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Survey reveals amazing

# Close public opinion encounters



# of a shared kind

**A NATIONWIDE** survey has revealed an astonishing fact. That the majority of British people believe an invasion of earth from outer space is imminent. Within five years, in fact.

That's the bottom line, but just in case it should be thought the threat is not taken seriously in high places it's as well to note that Reagan and Gorbachev, when not watching each other, have an eye on the heavens. They agreed at their recent summit meeting to combine forces to fight off any alien attack.

Even the Ministry of Defence has come out of the closet to admit there could be something in so-called unidentified atmospheric phenomenon (UAP) or unidentified flying object (UFO) sightings. As a result of pressure from the House of Lords it released reports to the British UFO Research Association.

Even so the cynics will scoff. For a start the statisticians are on their side when they say that if there are a million other civilizations in the galaxy, and if all the planets are

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*By Tony Cragg*

worth looking at, then should each civilization launch a starship annually we on earth could expect a visit every 10,000 years. And cynics pride themselves on being able to spot cranks when they're 10,000 light years distant.

**Yet close encounters of a shared kind have been experienced close at hand by people who, until something happened to them, were the first to dub all reports as lunatic.**

Ilene Perry ("... UFOs were just hearsay to me until I had two encounters") saw an upside-down ice cream cone-shaped object flying just above the telegraph poles near Bole Hill, Wingerworth. A bus load of people saw something odd at the same time.

In June, 1984, June Skinner witnessed a strange happening in the Staveley sky.

"I'd never seen anything like it before," she said.

"I'm very good at recognising planes after working in the RAF, but this craft was definitely not a plane and was not on any flight path."

Travelling from Mastin Moor towards Chesterfield, it was semi-circular and had bright lights on the front and underside. It made a quiet hum as it passed overhead.

And an object like a star with blue and red flashing lights was spotted

over Shuttlewood last August by Elsie Lee who, until that time, had seen nothing despite an active involvement with the Chesterfield UFO Society.

She said: "I keep an open mind and don't read science fiction books. I don't know if it was a space craft but it was not an object I can identify." And she had a witness. Pc Mark Turner watched the object for about 35 minutes before it moved off in the direction of Dronfield.

It's no use trying to explain to those who have seen the lights that it would take the inhabitants of our nearest star system — Alpha Centauri — nearly 100 years to make the round trip to earth, always assuming their craft could travel at 70 million miles an hour. It's no use pushing statistical improbability down their throats: they just won't swallow it. After all, as everybody knows, there are lies, bloody lies — and statistics.

**People do see the unexplainable. Whether it is because of physical reality or because of psychic or metaphysical effect, they will continue to see things. Not that there's anything new in it. Some cave drawings have been interpreted as images of flying saucers.**

And there could be a touch of the primeval about reported happenings. A year or so ago, travelling from Buxton to Chesterfield late at night, I heard a terrible screeching coming from the hillside and, at the same time, the car lights went out. The sound stopped, the lights came on again. I didn't see anything — not then anyway — but felt a malevolent presence. I, too, then saw the light.

We can't all be candidates for the funny farm. We can't all be cranks. J. Allen Hynek, consultant to an investigation into UFO activity by the US Air Force, coined the phrase *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. It's been done to death but for those who have experienced something (and recorded events are legion) there's one comfort. The weight of evidence is impressive: encounters have often been of the *shared* kind.

Unfortunately, however, it's cold comfort — as cold as space itself.

# The day a giant 'serpent' hissed



• This UFO was photographed near Albuquerque in New Mexico.

## through the skies

**June Moore reports on some spectacular UFO sightings before the century.**

Whether you believe in UFOs or not is entirely up to you. If like me, you follow Brer Rabbit's policy of lying low and saying nothing until the boundaries of science have been pushed back a bit more, it may come as an uncomfortable shock to discover that UFO sightings are not exclusive to the twentieth century

Only fifteen years ago, we were treating people who claimed to have seen UFOs as attention-seekers or boozers or those long overdue for the psychiatrist's couch. Officials gave all sorts of down to earth reasons for the sightings and when all else failed you could always blame a meteor.

However, the nineteenth century was quite rich in its own store of sightings. Its earliest UFO sighting was of an eighty foot long object flying 600ft above Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the night of April 5, 1800. It radiated light and heat almost as powerful as that of the sun and, after it had disappeared, there

followed an explosion and an earth tremor from an area where trees were later found charred and smashed.

This was curiously like a miniature version of a similar object which exploded over Siberia on June 30, 1908, with

# GIANT SERPENT CON'T

such force that it destroyed a herd of reindeer, ripped up eight million trees and sent a shock wave twice round the world.

"Must have been a meteor" you chorus as one. Maybe. But consider the case of the sightings which were prolonged and many, of airships with motors and lights over the USA in 1896 and 1897. At this time, man had not yet invented the aeroplane. Yet on April 5, 1897, hundreds of people in Omaha watched a metal, cigar-shaped airship sailing majestically at an altitude of about 4,000ft, flying against the wind until it disappeared into the clouds. Many of such sightings were reported all over the USA in 1896 and 1897.

I often wonder how they explained that one, for meteors tend to flash by and certainly never sail majestically. They couldn't claim that one of their aircraft was on manoeuvres for they had neither aircraft nor any of the sophisticated avionic marvels of today.

This avalanche of UFOs was not confined to America but was liable to break out anywhere. As early as June 19, 1801, citizens of Hull in this country watched from midnight to 1am as a huge blue-lit sphere hovered in the darkness. Like some modern UFOs it split into several bodies, re-

assembled itself - and vanished.

On July 17, 1806, in daylight, the people of London saw an object like a conical saucer flying rapidly across the sky, shining brightly and shooting sparks. Four months later, a similar object was seen over Swansea.

## Green men

Though the modern day sightings of UFOs describe different shapes, they are not so varied as the mixture which apparently blazed across the sky in front of our ancestors. Plate shapes, dome shapes or cigar shapes are quite enough for the average person to adjust to, therefore, the people of Darlington County, South Carolina, must have been close to hysteria when, in May, 1888, they saw an enormous serpent shape object gliding through the air with a hissing noise. This serpent shape was seen many times, but the weirdest sightings of this time happened in 1873 when farmers near Bonham, Texas, reported seeing what looked like a giant serpent drifting over their farms. It later appeared near Fort Scott, Kansas, and went on to frighten cavalry horses at Fort Riley.

Maybe the little green men were experimenting during the nineteenth century for their UFOs

appeared in every conceivable shape, which may be fair enough for progress and evolution but can play havoc with the nerves of everyone watching from down here.

Here are a few examples of the shapes that were seen and they name only a few. There was a thing like a twenty-foot pruning fork over Poland in 1825; a rectangular luminous body over Niagara Falls in 1833; a disc with a tail over the Atlantic in 1870; a triangular shape rising and falling in the sky over Bermuda in 1855 (has this something to do with the mysteries of the Bermuda Triangle?).

Then, in 1880, over Madisonville and Louisville, Kentucky, a complicated object like a man, covered in machinery with a sphere at each end, appeared.

Finally, there is the case of Alexander Hamilton, a former Congressman and much respected by neighbours and officials as a man of integrity. As even the purest among us can have a mad half hour once in a while, I, therefore leave an open verdict on this man, who swore that a three hundred foot-long cigar-shaped airship had almost landed on his farm at Le Roy, Kansas, at 10.30pm on April 19, 1897.

As he and two other men approached the

craft, only thirty-foot above them, they were astonished to see, in the brilliantly lit interior, six strange beings whom they could hear talking in an unknown language. The aliens saw the farmer and took off.

## Unknown language

However, if you feel more inclined to take the word of three trustworthy astronomers, you can choose between these people.

In 1883, Mexican astronomer Dr Jose Bonilla saw through his telescope, over a period of two hours, 283 objects like flying plates moving at immense speeds and, later, 48 torpedo-like objects gliding through the atmosphere.

On July 29, 1878, astronomers James C. Watson and Lewis Swift were observing a total eclipse of the sun. They saw two disc-shaped objects, each about half a mile across, hovering at a height of 20,000 miles.

If UFOs are a reality, a debatable point even now, then it's quite a shock to find that they were spinning around in the sky before man had invented planes of any sort. And the thought that extra terrestrial eyes have been scanning us for countless centuries gives you the uncomfortable feeling that maybe Big Brother was watching us long before George Orwell was born.

# DUNDEE "SPACE INVADERS"

## MYSTERY EXPLAINED

<sup>2107</sup> Dundee police were caught up in a nationwide UFO alert involving forces from John O' Groats to Liverpool early this morning.

Local police were alerted when calls started coming in from the north of the city about 1 a.m. and beat bobbies also reported seeing an apparent stream of light greenish flares falling to earth.

Officers at police headquarters contacted the coastguards and rescue services at Leuchars and Pitreavie but no explanation could be offered.

