

UFO
HOAX?



1
00:00:02,399 --> 00:00:10,940
foreign

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00:00:38,990 --> 00:00:16,100
[Music]

3
00:00:44,930 --> 00:00:42,110
the best hoax in UFO history by Charles

4
00:00:47,450 --> 00:00:44,940
Lear there are cases throughout UFO

5
00:00:49,549 --> 00:00:47,460
history that continued to inspire debate

6
00:00:51,529 --> 00:00:49,559
even though they've been declared hoaxes

7
00:00:54,110 --> 00:00:51,539
by most of the people who have looked

8
00:00:56,270 --> 00:00:54,120
into them one such case came up early on

9
00:00:58,970 --> 00:00:56,280
during the beginning of the UFO mystery

10
00:01:01,790 --> 00:00:58,980
it was investigated by Captain Edward J

11
00:01:04,969 --> 00:01:01,800
Rupel then head of Project Blue Book and

12
00:01:07,910 --> 00:01:04,979
second Lieutenant Robert M Olsen in his

13
00:01:10,250 --> 00:01:07,920

1956 book the report on unidentified

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00:01:12,530 --> 00:01:10,260

flying objects root belt tells the

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00:01:15,530 --> 00:01:12,540

reader that it was officially labeled a

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00:01:17,870 --> 00:01:15,540

hoax and calls it the best hoax in UFO

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00:01:20,210 --> 00:01:17,880

history even so there were a couple of

18

00:01:23,090 --> 00:01:20,220

unexplained details that have left some

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00:01:25,850 --> 00:01:23,100

researchers such as Carl flock wondering

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00:01:27,410 --> 00:01:25,860

according to root belt in his book he

21

00:01:29,450 --> 00:01:27,420

got a call from Air technical

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00:01:31,550 --> 00:01:29,460

intelligence command Wright-Patterson

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00:01:33,890 --> 00:01:31,560

Air Force Base Dayton Ohio where Project

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00:01:36,109 --> 00:01:33,900

Blue Book had its office while he was in

25

00:01:38,510 --> 00:01:36,119

the shower getting ready for work an

26
00:01:40,969 --> 00:01:38,520
operational immediate wire had just come

27
00:01:43,310 --> 00:01:40,979
in and root belt was told that he should

28
00:01:45,469 --> 00:01:43,320
come in as soon as he could when he got

29
00:01:47,510 --> 00:01:45,479
to ATEC he learned that the wire was

30
00:01:49,969 --> 00:01:47,520
from an intelligence officer at a

31
00:01:52,010 --> 00:01:49,979
Florida Air Base he told of a UFO

32
00:01:54,410 --> 00:01:52,020
encounter by a scout master and three

33
00:01:56,270 --> 00:01:54,420
Boy Scouts the scout master was

34
00:01:59,149 --> 00:01:56,280
reportedly burned after getting too

35
00:02:02,090 --> 00:01:59,159
close and was described as a solid

36
00:02:04,730 --> 00:02:02,100
citizen according to root Pelt transport

37
00:02:06,770 --> 00:02:04,740
on a B-25 was arranged and he and Olson

38
00:02:08,630 --> 00:02:06,780

headed to Florida when they got to the

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00:02:10,669 --> 00:02:08,640

air base an intelligence officer there

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00:02:12,470 --> 00:02:10,679

arranged for the scoutmaster to come to

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00:02:15,110 --> 00:02:12,480

the base and he got there within minutes

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00:02:17,630 --> 00:02:15,120

having expected the arrival of rupelden

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00:02:20,150 --> 00:02:17,640

Olsen rupelt describes the scoutmaster

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00:02:22,790 --> 00:02:20,160

as a pleasant man in his 30s not very

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00:02:24,229 --> 00:02:22,800

talkative but willing to cooperate the

46

00:02:26,089 --> 00:02:24,239

man told them that he had lived in

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00:02:28,850 --> 00:02:26,099

Florida his whole life called a military

48

00:02:31,490 --> 00:02:28,860

Prep School some college and joined the

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00:02:33,830 --> 00:02:31,500

