducts interviews and gives people forms to fill out and sends the results to MUFON.

The Aug. 13 edition of The Herald-Palladium carried an Associated Press story about Dan Wright, central states regional director of MUFON. Ms. Tilly said she wanted area people to know southwestern Michigan has a local MUFON field investigator.

MUFON is interested in getting as much information as possible about each sighting or experience, including dates, times, and such matters as temperatures and wind velocities, Ms. Tilly said. She added that she keeps peoples' names confidential if that is their wish.

Ms. Tilly said MUFON is particularly interested in "close encounters, something on the ground rather than lights in the sky." However, she said she is interested in hearing all reports — even old ones — and is "very willing to listen to stories that seem bizarre or strange."

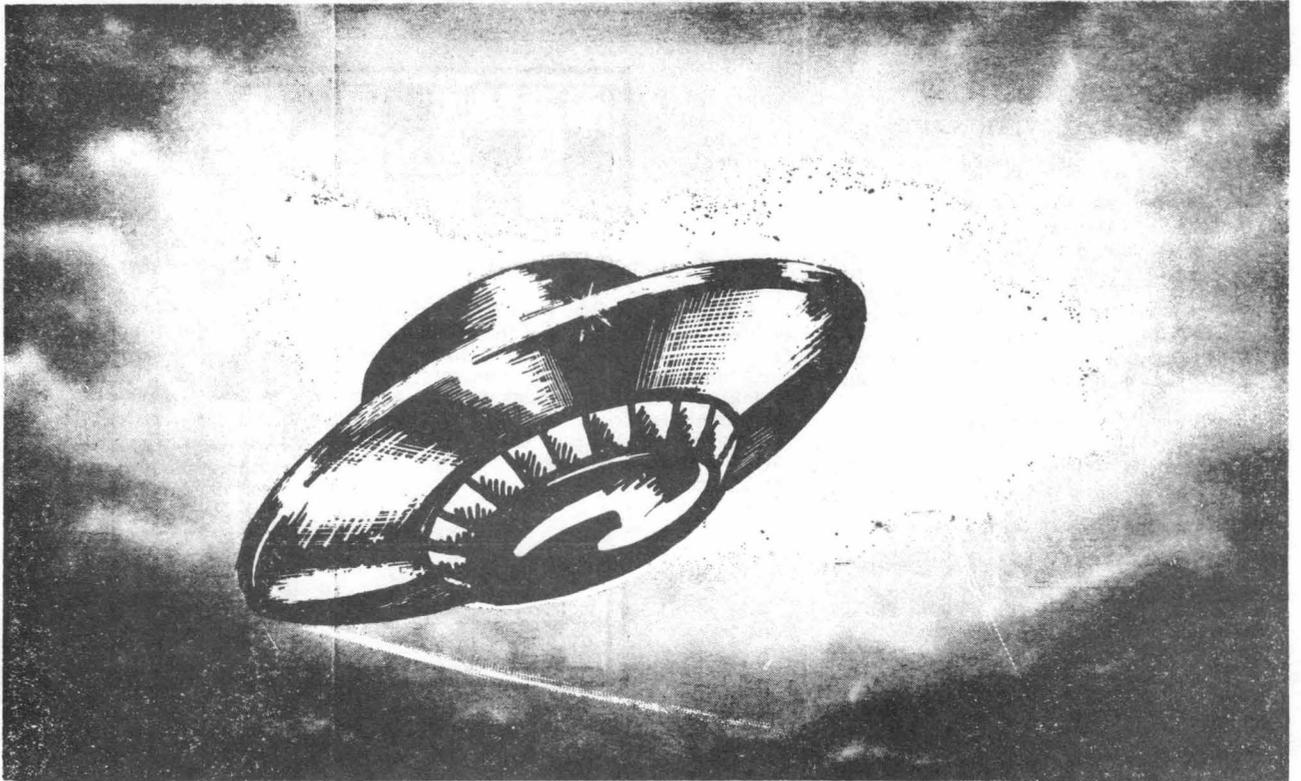
"For me, it's a two-fold interest," Ms. Tilly said. "I'd like to believe other beings on other planets are coming here, but I am very skeptical that that's what it is. It's likely some other phenomena we don't understand. But I'd like to believe we're not the only ones in the universe."