Green flares are used as a disaster signal after air crashes, but this possibility was discounted when reports of sightings started coming in from the Highlands and England.

According to a police spokesman, last night's sightings of "green space invaders" were probably the result of a meteorite burning up as it entered the atmosphere.

Travelling at thousands of miles an hour, the meteorite would burst into flames in the intense heat caused by the friction of the atmosphere.

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# Red lights in sky puzzle residents

By JULIE RASICOT

THOMASTON — Blinking red lights glided silently through the blackness Thursday night, pausing to hover over Thomaston before darting away toward Torrington.

Several people came out of their houses into the chilly air to watch them zoom away. Others, traveling along Route 8, pulled their cars over to the roadside and got out to watch as the strange shapes passed above.

What were the large elliptical aircraft that flew over Litchfield County between 8 and 10 p.m. Thursday?

The Torrington Police Department said Friday that it got several calls and determined the objects probably were five light airplanes whose flight originated in Hudson, N.Y.

But residents who watched the shapes make their night tour over Thomaston aren't so sure they were just ordinary airplanes.

"It was not like an airplane," said Paul Tracy, who watched one of the machines hover above his Elm Street home around 8:30 p.m.

"It was big and moved very slowly. It made damn little noise, and that's what bugged me," he said.

David Marcoux of Pleasant Street

was driving home from downtown when he and his wife saw whatever it was. "I thought it was a plane at first," he said, describing it as having a row of seven red lights with a bright red one like a beacon in the middle.

Marcoux said that when they got home, his wife went into the house for a camera. When she did, the several craft, which were flying in a horseshoe shape, separated, he said.

He took 20 pictures of the flying objects, he said, before they flew up the Naugatuck Valley toward Torrington. As he watched, they turned around and came back down the valley, he said.

"Where we live, we can hear any plane, helicopter or even a hot air balloon pass over our house. We didn't hear a sound," he said.

Several other residents passing through Town Hall on Friday wondered what exactly they'd seen Thursday night.

Marcoux summed up the feelings of those around town who'd chanced to glance out their windows and view the eerie sight.

"I would sure like to know what's going on," he said.

# UFO <sup>3120</sup> 'had red flashing lights'

A UFO was sighted on the same night a businessman and his family were terrorised for three hours in their remote farmhouse by a UFO.

Shaun Trencher and his girlfriend Evette Boyle were walking from Abbey Village to Withnell when they saw a large round object with flashing red lights head over them towards Brinscall.

"We watched it for about 20 minutes, then lost sight of it when it shot off at the speed of light towards Chorley.

"We saw it again about 10 minutes later. We saw it hovering over the woods," said Mr Trencher, of Station Terrace, Abbey Village.

"We told friends about it, but they laughed. But when we read about the other sighting on the same night, we thought it may be the same UFO."

The businessman, from Darwen, lives in Edgworth.

# Harold's UFO was <sup>3128</sup> not a good omen



● Harold Hughes — "It was fantastic." (X353)

A CLOSE encounter with a mysterious pulsating light proved to be a bad omen for nightwatchman Harold Hughes.

On the very same night as he saw the UFO race above the slumbering houses of Harlow, he was made redundant as security man at Harlow company STC after 14 years service.

Mr Hughes, of High House Estate, Sheering, saw the strange light speed across the sky at the same time as eagle-eyed Antony Mason, another security man, who recounted his eerie sighting exclusively in the Gazette last week.

Both men saw the glowing

white ball and red tail streak across the sky in the early hours of last Sunday, possibly travelling "at thousands of miles an hour."

Mr Hughes said: "In all my 45 years in the job I have never seen anything like it. It was so bright that it lit up Edinburgh Way."

He told the Gazette: "I heard I was going to be made redundant several weeks ago, the light must have been a going-away sign!"

"I think it must have been a satellite burning up in the atmosphere, or a meteorite.

"It was fantastic, other night workers or policemen on patrol must have seen it," he added.

ISLE OF WIGHT WEEKLY  
POST

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## Did you spot <sup>3128</sup> this UFO?

I AM CURRENTLY following-up a claimed UFO sighting, photographed from Southsea sea front, looking across the Solent to the Isle of Wight, and I wonder if your readers might be able to help me discover further data about this phenomenon.

The problem is that the photograph and event occurred on the May 2, 1982, but the photo has only recently come to our attention, after a colleague of the photographer persuaded him to contact CUFOSC, assuring him of our high reputation when dealing with witnesses to sightings.

The phenomenon photographed was an orange ball of light, travelling inwards from the Channel, probably over Sandown or Foreland, and then over Ryde, further passing up the Solent, when it suddenly ascended and then penetrated itself into thick cloud and was not seen again.

The witness was too far away to hear any noise, and the photos don't show very much detail of a structured object. From its flight course in from the Channel and over the Island, its estimated height was a mere 150 feet, its velocity being approximately 200 mph.

We do realise that this was during the Falklands Conflict and might have been a practise missile from a warship, going down there, but this would appear most unlikely because of its course inland. This might be one reasonable hypothesis, but having been a Serviceman myself, I am familiar with most modern day missiles. We are awaiting a reply from the MoD(N).

I would be eternally grateful if your readers could inform me of any reports about this incident, or any UFO sightings around this period. — E. Morris, Cheshire UFO Studies Centre, 7a Alamein Drive, Winsford, Cheshire.

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## U.F.O.s over Kirkton High?

A Dundee woman and her husband were fascinated by what seemed to be two U.F.O.s communicating with each other high above the city late last night. <sup>3128</sup>

The woman said she and her husband had seen two objects hovering high above Kirkton High School displaying red and white flashing lights and transmitting light beams.

A police spokesman said there had been no sightings by police but a spokesman for air traffic control at R.A.F. Leuchars said two aircraft were out at the time.

# Flashing lights spark UFO call

HAS anyone seen a UFO? That's the question a Peterborough woman is asking after a mysterious dawn encounter.

Joan Penman (45) was driving along Bourges Boulevard when she spotted a strange object.

She said: "I saw these two bright white lights in the sky. At first I thought it was an aeroplane but then I realised planes don't usually have two flashing lights.

"It was a beautiful clear sky and I am sure the object was not moving," said Mrs Penman.

The city woman was on her way to pick up husband Andrew from work when she saw the mystery object at 7.25 on Friday morning.

And after collecting Andrew from his night shift she went back to the scene of the sighting.

Mrs Penman, of 10 Viney Close, Peterborough, said: "It was gone when I got back but I am sure there was something there."

But the 45-year-old — a chef at the Elephant and Castle pub — could not forget the incident and contacted the Evening Telegraph to put out a public appeal.

"I think it may have been a UFO and if anyone else saw it would they please get in contact with me," she said.



Joan Penman, who spotted the mysterious bright light in the sky over Peterborough. (Photo: T8955/35).

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## Strange object is seen

TWO people claimed they saw a UFO flying over Barnet on Sunday January 19.

Mrs Pat Callaghan, of Daneland, East Barnet, and her 16-year-old son, Paul, spotted the mysterious triangular-shaped object at about 5.30 pm

Mrs Callaghan said: "I went up to the bedroom to draw the curtains and as I looked out of the window I saw what I thought at first was stars in a triangular shape.

"When I first saw them they were stationary, but after a while they started to move. It was very cloudy that night, but it looked like a spaceship."

Paul, who goes to Finchley Catholic School, said: "The lights suddenly separated, and one

actually went over the house. There seemed to be beams coming down from it.

"It made a noise like an engine but it did not sound like an aeroplane. The lights didn't seem to be going in any particular direction."

Mrs Callaghan said she didn't call the police or tell any of the neighbours about it because she thought they would think she was stupid.

"When we saw the strange object we weren't frightened at all. We were surprised and interested."

She telephoned her parents in Kingsbury to ask them to look out of the window to see if they could see anything. But on returning to the phone, her father said: "I can't see any saucers except the ones with the cups on them!"

A CITY groundsman claims to have solved the mystery of a unidentified flying object — sighted in Peterborough last week.

The UFO was spotted by Joan Penman (45) at 7.25 am last Friday. The Peterborough woman said she saw two bright lights in the

sky above Bourges Boulevard.

This mystery encounter was featured in the Evening Telegraph and now Frank Allen, groundsman at the

Embankment running track, has come forward to shed some light on the strange affair.

Mr Allen (61) of the Fen-gate Caravan site, Peter-

borough, was at the running track early on Friday morning.

He said: "The object was definitely an aeroplane I saw the shape of it. Sometimes when something comes down out of the dawn light it is difficult to see clearly, this is probably what caused the problem."

"I would think the plane

was from RAF Wittering," he said.

However Mrs Penman, of 10 Viney Close, is adamant her UFO was not a plane and her view is supported by home help Joan Crozier.

Mrs Crozier, of Stumpacre, Bretton, believed she saw a mysterious object — possibly the UFO Mrs

Penman claims she saw.