Marines he'd been a car mechanic owned a

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00:02:36,229 --> 00:02:33,840

gas station and was at that time working

51
00:02:38,570 --> 00:02:36,239
as a clerk in a hardware store a few

52
00:02:40,970 --> 00:02:38,580
months before local church established a

53
00:02:42,949 --> 00:02:40,980
Boy Scout Troop and he volunteered to be

54
00:02:44,869 --> 00:02:42,959
a scout master he said that he was

55
00:02:46,970 --> 00:02:44,879
driving three boys home after a scout

56
00:02:49,490 --> 00:02:46,980
meeting when he saw a light off to his

57
00:02:52,910 --> 00:02:49,500
left he asked the boys if they'd seen it

58
00:02:55,130 --> 00:02:52,920
and they said no he then saw lights and

59
00:02:57,350 --> 00:02:55,140
this time the boys saw them too and he

60
00:02:59,449 --> 00:02:57,360
stopped he wanted to go into the woods

61
00:03:01,850 --> 00:02:59,459
which consisted of scrub Pines and

62
00:03:03,530 --> 00:03:01,860
Palmetto thickets and investigate but

63
00:03:06,290 --> 00:03:03,540

the boys were afraid to stay in the car

64

00:03:08,390 --> 00:03:06,300

alone so he drove on he said he became

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00:03:10,430 --> 00:03:08,400

bothered by the possibility that what

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00:03:13,130 --> 00:03:10,440

he'd seen had been a plane crashing and

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00:03:14,990 --> 00:03:13,140

he was moved to turn around to go back a

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00:03:17,330 --> 00:03:15,000

program that was scheduled the last 15

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00:03:19,430 --> 00:03:17,340

minutes had just come on the radio and

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00:03:21,470 --> 00:03:19,440

he told the boys that if he wasn't back

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00:03:23,449 --> 00:03:21,480

by the time it was over they should go

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00:03:25,670 --> 00:03:23,459

to a nearby Farmhouse they had passed

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00:03:28,250 --> 00:03:25,680

and get help according to the scout

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00:03:30,229 --> 00:03:28,260

master he went into the woods equipped

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00:03:32,690 --> 00:03:30,239

with a machete and he was wearing a

76
00:03:35,149 --> 00:03:32,700
denim cap with a bill he said he went 50

77
00:03:37,490 --> 00:03:35,159
feet in and then finding no path through

78
00:03:39,770 --> 00:03:37,500
a palmetto Thicket he ended up waiting

79
00:03:42,170 --> 00:03:39,780
through waist tie brush he perceived a

80
00:03:43,850 --> 00:03:42,180
faint odor root belt says that it was

81
00:03:46,070 --> 00:03:43,860
actually more like a subconscious

82
00:03:48,350 --> 00:03:46,080
awareness and a slight increase in

83
00:03:50,690 --> 00:03:48,360
temperature he worked his way through to

84
00:03:53,030 --> 00:03:50,700
a clearing where one of the many ponds

85
00:03:55,610 --> 00:03:53,040
that dot the area he then became

86
00:03:57,710 --> 00:03:55,620
consciously aware of the odor and the

87
00:04:00,289 --> 00:03:57,720
heat he felt someone was watching him

88
00:04:02,390 --> 00:04:00,299

looked up to find the North Star and saw

89

00:04:05,030 --> 00:04:02,400

that a dark shape about 30 feet above

90

00:04:06,770 --> 00:04:05,040

him was blotting out the sky he moved

91

00:04:09,229 --> 00:04:06,780

out from under it and the air was

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00:04:11,509 --> 00:04:09,239

fresher and cooler he said he's shown

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00:04:13,850 --> 00:04:11,519

his flashlight on the shape and saw it

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00:04:16,550 --> 00:04:13,860

was circular with a smooth gray surface

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00:04:18,590 --> 00:04:16,560

he said there was a dome on top that the

96

00:04:20,689 --> 00:04:18,600

edge of the craft was thick and had

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00:04:22,969 --> 00:04:20,699

veins spaced around it about one foot

98

00:04:25,070 --> 00:04:22,979

apart he said he felt a fury come over

99

00:04:27,590 --> 00:04:25,080

him and that he got the idea to attack

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00:04:29,930 --> 00:04:27,600