Ms. Tilly said she experienced a sighting of a UFO in March 1967, when she saw a disk-shaped object with lights around its rim in the sky around the John Beers Road-U.S. 31-33 intersection south of St. Joseph. That object was sighted by a number of people, she added.

Ms. Tilly said anyone who wants to report a UFO or unusual experience may contact her by phoning 429-5149. MUFON may also be called at (517) 321-0939, she said.

Ms. Tilly teaches reading and English at Fairplain Junior High School.

—scientists want down-to-earth approach



UFOs—craft from outer space, weather balloons or the sightings of a feverish imagination? 3128

Expert Jenny Randles is among those now treating the subject in a rigorous scientific manner. Nicholas Leonard spoke to her about her work:

Flying

saucers:

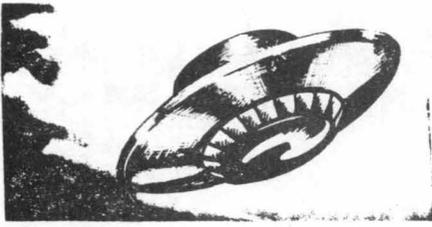
pilots afraid to report them

JENNY RANDLES, Director of Investigations at the British UFO Research Association, and Peter Warrington, an expert astronomer, have written a fascinating book called 'Science and the UFOs' (Blackwell, £12.50 sterling), which without any of the usual mystique, analyses in rigorous fashion the present state of knowledge about UFOs.

Jenny talked to me in London this week about her work. I mentioned that I know airline pilots who refuse to make any reports on UFO sightings for fear of being grounded and having to undergo psychological testing.

"That's very common," she told me. "Pilots are some of the best and most cautious witnesses. But we've had a number of problems with their sightings.

"There was a case involving a Dan-Air cargo jet, which was coming from Northern Ireland to Liverpool in 1982.



We found out about it by pure accident, simply because we were investigating another case.

"It was flying over the Point of Ayr on the North Wales coast on the way in and Liverpool airport radar tracked something. They reported it to the aeroplane. The pilot and crew saw a brilliant white light outside, in a position where the radar had directed them to, and that was all we were able to discover. We tried to follow it up but we got blocked by Dan-Air and the best we could get out of them was a statement 'We don't talk about these things—it's not good policy'."

A sober American pilot called Kenneth Arnold saw a curious formation of disc-like objects over Mount Rainier in Washington State on June 24, 1947.

He told the media that they looked to be 'flying like saucers skipping over waters. The 'flying saucer' phenomenon had begun.

In the 38 years since then, some 50,000 sightings of UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) and other inexplicable phenomena in the sky have been reported in Britain alone.

Recent research suggests that as many as 5 million people there may have experienced such events, without making them public.

Are UFOs purely natural phenomena, created for instance by piezoelectric effects from granite and rock formations? Are they simply the results of people mistaking weather balloons or the moon for something weird, or are they, as many people like to believe, craft from other parts of the universe sent to spy on the human race?

Much 'ufology' is carried out by enthusiasts with axes to grind. It is a subject which attracts cranks and fanatics.

Recently, however, the topic has been rising up the credibility pole in respectable scientific circles.

The revelations of sub-atomic physics have made experts much less willing than they were to declare that anything is 'impossible'. If the Einstein theories of time, space and energy are correct, then many 'impossible' phenomena may prove to have a scientific explanation.

Ufologists these days divide sightings into 'UFOs' and 'UAPs'—Unexplained Atmospheric Phenomena. These can include strange manifestations of 'ball lightning', which are not uncommon in Ireland, and which are a matter of scientific controversy.

A friend of mine in the West of Ireland had a round ball of glowing light in his kitchen one day. It was a strange but natural atmospheric phenomena.

Research into UFO and UAP experiences is handicapped by the fact that many witnesses are not scientifically trained to observe. Their cameras normally fail to record anything but fuzzy



A mystery disc 'glows' in the sky

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UP TO this week, if you had talked to local plumber Mr Paul Quinn flying saucers, he would have laughed in your face.

But now he is convinced that "heavenly bodies" have zig-zagged their way over Towneley and out over Pendle.