Mrs Crozier saw a round object with a pointed nose and two brilliant bright lights flash across in front of her at an incredible

speed as she drove near the crematorium at Marholm at about 11 am on Friday.

"I could not believe my eyes, this white object flashed across in front of me, it was only just above tree level," she said.

"I was bracing myself for an impact and it just disappeared."

Her immediate reaction was that she had seen an aircraft from RAF Wittering but the object was travelling at high speed and not making a sound.

PETERBOROUGH EVENING TELEGRAPH JAN 31 1986

## Is this the solution to UFO mystery?

# Stunned Air Force Marshal: UFO Gave Our Jets the Slip — At 1,400 m.p.h.



Two fighter jets chased a UFO that flew over the African country of Zimbabwe — but as the planes closed in on the eerie object, it zoomed straight up at more than 1,400 miles an hour, according to stunned witnesses.

It went from about 7,000 feet above the ground to 70,000 feet, traveling about twice the speed of sound, according to Air Marshal Azim Daudpota.

"This object flew vertically at a speed that couldn't be matched even by supersonic jets. This was no ordinary UFO. It can't be a hoax," he said.

The glowing orange UFO was first spotted about 3:30 p.m. last July 22 as it soared over southern Zimbabwe, which is in southern Africa.

Two Hawk jet fighter pilots were ordered to take a closer look at the UFO, which had also been tracked by air traffic control radar.

"We went toward it at about 480 miles an hour but we never seemed to get any closer," one of the pilots,

Flight Lieut. Roddy Van Rooyen, told The ENQUIRER.

"Then all of a sudden it started climbing."

Air Commodore Dave Thorne estimated that it streaked vertically till it reached 70,000 feet, then hovered there.

The pilots broke off contact with the UFO and returned to Thornhill Air Base. When the pilots landed, the UFO was directly



**AIR FORCE OFFICERS**  
Azim Daudpota (left) and jet pilot Roddy Van Rooyen.

overhead. "The ground staff and the pilots watched it for a few minutes before it took off to the east at tremendously high speed," Thorne said.

"And when it left, it left at high speed without apparent acceleration. There is no

craft that we know of that can do that."

Although it appeared to be orange at first — probably reflecting the setting sun — as the fighter planes gave up the chase at darkness and headed back to their base, the UFO looked like a white light, pilot Van Rooyen said.

Said Van Rooyen: "This thing obviously changed direction. It couldn't have

been a star. It couldn't have been a satellite because a satellite moves only in one direction.

"And a satellite doesn't hover — it keeps moving. There is nothing anyone can say that would explain what that object could have been.

"I firmly believe that what I was chasing was an extraterrestrial craft."

— DAVID BARRITT

# UFOs steal 1000s of U.S. cattle

**THOUSANDS OF head of cattle are vanishing from ranches across the United States—and UFOs are suspected as being the culprits.**

The mysterious rustlings are taking place in the southwest, south, mid-west, and northwestern sections of the country.

by **ROYAL McCOLLUM**

Often they are accompanied by strange lights in the sky, explosions, and

crackling sounds of strange electrical storms, say observers.

## Tracks

A northwest rancher who declined to be named says, "More than 100 head

of my prime steers disappeared from one of my pastures over a weekend.

"My son and I investigated before calling the sheriff's office. We didn't find any tire or boot tracks in the area, but some

neighbors saw flashing pink and blue lights the night before.

"It was like the cows were airlifted out of there—yet nobody saw an airplane or helicopter," the rancher says.

A cattle inspector found a circular burned-out area measuring nearly 50 feet across in a remote canyon where the cows were last seen grazing.

"Either somebody set up a branding operation and accidentally set fire to the grass," he says, "or an airship of some sort landed there and picked up the cattle.

"I felt mighty uncomfortable on that investigation and was glad to get out of that canyon and back to civilization."

## Know

A family that owns a 900-acre farm on the edge of Lake Michigan in Wisconsin reports losing 20 head of cattle and says their dairy cows have stopped giving milk.

"We don't know what is causing the problem," says Marg Stangel.

"We run our place

according to the book," Stangel adds.

She and her husband, Dan, noticed their cows were avoiding feed troughs and twitched nervously at their twice-a-day feeding sessions.

Milk production fell off sharply, she adds.

## Lost

A cattle inspector says the cause may be stray electrical voltage sweeping across the range.

Stray voltage can come from a variety of sources, explains an electrical expert.

It is electricity lost as current flows through wires or any other source of resistance.

"The wandering electrical charges could be costing U.S. dairymen millions of dollars each year by putting cows out of the mood to eat or give milk," says the inspector.

"At this point, we haven't established what is causing the electrical charges.

"We've called in scientists and agricultural experts, and they're stymied."

**EXTRA** Leisure

# How true UFO tales?

**Sky Crash. A Cosmic Conspiracy.** By Brenda Butler, Dot Street and Jenny Randles. Published in hardback by Neville Spearman at £7.50.

MYSTERIOUS cosmic activities, it is said, took place by night in the last few days of 1980, in Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk, near the American air base at Woodbridge.

Some people are convinced that they occurred on the night of December 27. Others are sure, on the other hand, that it was the night of December 29-30. The story starts with doubt.

There is no definitive agreement as to what happened. Some living on the spot saw nothing and heard nothing, while others have most vivid accounts — at first

## ON THE BOOKSHELF

by **Bernard Steff**

or second-hand, from a friend or a friend's friend.

What might have happened? One talkative American serviceman (who had supplied many interesting rumours over the previous five years) was quite certain.

### Key witness

A UFO had suffered some kind of malfunction and had come down among the trees, he believed. He had personally witnessed "an astonishing meeting between the base Commander and some small alien creatures piloting the craft."

He does admit that Rendlesham Forest was popular with U.S. airmen for their unobtrusive parties and drug taking.

Indeed, one of them, who would have been a key witness of the UFO crash, was involved a day or so later for his part in a high-spirited New Year's Eve fracas there. He was arrested and sent back to the USA for sorting out. Poor lad.

As the sole topic of this book is the suggested encounter of the third kind, we would expect some background, and then a chronological sequence of events.

Sadly, this does not hap-

pen. It is like an untidy scrapbook of cuttings pasted in at random. One would like to absorb the story in a logical pattern, so that at the end we could draw a conclusion from the evidence presented.

We do learn that alien beings landing these days in Suffolk are about 38 inches high with bulbous heads, whereas alien beings which landed in the USA, were killed and the subject of an

autopsy, were about 5 inches high, with bulbous heads, and lacked their digestive and reproducer systems. Poor lads.

The three authors who did all the investigative work supply information at the top of their voices, trying to rust the ball hard. The book badly needs the discipline of an editor.

Clearly the various authorities did obstruct in a determined way — which is all the more reason why we would like to have read a less emotive and a more clinical account.

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**DEBUNKING**  
by  
**Henry**  
**Gordon**

## Another round in UFO row

In an address before the annual symposium of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) in St. Louis, Stanton T. Friedman raked this humble columnist over the coals.

MUFON is a major, worldwide organization which is dedicated to "resolving the UFO mystery and all of its ramifications in a scientific manner", according to the Encyclopedia of UFOs. Many of its members are scientists, engineers, researchers and authors who share a common interest, if not a belief, in flying saucers.

Stanton Friedman, whom I have previously written about and sparred with on television, is a nuclear physicist who became a full-time lecturer on UFOs. He doesn't equivocate. The saucers have landed, he says — they've been buzzing around us for some time. His evidence for this is voluminous — very shaky, but voluminous.

When Friedman takes the time to launch a vituperative attack on me personally before this august symposium — sarcastically calling me Canada's gift to debunkdum, among other things — I can feel nothing but pride and satisfaction.

I learned long ago that in the world of debate when an opponent descends to a personal attack, his arguments have usually petered out.

### Facts

During the address, the flying saucer physicist blasted the "negativists" who have "vigorously, sometimes viciously, attacked the notions that some UFOs are extraterrestrial spacecraft and that governments have covered up the best data."

We negativists are accused of replacing science with pseudoscience and using myths instead of facts. A clear case of the pot calling the kettle black.

As a negativist I'm in good company — sharing the brunt of Friedman's attack with Philip Klass, senior editor of Aviation Week And Space Technology, and an internationally recognized authority on the subject of UFOs. Klass has investigated and debunked some of the major UFO claims over the years.

I can understand Friedman's antagonism to Klass and myself, but I'm really surprised at his public spearing of J. Allen Hynek, the guru of ufologists, at the same symposium.

Hynek was the technical adviser on the blockbuster film, Close Encounters Of The Third Kind — as a matter of fact he coined the phrase. He, too, is included among "the noisy negativists" for making statements which don't agree with Friedman's theories. This is like Gorbachev accusing Gromyko of being a capitalist.

I have a feeling that some of the ufologists are getting very sensitive about the drop in public and media interest in their pet theories. Their movement is in big trouble.