the object with his machete as soon as

101
00:04:32,270 --> 00:04:29,940
that idea came into his head he saw the

102
00:04:34,490 --> 00:04:32,280
Shadows on the Dome changed slightly and

103
00:04:36,770 --> 00:04:34,500
he heard a noise like the opening of a

104
00:04:39,230 --> 00:04:36,780
well-oiled safe door he froze and

105
00:04:41,570 --> 00:04:39,240
watched as a small red ball of fire

106
00:04:44,510 --> 00:04:41,580
floated towards him it then expanded

107
00:04:47,090 --> 00:04:44,520
into a Red Mist he covered his face with

108
00:04:49,070 --> 00:04:47,100
his arms and passed out as the Mist

109
00:04:51,050 --> 00:04:49,080
enveloped him when the scoutmaster

110
00:04:53,270 --> 00:04:51,060
didn't come back the boys went to The

111
00:04:55,129 --> 00:04:53,280
Farmhouse the farmer there listened to

112
00:04:57,230 --> 00:04:55,139
their story called the Florida State

113
00:04:59,510 --> 00:04:57,240

Highway Patrol and someone there called

114

00:05:01,310 --> 00:04:59,520

the County Sheriff's Office a deputy

115

00:05:03,530 --> 00:05:01,320

sheriff in a constable came to the house

116

00:05:05,810 --> 00:05:03,540

and the boys were taken along with them

117

00:05:08,030 --> 00:05:05,820

back to the car the scoutmaster had

118

00:05:10,490 --> 00:05:08,040

regained Consciousness and came upon the

119

00:05:12,590 --> 00:05:10,500

group as they pulled up the deputy later

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00:05:14,810 --> 00:05:12,600

told rupelp that he had never seen a

121

00:05:16,909 --> 00:05:14,820

person as scared as the scout master was

122

00:05:19,430 --> 00:05:16,919

who was barely able to tell his story

123

00:05:21,469 --> 00:05:19,440

everyone went to the woods and they

124

00:05:23,270 --> 00:05:21,479

found a flashlight and grass that was

125

00:05:25,610 --> 00:05:23,280

flattened as if someone had been lying

126
00:05:27,890 --> 00:05:25,620
there they marked the spot the Constable

127
00:05:30,170 --> 00:05:27,900
took the boys home and the scoutmaster

128
00:05:32,870 --> 00:05:30,180
followed the deputy to the Sheriff's

129
00:05:34,969 --> 00:05:32,880
Office the scout master said that that

130
00:05:36,710 --> 00:05:34,979
was when he first noticed that his face

131
00:05:38,990 --> 00:05:36,720
and arms were burned and when he got to

132
00:05:41,450 --> 00:05:39,000
the sheriff's office he found his cap

133
00:05:43,670 --> 00:05:41,460
had been burned as well the deputy then

134
00:05:46,129 --> 00:05:43,680
called the Air Force according to root

135
00:05:48,650 --> 00:05:46,139
belt the scoutmaster kept asking what

136
00:05:50,689 --> 00:05:48,660
did I see and said that even though the

137
00:05:52,370 --> 00:05:50,699
story had leaked to the papers he was

138
00:05:55,070 --> 00:05:52,380

waiting for clearance from the Air Force

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00:05:57,050 --> 00:05:55,080

before he spoke with the Press groupelt

140

00:05:59,150 --> 00:05:57,060

told him he was free to say anything he

141

00:06:00,890 --> 00:05:59,160

wanted rupelt wrote that he spoke with

142

00:06:03,050 --> 00:06:00,900

the flight surgeon who had examined the

143

00:06:04,850 --> 00:06:03,060

scoutmaster and he confirmed that there

144

00:06:07,070 --> 00:06:04,860

were burns on his arms in the backs of

145

00:06:08,870 --> 00:06:07,080

his hands he added that his nostrils

146

00:06:11,090 --> 00:06:08,880

were burned as well and that his hair

147

00:06:12,409 --> 00:06:11,100

had been singed according to him the

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00:06:14,390 --> 00:06:12,419