Mr Quinn, of Ribblesdale Street, was a matter-of-fact, down-to-earth tradesman, with little interest in objects in the sky.

But not any more... "I've definitely seen one," he told the Burnley Express. "In fact, after telling what I saw over local radio, I know that other people also saw it."

STORM

Mr Quinn tells of seeing a "perfectly round, glowing disc" which was in his view for 30 seconds or so as it zig-zagged under the black cloud layer of a threatening storm, with lightning in the air.

"I had gone to start a job in Queen Victoria Road when I saw it," he told the Express. "The man I was with also saw it. It just moved across the sky quite slowly. It seemed to be the size of a bus. It went out of sight, then came back and disappeared again. I don't think it was of this earth," he said. "It was absolutely white, and glowed."

Mr Quinn said he had not believed in UFOs, and, even after seeing it, had tried to reason out other explanations before finally accepting it was a flying saucer sighting.

"At the time I was not completely sure, but after talking about it on the radio and after hearing that other people had similar sightings at the same time on Tuesday afternoon, I became convinced. Another customer I went to later that day, who lives on Towneley, also saw it," said Mr Quinn.

streaks of light and dark and, while mass sightings are not unknown, it often happens that some people see the phenomena while others, nearby, do not.

Films like 'Close Encounters' have popularised the idea that there are craft from other parts of the universe around our skies.

The scene at the start of that movie, when a car inexplicably breaks down, because of electrical failure, was based on a large number of similar incidents which have happened in real life.

Jenny Randles told me that she is somewhat doubtful of the 'friendly, benign alien' theory. Details of such encounters over the years have tended to be rooted in the culture and knowledge of the era.

A major handicap in investigation is the broad range of disciplines that are required to be an effective ufologist. They include not only the sciences but also such topics as sociology and psychology.

"We feel the time has come for a reputable scientific institute to get to grips with the UFO phenomenon," say Jenny and her co-author. "There is no reason why, with relatively modest expenditure, a major pilot project cannot be launched immediately."

They are sceptical about the theory that some of the UFOs and UAPs are extraterrestrial in origin but admit that it cannot be ruled out completely, they conclude.

'WEIRD' RECTANGLE IN SKY

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After an interval of a couple of years with no strange aerial objects reported to the Gazette, a UFO has again been sighted in the Whitby area.

Mr Stephen Goddard (18), of Stainsacre Lane, Whitby, was driving between Robin Hood's Bay and Hawsker, travelling towards the town, at about a quarter past midnight on Friday morning, when he was baffled by something "weird" in the sky.

"It was like a lit-up rectangle, quite big and not all that high and was moving slowly all the time I watched it," he said.

He stopped his car two or three times to get out and watch the UFO, which was moving towards Whitby.

"I have never seen anything like it before. There was no sound - it was nothing like an aircraft. I had a friend with me and we saw it at the same time. Finally, it just seemed to fade out somewhere over Whitby," he said.

An apprentice mechanic at Harrison's Garage, Uppang

Lane, Mr Goddard said when he reached home other members of his family commented that their dog had behaved strangely at the time the UFO would have been in the area.

"I can't give any explanation for what we saw," he said. "I certainly don't disbelieve in UFOs after that experience..."

Strange objects have been reported in the sky around Whitby on a number of occasions, the last sightings involving reports by a number of different people being in October, 1982. Three years earlier there were a number of sightings of bright flashing lights, sometimes travelling fast and sometimes slowly, or hovering.

Witnesses have always said there was no sound of engines.

A spokesman at RAF Fylingdales Ballistic Missiles Early Warning Station said nothing untoward had been detected there - but added that the radar installation was designed to track ballistic missiles.

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Trend of things

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To nowhere and back . . .



David Barclay

Genuine mystery to be solved, says writer

THE MYSTERIOUS case of the miner who disappeared for five days before his body was found with strange burns on his head and neck at Todmorden is back in the public eye.

What Mr Zygmunt Jan Adamski did and where he had been in those missing five days was never established and remain a puzzle to this day.

Now Mr David Barclay, a Shipley man who writes under the name of Roger Ford, has published an article for the new paranormal phenomenon magazine "The Unknown" about the case.