One of the largest UFO groups, the National Investigations Committee On Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), has gone belly-up. No more funds. The Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) has discontinued its newsletter. Not a good sign (or should I say "omen").

### Extra money

Even Hynek's prestigious Center For UFO Studies is hinting it would be useful to have a few extra bucks donated to the cause.

The ufologists have always griped that governments have been coldhearted when it came to granting dollars for UFO investigation. They simply can't understand why the taxpayers won't ante up a few million here or there to expand this worthwhile field of scientific research.

If Star Wars merits the millions, how about shelling out a few dollars to greet our other visitors from space.

Perhaps, if Stanton Friedman is right, and the little green men are visiting us, this would be our only salvation. As Ronald Reagan recently remarked to Gorbachev at Geneva, "... if suddenly there was a threat to this world from another species from another planet outside in the universe we'd forget all the little local differences that we have between our countries and we would find out once and for all that we really are all human beings here on this earth together."

But what if the ugly, little humanoids were friendly?

□ Henry Gordon is an international lecturer and broadcaster on the paranormal.

# Strange lights in sky

By GORD McCULLOCH  
Temiscaming-Mattawa Bureau

For sky watchers Wednesday there were some interesting aspects to prevailing conditions other than high winds.

Reports of strange sightings in the early morning sky came from various centres throughout the district, including North Bay and as far distant as Collingwood.

Jack St. Onge, a Tembec employee who lives on a farm at Redbridge, told the Nugget he was doing his morning chores around the farm shortly after 5 a.m., Wednesday, when he noticed a green light in the southern sky.

He said it appeared to be the size of a full moon and seemed to be approaching and growing larger.

"My first thought was Halley's Comet and I called my wife Jane and the kids," he said.

But by the time they came out of the house the big ball had disappeared and two smaller spheres could be seen with what appeared to be light beams coming from them.

"It was a somewhat terrifying experience," he said.

While commuting to Temiscaming with two other men he mentioned the incident. One of the two other fellows said he had seen a similar object but didn't like to mention it because he felt he would be ridiculed.

At the Temiscaming mill Mr. St. Onge mentioned the incident to Rheal Viau, an electrician also employed by Tembec and who lives at Ville Marie, some 80 kilometres north of the pulp town.

Mr. Via said he had also seen some strange but similar objects in the sky on his way to Temiscaming.

The first was a yellow sphere which remained in view for approximately 10 minutes. Then a purple ball appeared and was visible for a matter of minutes. It disappeared and a few minutes later and a white sphere appeared.

Mr. Viau was travelling in a southerly direction and he said the three objects were clearly visible through the windshield of his vehicle. He also said projections like light beams could be seen on the left sides of the objects.

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Two truck drivers who stopped for a coffee break after an early-morning, southbound haul along Hwy. 101 from Ville Marie, told Temiscaming resident Rene (Gibou) Raymond, they had a strange experience near the village of Laniel, 34 kilometres north of Temiscaming.

They said as they crested a hill a white cloud was sighted above the highway in front of them. Believing it to be fog they slowed and the cloud shot straight up into the sky.

Mr. St. Onge said he reported the sightings to the North Bay office of Environment Canada.

Barry Armstrong of Environment Canada, North Bay, told the Nugget there had been reports of other similar sightings, the same morning, from other centres throughout the district, including North Bay and as far as Collingwood.

From Collingwood, Ted Aldridge, who is a professional pilot, reported sightings similar to those seen in this district. The Collingwood resident told the Environment Canada office the sightings had been made by himself and a friend Wednesday morning.

Mr. Armstrong said Jim MacLean, also of the North Bay office of Environment Canada had taken detailed notes of the sightings and compiled a log of the reports.

The Nugget also talked with Master Sgt. Don Weston of CFB North Bay. He said there had been "no indication" of any strange objects being sighted in the area.

## UFO seen hovering for 2nd straight night

An unidentified flying object with multi-colored lights, spotted Monday night in the Kingston area, was back again last night "but much farther away," according to an Odessa resident.

June Potter, who operates a greenhouse business in the community about 20 kilometres (12 miles) west of Kingston, said three police officers joined her family to watch the UFO hovering to the south of them for about three hours Monday night.

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Potter said they "just about froze" as they stood outside trying to figure out what the hovering object was.

Her daughter, Tracey, 17, said the UFO appeared to be square with lights on each corner. As it got closer they realized the lights were colored, a florescent green light in one corner, a pink light in another, a

bright blue light in the third and a white light in the fourth.

Checks with police and the Canadian Forces base at Trenton failed to reveal what the object might be. They saw an airplane pass while they were watching and it was easy to tell the difference.

Others suggested that it must have been a star, but the Potters say it definitely moved about.

June Potter thought it was less than six kilometres (four miles) away, just to the side of their barn, when they first spotted it. Then it rose above the roof, hovering for long periods of time, before moving south toward Lake Ontario, about six kilometres (four miles) away.

June Potter said the weather was clear both nights so it was difficult to judge the size or tell accurately how far away the object was.

# Rancher claims officials ignore cow mutilations

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By Natalie Phillips  
Gazette Telegraph

Two months ago, 80-year-old Eldon Butler found one of his Hereford cows dead on his ranch on Murphy Road.

Its mutilated carcass and reports of a helicopter hovering near Butler's ranch the night before the death was discovered parallel the hundreds of reported cow mutilations that plagued Western states in the early and mid-1970s.

The cow's belly had a 14-inch hole cut "by some type of sharp cutting instrument," according to an El Paso County Sheriff's Department report. The animal's sex organs were missing.

The only answer investigators could offer was "it's the work of predators." That is the same conclusion that was drawn by investigators nationwide about 1980 after reviewing 2,000 to 10,000 reported mutilations.

But Butler doesn't buy it.

"That kind of makes you sore when you can see with your own plain eyes a butcher couldn't leave such a clean hole," Butler said. "Coyotes would leave teeth marks."

Butler has no explanation for his cow's death, but he told investigators he heard a helicopter hovering about 300

yards from his house the night before the cow was found dead.

"It was real loud," Butler said. He said he didn't give it a second thought until he found the carcass because Army aircraft often fly by his ranch.

The death of his cow and the hundreds of cows reported mutilated in Colorado in the mid-1970s are an unsolved mystery investigators have chosen to ignore, Butler charges.

Butler's dead cow is one of "sporadic reports" of mutilations in the past several years in El Paso County, according to Lt. Jere Joiner, head of the Sheriff's Department investigation bureau. Exact figures on the number reported annually were not available.

"There is no use reporting it to the Sheriff's Department," Butler said. "It doesn't do any good."

"I think it is picking up a little bit again," he added.

In Colorado, the cattle mutilation mystery began in the early 1970s. Hardest hit were Elbert and Logan counties in the Colorado plains.

The mutilations peaked in the summers of 1975 and 1976. During that time, about 1,500 mutilations were reported, according

to the Colorado Cattlemen's Association.

"Once that flurry passed, then it was sort of gone," said Bob Rolston, executive vice president of the association. He said with the exception of Butler's cow found dead Nov. 23, he hasn't heard any ranchers talk about having problems.

"It's on the back burner now," Rolston said.

There were four popular theories in the 1970s about the mutilations. The first was that cows were being mutilated by members of a satanic cult that use animal organs in their rituals.

A second popular theory was that the government was secretly testing new biological and chemical-warfare weapons and using helicopters to find the animals.

A third theory was that the mutilators are visitors from outer space who swoop down out of the night sky and zap the animals with their weapons. Select organs of the animals are taken for cloning, according to the theory.

The fourth theory was that natural predators, such as coyotes, bears, mountain lions, eagles and magpies, were the culprits and somehow cattlemen were the victims of a form of mass hysteria.

It's the fourth theory that Kenneth Rommel, a former FBI investigator, concurs with. Rommel received a federal grant in 1979 to investigate the reported incidents.

"It's all a bunch of garbage and an awful lot of money was wasted by law-enforcement officials investigating it," said Rommel, who is now director of investigations for the New Mexico Department of Corrections.

Rommel documented his findings in a 297-page report in 1980.

"Things that are born, die," Rommel said during a telephone interview Monday. "Cows are dying everyday. They eat poisonous plants and grease from farm machinery which has lead in it. You name it, they are dying from it. And whatever scavenger will go in and eat on the carcass."

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Investigator**

There is no one particular party responsible for the hysteria the mutilations caused, according to Rommel.

"Ranchers were all caught up in the same lore, the media recognized a good story and a lot of investigators forgot that if you are going to be an investigator you've got to be objective," Rommel explained.

"The media would go out and quote deputies that said the cuts appeared to be like laser surgery," Rommel said. "The follow-up question should have been, 'What do you know about laser surgery?' The media were pretty irresponsible."

Rommel said that when he received a report of a mutilation, he'd take the rancher with him to investigate.

"We'd see bird droppings on the carcass and coyote droppings nearby," Rommel said.