burns were minor and could have been

149

00:06:16,249 --> 00:06:14,400

made with a lighter he suggested that

150

00:06:19,070 --> 00:06:16,259

rupelt should check the man's Marine

151
00:06:20,990 --> 00:06:19,080
records rupelt Olsen the deputy sheriff

152
00:06:22,850 --> 00:06:21,000
the constable and three people from the

153
00:06:25,189 --> 00:06:22,860
intelligence office went to the site

154
00:06:28,010 --> 00:06:25,199
they tested for radiation and found

155
00:06:30,710 --> 00:06:28,020
nothing unusual they also took soil and

156
00:06:32,990 --> 00:06:30,720
grass samples rupelden Olson interviewed

157
00:06:34,909 --> 00:06:33,000
the Scout Masters employer and some of

158
00:06:37,430 --> 00:06:34,919
his friends and they had nothing bad to

159
00:06:39,350 --> 00:06:37,440
say about him after returning to Dayton

160
00:06:40,969 --> 00:06:39,360
root belt learned that the scoutmaster

161
00:06:43,610 --> 00:06:40,979
had been discharged from the Marines

162
00:06:45,290 --> 00:06:43,620
after stealing a car and being AWOL and

163
00:06:47,870 --> 00:06:45,300

that he'd also done time in a federal

164

00:06:50,150 --> 00:06:47,880

prison he also learned that the man had

165

00:06:51,950 --> 00:06:50,160

hired a press agent rupelt sent the

166

00:06:54,290 --> 00:06:51,960

machete cap and the soil and grass

167

00:06:56,210 --> 00:06:54,300

samples to be analyzed because the man

168

00:06:58,490 --> 00:06:56,220

portrayed in the records didn't match

169

00:07:00,469 --> 00:06:58,500

the man described by the people rupeld

170

00:07:02,749 --> 00:07:00,479

and Olson had interviewed they returned

171

00:07:04,550 --> 00:07:02,759

and found more character Witnesses and

172

00:07:06,830 --> 00:07:04,560

this time the man the new Witnesses

173

00:07:08,930 --> 00:07:06,840

described matched the man in the records

174

00:07:11,270 --> 00:07:08,940

and they became convinced that the

175

00:07:13,189 --> 00:07:11,280

report was a hoax the lab that had

176
00:07:15,409 --> 00:07:13,199
examined the machete and hat found

177
00:07:17,270 --> 00:07:15,419
nothing unusual about the machete and

178
00:07:19,610 --> 00:07:17,280
could only confirm that the cap was

179
00:07:22,189 --> 00:07:19,620
indeed scorched but found some tiny

180
00:07:24,290 --> 00:07:22,199
Burns had very probably been made by an

181
00:07:26,510 --> 00:07:24,300
electrical spark the lab that had

182
00:07:28,249 --> 00:07:26,520
examined the grass had found that the

183
00:07:30,589 --> 00:07:28,259
roots had been charred while the part

184
00:07:32,749 --> 00:07:30,599
above the soil hadn't been it was

185
00:07:34,969 --> 00:07:32,759
determined at the lab that this could be

186
00:07:37,430 --> 00:07:34,979
duplicated by heating pans of grass and

187
00:07:39,350 --> 00:07:37,440
sandy soil to 300 degrees Fahrenheit

188
00:07:41,450 --> 00:07:39,360

root belt couldn't come up with an

189

00:07:43,550 --> 00:07:41,460

explanation as to what could have caused

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00:07:45,170 --> 00:07:43,560

the charring at the site so while The

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00:07:47,270 --> 00:07:45,180

scoutmaster's credibility was

192

00:07:49,850 --> 00:07:47,280

questionable what caused the charring of

193

00:07:52,670 --> 00:07:49,860

the Grassroots remains a mystery Carl

194

00:07:55,969 --> 00:07:52,680

flock wrote a highly detailed 1997 paper

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00:07:58,070 --> 00:07:55,979

on this case titled the best hoax in UFO

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00:08:00,830 --> 00:07:58,080

history where he identifies the scout

197

00:08:04,550 --> 00:08:00,840

master as Dunham Sanborn Sonny

198

00:08:07,490 --> 00:08:04,560

despergers he closed with this so was

199

00:08:10,129 --> 00:08:07,500

this the best hoax in UFO history or as

200

00:08:12,950 --> 00:08:10,139

UFO historian Jerome Clark put it the

201

00:08:14,809 --> 00:08:12,960

ufologist's worst nightmare a real

202

00:08:26,030 --> 00:08:14,819

experience which happened to an

203

00:08:26,040 --> 00:08:30,770

[Music]

204

00:08:30,780 --> 00:08:40,430

foreign