Mr Barclay, with a life-long interest in psychic and paranormal events, researched the Adamski mystery with the help of "Evening Courier" cuttings.

Mr Adamski, a 57-year-old miner from Thornfield Crescent, Tingley, near Leeds, left his home on June 6, 1980, telling his crippled wife, Leokadia, he was calling at a local shop for some potatoes. She never saw him again.

His body was found on June 11 in a yard in Rochdale Road, Todmorden, owned by coal merchants J. W. Parker, near the main Halifax-Manchester rail line.

A shirt, watch, money and wallet Mr Adamski had when he left home were missing. He also had a large patch of scar tissue on the back of his head and neck - caused within two days of death by an acid burn or scald, said a patho-

logist - and there were superficial cuts on the palms of his hands, both knees and small cut on his right thigh.

His widow said his face had a frightened expression.

Detectives investigated a theory that Mr Adamski may have been kidnapped by visitors from space, or died of fright after seeing a UFO, but found no evidence.

There had been reported sightings

of UFOs around Todmorden throughout the summer of 1980 and a local police constable, Alan Godfrey, claimed in November he had been aboard a spaceship in the town and subjected to a medical examination by a humanoid creature assisted by eight small robots.

Mr Barclay told Trends: "As far as all investigations are concerned it would seem that during the

month of June, 1980, Mr Adamski disappeared into, and returned from, nowhere.

"In spite of the more farcical suggestions of the UFO connection, Mr Adamski's disappearance and reappearance leave a genuine mystery to be solved."

The Coroner who conducted the inquest into Mr Adamski's death, Mr James Turnbull, did not totally discount the UFO theory.

His officer, Con Denis Allan says that if anyone produced new evidence about Mr Adamski's death the inquest could be reopened.

UFO group meeting in Sheffield

YORKSHIRE is Britain's leading place for sightings of unidentified flying objects.

So claims Yorkshire UFO Society.

The North Yorkshire moors seems to attract most space visitors, but there have been sightings in Sheffield as recently as three weeks ago.

Now leading saucer

spotters want to turn people's gazes skywards in an effort to track down the unusual objects in the sky.

And they will be bringing films, photos and top speakers to the Foresters Hall, Trippet Lane, Wednesday, at 7.30 p.m. to con-

vince others that UFOs really do exist.

The Yorkshire UFO Society believes that strange phenomena in the Yorkshire skies warrant money for scientific research.

"Only about 10 per cent of all the calls and letters we receive attract our interest," said society president Graham Birdsall.

"And only one or two per cent which warrant it, are investigated." Photos are analysed at Sheffield University with the help of the Ministry of Defence.

The meeting next week will be addressed by leading investigators in the area, who will talk about local sightings.

Society members plan a 24-hour skywatch later in the year, with enthusiasts hoping that visitors will travel from all over the universe to take part.



Unidentified flying objects photographed by a schoolboy.

UFO seekers get together

TOMORROW (Saturday) marks the start of one of the busiest periods in the calendar of the Yorkshire UFO Society.

Members will converge on two sites on and around Carlton and Elsack Moors, North Yorkshire, known locally as Flying Saucer Valley, for a nine-day skywatch.

The area is claimed to have experienced a great deal of UFO activity during the past five years, and photographs taken during this time have been heralded by U.S. experts as Britain's first confirmed recordings of UFOs.

Research

Society members will use sophisticated camera equipment and listening devices to record their sightings for later analysis, hopefully to prove they are real enough to warrant major scientific study.

Sheffield University has agreed partly to finance research into recorded sightings and the University of Leeds is sending representatives to verify the phenomena.

Besides the on-site investigations, the society is holding three lectures during the week, starting with an illustrated talk in the Grand Room at the Grand Theatre, Leeds, on Monday, August 19. Some of Britain's most famous cases will be discussed, with particular emphasis on local sightings.

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Jet's UFO scare

THE captain of a Chinese jumbo jet said a UFO shadowed his plane during a flight from Peking to Paris and almost forced him to make an emergency landing. Captain Wang Shuting said the object, kept pace with the plane for two minutes and was seen by both Wang and his crew. No passenger reported the sighting.