At first ranchers would ignore that in favor of pointing to what has become the classic signs of a cow mutilation. Those signs included missing sex organs, udders, tongues, eyes, rectums and ears. Often there would be no footprints anywhere near the carcass and no signs of struggle.

Rommel said that when he pointed out the bird and coyote droppings, the ranchers would concede that maybe predators were responsible for the mutilations.

Carl Whiteside of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation also investigated the reported mutilations.

"We determined that though some mutilations did occur, the majority of the deaths could be attributed to predators," Whiteside said. "The cows died of natural causes and post-mortem they were mutilated by predators."

At the forefront of many of the mutilation investigations in Colorado was former Logan County Sheriff Harry "Tex" Graves.

Graves said last week he knows who or what is responsible for the mutilations, "but I won't repeat it." He would not say why he did not want to discuss it. He also said he hasn't kept up to date on reported cases of mutilations.

He reportedly collected more than 200 photographs of mutilations during his term as sheriff.

Graves told one reporter, "Look at these pictures and then tell me how anyone can blame it on natural predators. I'd like to see the coyote that can do that. Predators are never as selective

as the mutilators. A coyote wouldn't leave all the tender parts. If he tore a piece of hide from the critter's belly, he'd leave it around, not take it within him.

Graves stepped down seven years ago and Sheriff Dan Bollish took over.

Bollish questions Graves' claims.

"I think he exaggerated, but I don't know because he cleared the files out when he left," Bollish said.

Graves said he stored the files, but did not say where.

Elbert County Sheriff George Yarnell said he still gets occasional reports of cow mutilations.

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They looked like blue, green and white lights on planes, she thought. Some were in groups and some were solo. They came from and went to the north, the

Tucson Mountains to the east, Kitt Peak National Observatory perched on a mountaintop about 15 miles across the valley to the southwest, and Ryan Field to the south.

Others skimmed the Tucson Mountains on their way eastward to the city.

Somebody must be guiding them and telling them what to do, she thought.

Late last month, Grill became the latest person to admit publicly that she saw the UFOs the night of Oct. 7, 1985.

They also were observed that night by the most professional of the watchers of the night sky.

Federal Aviation Administration radar operators at Tucson International Airport reported tracking about 15 groups of aircraft, at least 60 in all, as they flew from the Avra Valley area in the southwest, across the city, and out through Redington Pass northeast of Tucson.

Officer Timothy Clark, the pilot of Air 1, the Tucson Police helicopter that patrols the night sky of the city, saw the lights of the objects cross over the city and leave over Redington. They were going too fast for Air 1.

A man working on a plane on the ground at TIA heard the radar operator and Clark discussing the

UFOs on the radio and turned on the plane's radar. For 10 minutes, that screen revealed a large object in the sky west of the Tucson Mountains with many smaller objects flying around it.

Officials at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and at other military

installations in Arizona have said repeatedly that no military exercises, secret or otherwise, were under way during the aerial display. They said they knew nothing about the incident.

"Nope, we don't deal with UFOs," Lt. Julie Fortenberry, a public information officer at Davis-Monthan, said a few days after the sighting. "We're not pursuing it."

Nevertheless, for more than an hour that night, things with lights

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## Flying <sup>et</sup> objects in Tucson night sky Oct. 7 still haven't been identified

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were seen and tracked on radar screens as they flew over the city only a few miles from the runways of D-M, a huge training base.

Likewise, the North American Air Defense Command — NORAD — in Colorado Springs, Colo., had no explanation.

In fact, no one has ever been able to explain what the objects were or where they came from. At least, no one has been willing to say so publicly.

Aerial Phenomena Research Organization Inc., an international UFO study group based in Tucson and better known simply as APRO, has been investigating the incident.

Robert G. Marsland, a former U.S. Air Force officer and deputy director of APRO, interviewed Grill and most of the others who saw the UFOs. Still, even he has

no idea what they were.

Marsland said, however, that he was "very sure" the UFOs were not military planes.

"There were too many airplanes in one place at the same time," he said. "It was too close to the mountains. The military doesn't take those risks."

One major difference between the UFOs that Grill saw over Avra Valley and those seen by others over Tucson was that the UFOs over the city made no noise, Marsland said.

Grill is an artist — a trained observer. For years, she was a cook on big merchant ships. She also sailed the South Pacific in a 42-foot ketch. She has witnessed some of the phenomena of the sea, including Saint Elmo's fire, an electrical flame sometimes seen on a ship's mast during a storm.

The Indiana native said she has a strong psychic bent.

But that night in October, Grill was mystified as she settled down into a lawn chair and began counting the UFOs. She lost count at 36.

"What the hell is going on?" she asked herself again.

Then one big UFO slowly flew about 500 feet over her head, she said. It was cigar-shaped, had a light on each side, and had a fuselage like an Army transport plane, she said.

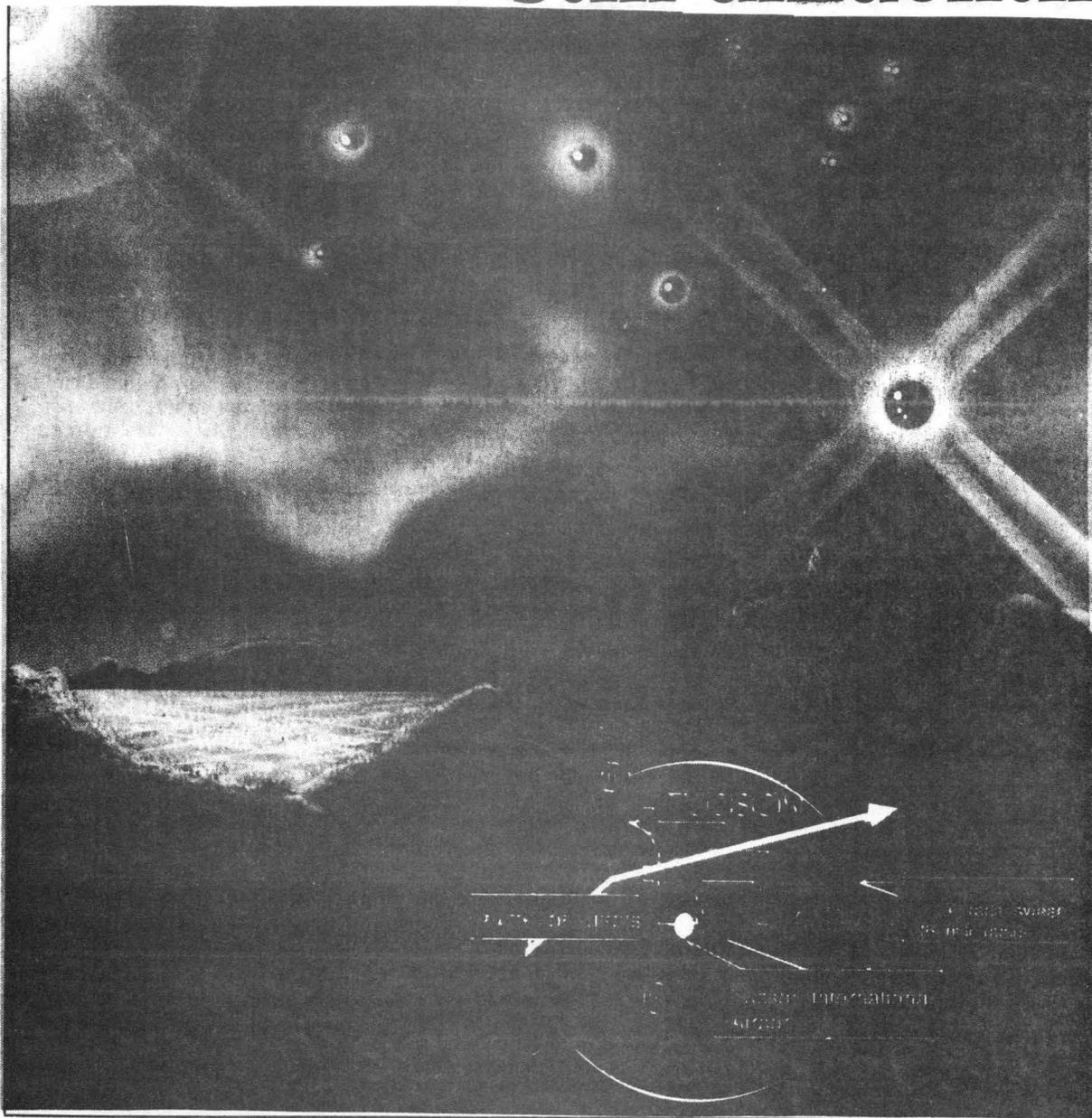
"There was something about that thing flying over that I can't get out of my mind," she said. "It's almost like it was a dream . . ."

"It was just a strange-looking thing because of the khaki, dirty color . . . It still reminds me of a great big moth.

"It was strange that it flew over me," she said shaking her head. "I didn't like that thing."

Grill also said she kept questioning herself to make sure she

# Flying objects over Tucson still unidentified



JOEL ROCHON/Tucson Citizen

## Radar tracked them, people saw them, no one claims them

By **TOM SHIELDS**  
Citizen Staff Writer

The droning was such an unusual sound in the quiet beauty of Avra Valley that it awoke Martha Ann Grill from a sound sleep.

"What the hell is going on?" Grill said as she stumbled to the door of her mobile home in the rural area northwest of Tucson.

She stood on the patio in her nightgown. Looking eastward through the misty overcast, she could see the reassuring glow of the lights of Tucson over the peaks of the mountains.

Her neighborhood was quiet, except for a car speeding somewhere and a dog barking off in the distance among the saguaros.

Airplanes or something in the sky were making the droning noise.

But once she began seeing the lights zipping by in all directions at varying speeds and not crashing into one another, she began to wonder if they were airplanes.

Unidentified flying objects. "You never saw such a sight in your life," she said. "It was incredible."

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**Martha Ann Grill describes UFOs she saw over Avra Valley.**

wasn't seeing things.

"Something was in the air, but no one on this earth will ever make me say those were flying saucers because I don't have enough information about what I saw.

"I just know that what I saw was not what you usually see . . . And I didn't dream it, even

though I feel like something wants me to feel that I did.

"Whether it was a flying saucer or 15 of the chorus girls from Radio City out there tap dancing on the clouds, I don't know," she said, laughing.

Then Grill stopped laughing.

"I'll probably never know what it was," she said.

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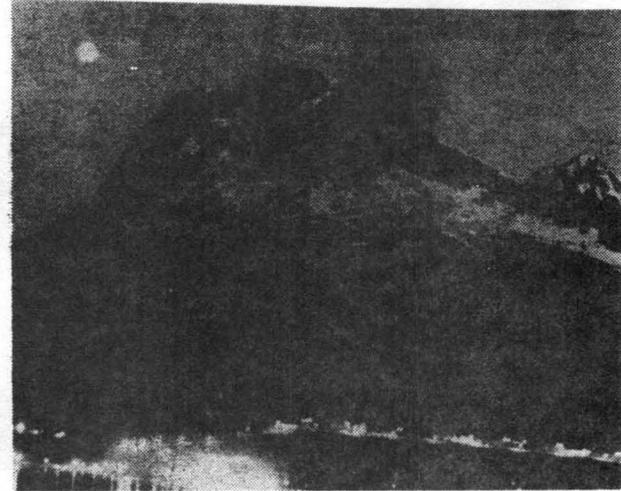
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**ALIEN CEMETARY: Somewhere in this Peruvian mountain chain is where E.T.s are entombed.**

**E.T.s killed on earth are being buried in a Peruvian mountain**

**U**FO investigators claim E.T.s are burying their fallen comrades in a vast mountain cemetery.

Felipe Aguilar and Arturo Barana claim that they have seen alien gravediggers hard at work in the forbidding Andes Mountains of Peru.

By EDDIE BEA

"We had heard reports of peasants who said they saw strange creatures — they called them 'gods' — burying their dead in simple stone vaults cut out of the mountainside," Aguilar told Mexican reporters.

"We searched for months until we found a man who agreed to lead us to the site — and nearly died on our way back."

The intrepid investigators say they succeeded in capturing an alien funeral service on film — only to lose both film and camera in an avalanche they were lucky to barely survive.

"The burial service was remarkably like a human ceremony," explains Barana.

"A small group assembled around the tomb — hewn from the rock with a

laser-like device — and paid their last respects.

"The big difference was that the coffin, an egg-shaped object, hovered in the air during the service. One by one the mourners touched it, turned their eyes to the heavens and raised their arms in a final salute.

"The coffin then floated slowly into the tomb and then a perfectly-cut slab seemed to move into place under its own power to seal the grave. You couldn't tell it was a tomb at all."

Aguilar says it was impossible to give an exact count of the number of graves.

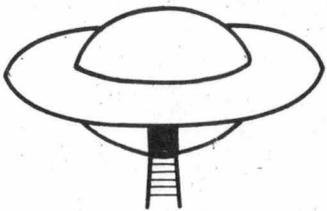
Based on the peasants' tales, they estimate that there may be up to 1,000 aliens buried in the cemetery.

# Carolina Sightings Are Out-Of- This-World



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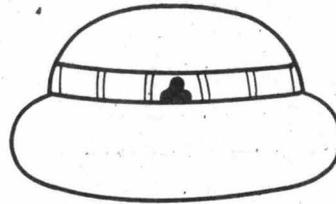
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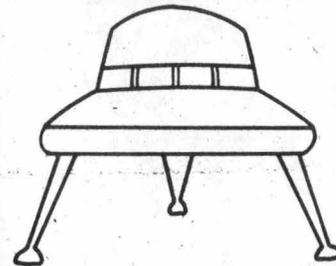
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By GINGER LUNDY  
Staff Writer

The small red and black sign in the corner of the painted glass window most likely would be unnoticed by many customers and passerbys.

Inside, the sandwich shop is typical of that on the main street of most small towns, vinyl booths lining the walls and an aroma of sizzling beef mingling with that of fried onion rings. The man behind the counter moves the telephone receiver away from his mouth and calls behind him to Betty in the kitchen: "I need two more cheeseburgers to go, and that'll wrap it up today."

At a glance, the setting suits the man with salt and pepper hair in the brown knit sweater, but his crystal blue eyes look deep... There is more to this 56-year-old man than running the Super Sub Sandwich Shoppe on East Main Street in Lincolnton, N.C.

Investigation of the dining area reveals a smaller room wallpapered with framed sketches and newspaper articles that explain the faraway look in George D. Fawcett's eyes, and the sign in the window that invites "Visit Our UFO Room."

Fawcett, a native of Mt. Airy, N.C., regularly sheds his apron, along with many other professional roles he has assumed over the past four decades, to investigate reported sightings and experiences with unidentified flying objects.

By April 1985, Fawcett had investigated 1,278 UFO experiences.

"It was in 1944 and '45 when Curious George (the inquisitive storybook monkey Fawcett identifies with) woke up and I got involved investigating UFOs. That was about 41 years ago, when I was 15 years old," he says.

He had been a history buff since about age 9 and had kept scrapbooks of World War II. "In the middle of World War II, about December 1944, I began reading articles about pilots whose crafts almost collided with these large silver balls, most of them over Paris."

Newspaper articles of the time reported that Allied Forces feared the balls were new German military missiles, yet similar sightings since have been identified as UFOs. It was during that speculation that Fawcett began his studies of UFOs.

"I started reading everything I could get my hands on (560 books to date, and only one volume of science fiction) and talking to everybody who knew anything about UFOs."

Fawcett had a personal encounter with a UFO seven years after he began studying them yet insists, "I don't believe in UFOs, but I'm a nonskeptic. It's not what we believe, but what we've learned and studied. I recognize the existence of UFOs from what I've learned. I do accept UFOs are true. I was a skeptic for the first five years; I've been a nonskeptic for the other 30 years."

Fawcett, one of more than 15 million Americans who, according to a 1978 Gallup poll, claim to have seen UFOs, unexpectedly confronted his UFO in 1951 while attending Lynchburg College in Virginia. "I was walking across the campus from where I'd gone to see my roommate who was sick in the infirmary. It was about 10:15 in the morning, and as I was walking, I saw it above a building. It looked like an orange cut in half or like half of a globe with sharp edges. It was orange in color against the bright blue sky and as large as a tractor tire.

"I watched it for about four and a half minutes... It went up and down like a yo-yo five times and then turned to a 45-degree angle and flew away. I didn't know what to do at first.

"I thought, 'Maybe it could have been the sun,' knowing inside that it wasn't and then looking behind me to see the sun there. I've tried to find a reasonable explanation to explain it and countless others away, but you can't. For many, there is no explanation."

Of the UFO sightings Fawcett has investigated, 20-30 percent remain unexplained. "The other 70 to 80 percent were traced with close investigation by military, civilian and scientific personnel and found to be meteors, planets and stars, planes and satellites."

Among the reports Fawcett has tried to explain over the past 40 years are sightings of UFOs in South Carolina cities, such as the "large round glowing UFOs" sighted near Landrum in November 1952; the "large yellow-white, disc-shaped" UFO which released a smaller similar object while maneuvering over Gaffney in August 1962; and the "domed saucer with a revolving band of square windows" that glowed red and then turned a bright reddish-orange color over Greenwood in early 1971.

"South Carolina ranks high for the number of excellent UFO encounters reported there over the past four decades," Fawcett says. "The Palmetto state has a rich history of UFO reports with sightings from over two dozen towns and cities, and the encounters follow the global patterns well established over the years. UFOs have been persistent and consistent for the past 40 years; you can't detect the French (sighting) from the Russian or the American."

One of the most intriguing sightings in the state occurred in the Gaffney area in November 1966, Fawcett says:

"Two policemen, A.G. Huskey and Charles Hutchins, watched a Saturn-shaped UFO settle to within several feet of the ground and project a ladder-like device to the ground. Shortly thereafter they encountered a 4-foot-tall figure dressed in a shiny gold-colored, metallic-like suit. The (UFO) occupant approached the two patrolmen to within 20 feet, carried on a brief conversation with them in very precise English, promised a return visit and left the area aboard the UFO. Footprints were found at the landing site."

A flurry of UFO sightings were reported in South Carolina and the southeastern region of the United States in 1973. A sighting near Spartanburg occurred on Jan. 19 in Jonesville when a supermarket employee found S.C. Highway 18, which leads to his home, blocked by a domed saucer, 20 feet in diameter, with tripod landing gears. He said the UFO had multi-colored lighted windows and was surrounded by 10-12 men dressed in white coveralls who appeared to be on guard duty. Frightened, he took an alternate road home and locked himself in the house.

Less than two weeks later, on Jan. 31, multiple eyewitnesses including police, housewives, a textile worker, students and businessmen saw a multi-colored domed saucer with windows maneuvering around Whitaker Mountain near Blacksburg in Cherokee County. "That is one of the incidents that remains unexplained after investigation," Fawcett says.

Since 1980, sightings have occurred in Anderson, Easley, Rock Hill, Gaffney, Lesslie and Lockhart. "But this report of South Carolina is far from being a complete one. One thing you've got to remember is that only 10 percent of all UFOs are reported."

Fawcett says 1973 also brought a wave of UFO sightings in North Carolina. "It really got bad for a while. We had a sighting in Mt. Airy, and everybody naturally thought, 'These are some of George's kind,' and wanted me to explain and tell about them.

"People were constantly at my door, waiting for me wherever I went, and when I didn't have a scientific or other explanation for them right away, I was the

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**TESTIMONIES TO UFOs SPOTTED IN THE CAROLINAS**  
**Line The Walls Of George Fawcett's 'UFO Room' In Lincolnton**

crackpot. Finally, during that time in 1973, I had to get a motel room in Winston-Salem and live in it just to get away."

Fawcett claims that only 1 percent of reported UFOs are hoaxes. "Most of the time you can tell when you talk to the person who reports them. And when you get 25-page letters and people call you long distance and talk three hours or longer, why would they go to so much trouble and expense for a hoax?"

"Another point is that most of the people who report UFOs are highly educated, responsible and intellectual people, not your average city drunks."

**F**awcett, who has been an investigator for the Mutual UFO Network Inc., a worldwide UFO investigative organization based in Seguin, Texas, and North Carolina's state director of the not-for-profit organization for 15 years, says there are certain procedures to be followed when investigating a UFO sighting:

"We work through the police stations, airports and planetariums in trying to find explanations for the sightings. We also look

closely at the people who report sightings. We obtain character references by contacting their neighbors, families, employers and so forth. What also is very important are the things you look for in the person's account of the sighting."

These "things" are the repetitions which have occurred persistently in UFO sightings. Some of the common denominators include electro-magnetic interference on compasses, airplane and automobile motors, radios, televisions and power stations; depressions, craters, ground markings and burned areas due to landings; and severe animal reactions.

"You've also got to look at the unique shapes of UFOs, especially nocturnal lights, daylight discs, domed saucers, cigar- or rocket-shaped objects, crescents, half globes and saturn-shaped objects."

Fawcett says UFO incidents in South Carolina match worldwide characteristics because they have been concentrated near military areas, nuclear power plants, power lines and substations, along with reservoirs and dams, from which the UFOs are believed to draw revitalizing energy to continue their missions.

Fawcett believes UFOs exist, a fact he says the government has just recently professed. "Several previously top-secret

documents were released in 1985 from both Air Force and Navy sources, as a result of Freedom of Information Act lawsuits in Federal Courts in Washington, D.C. These intelligence documents show that both military service agencies concluded four decades ago that UFOs were real and deserved serious attention, contrary to public announcements that the opposite was true. Also, numerous governmental agencies, including the Department of Defense, the North American Defense Command and the Defense Intelligence Agency, are still investigating and studying UFOs."

For 1986, Fawcett predicts an increase in UFO encounters during the first quarter of the year due to the number of people who will be seeking to view Halley's Comet.

Asked if he'd like to encounter another UFO, Fawcett hesitates. "I think I would, if the contact would be beneficial. But then I really don't know whether Curious George would stand and shake hands with them or be 10 miles down the road in front of them."

Fawcett requests that witnesses of UFOs mail their reports to him at 602 Battleground Road, Lincolnton, N.C. 28092, or call him at 704-735-5725 (no collect calls). The reports may be kept confidential if so requested. Questionnaires will be mailed and investigations may be made.

The UFO room at the Super Sub Sandwich Shop is open Mondays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. //

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### UFO OVER ZAGREB

BELGRADE /PAP/. A GROUP OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS HAVE APPEARED OVER ZAGREB, YUGOSLAVIA LAST WEDNESDAY, EVENING TIME. ACCORDING TO THE STATEMENTS OF SOME WITNESSES, THE SHAPE OF THE OBJECTS, WHICH WERE MOVING SOUNDLESSLY AND WITH GREAT SPEED, WAS OVAL. THEIR BRIGHTNESS WAS LIGHT-YELLOW AND THEY HAD LEFT A GREEN TRACK, BEHIND THEM.

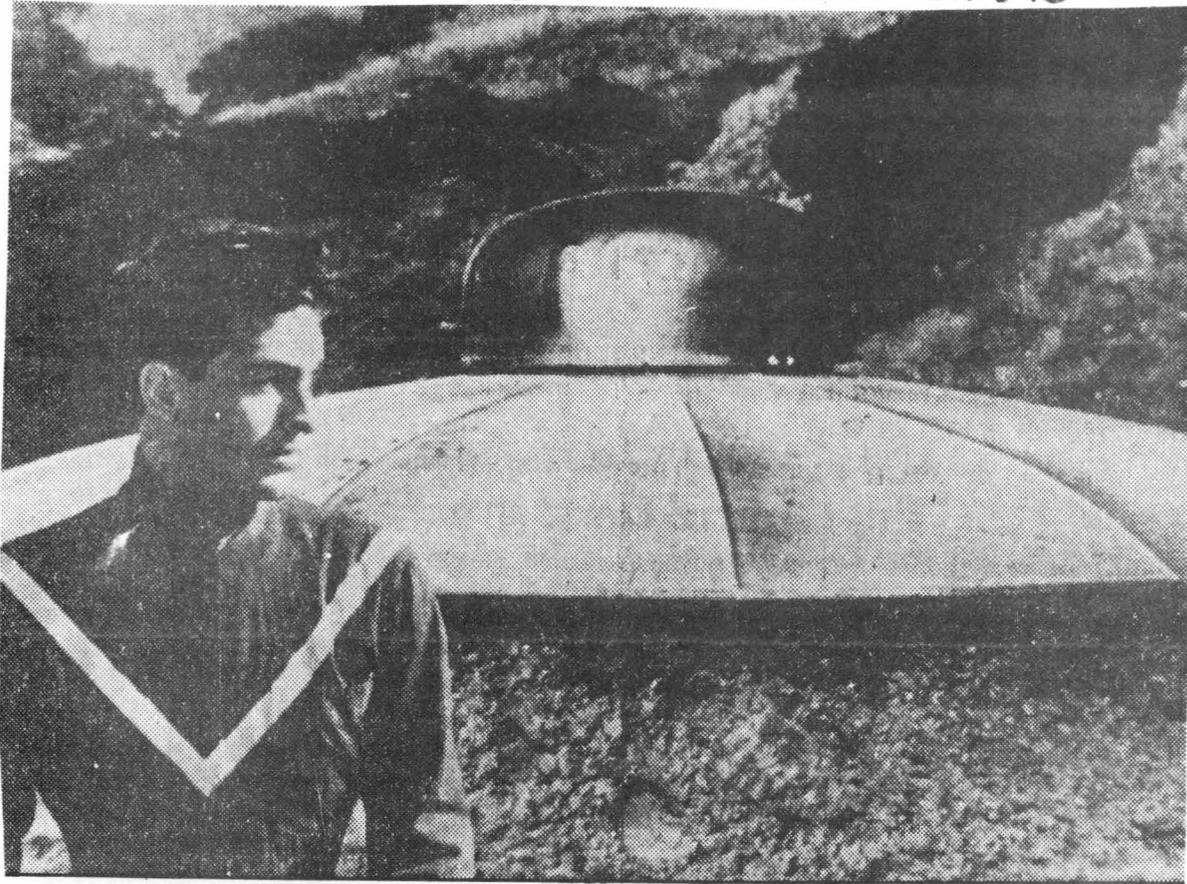
THE EVENT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY A CAPTAIN OF A WEST GERMAN PASSENGER PLANE FLYING TO THE NEAR EAST. THREE MINUTES LATER, CAPT. FRED HAMMER HAD INFORMED RADAR CONTROL STATION THAT HE HAD SEEN 6 UNIDENTIFIED LYING OBJECTS AT 20 KMS DISTANCE FROM THE TOWN AND AT THE HEIGHT OF OVER 10,000 METRES. THEY WERE MOVING IN ARRANGEMENT WITH VELOCITY FOR OR FIVE TIMES ABOVE THE VELOCITY OF SOUND IN THE MEDIUM. UFO'S HAVE BEEN ALSO NOTICED BY THE SECOND PILOT AND THE NAVIGATOR OF THE PLANE. HOWEVER, THE RADIO LOCATION APARATURES HAVE NOT DETECTED THEIR PRESENCE.

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**UFO**  
**nad Zagrzebiem**

BELGRAD (PAP). Grupa nidentyfikowanych obiektów latających pojawiła się w środę wieczorem nad Zagrzebiem. Według naczynych świadków, poruszając się bezdźwięcznie i z ogromną szybkością, obiekty miały owalny kształt, świeciły jasnym żółtym blaskiem i zostawiały za sobą zielony ślad.

Relacja o tym wydarzeniu została potwierdzona przez kapitana zachodnoniemieckiego samolotu pasażerskiego odbywającego lot na Bliski Wschód. W 3 minuty po pojawieniu się UFO nad Zagrzebiem kapitan Fred Hammer poinformował kontrolę radarową, że zaobserwował 6 nidentyfikowanych obiektów latających w odległości ok. 20 km od miasta na wysokości ponad 10 tys. m. Poruszały się one w szyku z szybkością czterech lub pięciokrotnie przewyższającą prędkość dźwięku. UFO zostały także zauważone przez drugiego pilota i nawigatora samolotu. Jednakże ich obecności nie odnotowały urządzenia radarowe.



A UFO, Hollywood-style, in 'Teenagers from Outer Space' (1959)

## Confessions of a UFO hoaxer

By STEVE COOPER

Sun Staff Writer

It's time for true confessions, Mr. Klass.

There's no way you could know about it, but I was once guilty of spreading UFO hysteria myself.

I rarely think about it these days. It's better to bury the past. But my conscience was pricked as you spoke about flying saucer hoaxes on Saturday. (See related story.)

In your speech, you listed the various reasonable explanations for UFO sightings. Meteors, reflections off clouds and such.

Then, you showed an ad from a boys'

magazine. There was a balloon made from thin plastic anyone with \$9.95 can order.

Sent aloft with a light of some sort at night, the device could easily be mistaken for an alien invader.

Well, when I was a student at Pacific High School in San Bernardino, in the mid-1960s, ten bucks was a lot of money. My friends and I certainly would never have bought one of those things.

But with a clear plastic bag, a candle and a little youthful ingenuity, a dandy UFO can be made.

You should have seen those beauties go up. They'd rise toward the stars, the candle giving off an eerie glow.

I feel terrible about it now. Especially the story in *The Sun* about UFO sightings, caused by our prank. Some overworked reporter even had to call Norton Air Force Base to find out whether anything unusual had appeared on radar.

Now, as a responsible adult, I can see what a fire hazard we were playing with. And no telling how many skywatchers we frightened on those clear autumn nights.

So, accept my apology for inciting public panic. It was fun. But it was wrong.

I can't confess for the other ringleaders of our phony UFO squadron. But because one is on staff with Campus Crusade for Christ, International, and the other is pastor of a Denver, Colorado, church, it's reasonably certain they've already expressed their repentance.

# UFOs

## Unbelievable Foolhardy Observations?

By STEVE COOPER

Sun Staff Writer

PASADENA — The day little green men from outer space show up to take over the planet, Phillip Klass' credibility will get zapped.

Until that day Klass, a senior editor at "Aviation Week and Space Technology" magazine, will continue to be a man with a mission. He was here Saturday to debunk popular beliefs about unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

Not only does he think most sightings can be easily identified, he doesn't believe any are from other worlds.

Critics of this critic say he has become so skeptical over his years of research he wouldn't be able to identify a UFO if it landed at his feet.

"But in the 34 years I've been with 'Aviation Week,' we've done more stories than anybody about space. If I debunk UFOs today and one lands on the White House lawn tomorrow, I'm fired. That would be the biggest space story of all time," Klass said.

His remarks came during a speech illustrated with slides in a large California Institute of Technology lecture hall. It was standing room only, despite foul weather.

The lecture was sponsored by Southern California Skeptics, a group devoted to challenging popular myths.

Belief that UFOs are visitors from Out There is rampant. Newspapers, movies, television and gossip fan the flames of the fantastic.

"But most of us in the field — even those researchers who are confirmed UFO believers — agree that about 90 percent of these sightings can be readily

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explained. I believe 100 percent of them can," Klass said.

Reports we hear and read usually present only part of the story, he said. Even though they are eyewitness accounts, they need to be investigated carefully before deserving the UFO stamp.

"Before we invoke a paranormal or exotic explanation for a sighting, we have to first thoroughly explore the idea that there may be a completely prosaic explanation for the UFO," said Klass, author of the book "UFOs Explained."

Most sightings can be easily identified as meteorite fireballs, reflections, unusual natural phenomena or pieces of man-made rockets and satellites reentering the atmosphere. There are also hoaxes, he said. (See related story.)

After citing a few examples of UFOs becoming identified flying objects, Klass went into detail about a baffling 1973 incident involving an Army reserve helicopter crew in Ohio. Those involved in the sighting received \$5,000 from the

National Enquirer for obtaining the best UFO evidence of the year.

It happened on a clear October night as the four men flew from Columbus to Cleveland. At 11:05 p.m., the flight engineer spotted a red light heading toward the chopper from the east.

A few seconds later, he yelled, "My God, it's coming at us."

The pilot put the craft into a rapid dive. The fiery object approached, seemed to hover and shine a green light into the cockpit and whiz off.

Suddenly, the pilot was aware that he was no longer descending dangerously toward the ground. The craft was swiftly rising as if something was sucking it into the heavens by a mysterious force. The pilot doesn't remember touching the controls.

When the crew regained composure, the pilot had the co-pilot radio ahead to Cleveland for an emergency landing clearance. But Cleveland didn't answer. They couldn't contact any of the four airports they tried for several minutes.

After about five minutes, things began returning to normal and the crew landed safely shortly thereafter.

"Now, if all those things happening at once are directly inter-related and caused by the UFO, I've got to throw up my hands and say there ain't no prosaic explanation here. But let's see," he said.

There had been a rash of similar sightings during the previous month or so that had been widely reported in print and on television. The public and eyewitnesses were primed to believe, Klass said.

After his investigation, the journalist had these explanations for the various elements in the story:

— Radio blackout.

Where the helicopter was located that night was out of radio contact range of all but one airport it tried. There was only one, overworked man on duty at that one small airport.

— The diving helicopter suddenly climbing, as if it was pulled up by the UFO.

In a panic situation, pilots (just as motorists) often react without thinking, government safety studies show. They have been trained to instantly, almost unconsciously do the right maneuvers to avoid danger.

“I believe the pilot pulled back on those controls automatically because he was a good, well-

trained pilot . . . If you want to believe he acted like a dumb pilot and would have put his craft into the ground if he hadn't been saved by the UFO, go ahead,” Klass said.

— If not a UFO, what was it?

Checking with astronomers, Klass learned about the meteor showers on the night of the sighting.

But if it was a meteor, what about the green light and the way it seemed to hover momentarily over the helicopter?

The light came from the tail of the fireball. It didn't hover, it just took a couple of seconds to pass, Klass said. And the mysterious green light?

“The windows on the helicopter are tinted green,” he said.

So much for ET.

While fielding questions, Klass took delight in punching holes in other stories.

Remember the two fishermen from Mississippi who claimed to be taken aboard a UFO for examination by aliens in 1973? They appeared on most of the major talk shows along with a polygraph testing supposedly proving the testimony of one of the men.

Klass investigated and turned up serious doubts about the truth

of the lie detector tests. Still, the two fishermen were stars on the television talk show circuit for a while.

Klass was also critical of reports surrounding the supposed 1947 crash of a UFO in New Mexico. The story goes that the wreckage of an alien spacecraft was recovered along with the dead bodies of the crew. Many UFO believers say the evidence remains locked in a U.S. government warehouse.

“Some claim it is a cosmic Watergate . . . but where is the proof?” he asked.

He charged that a book about the supposed crash, “The Roswell Incident,” is a distortion. Important information has been left out, leaving readers with serious misconceptions, he said.

There was a crash. But instead of involving a flying saucer, Klass believes it was a special balloon sent aloft to reflect radar signals.

“The National Enquirer has offered a million dollars for proof that UFOs are really from other planets. If anyone has concrete evidence for UFOs, why hasn't anyone yet collected the money? Are UFO believers so wealthy, they couldn't use a million bucks?”