

Roswell article in latest Popular Mechanics

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** Low Priority **

I got my Popular Mechanics in the mail yesterday. Overall the description given of the crashed Roswell craft is consistent with other descriptions given of the craft except for the zigzag grooves to foil radar.

Several questions need to be asked:

First and foremost -- What was a hypersonic (greater than Mach 5 speed) designed craft doing here and crashing 3 months before Chuck Yeager broke Mach 1 on October 14, 1947?

Number Two -- We tried lifting body designs in the 60's and 70's with disastrous results where we lost some of our best pilots because human response wasn't sufficient enough to keep a lifting body under control without stabilators (remember the opening scene to the Six Million Dollar Man and why he had to have bionics?) It wasn't until the advent of modern, high speed computers that control over a lifting body could be maintained, hence the X-33 program (which, I might add, is still a prototype and the full version has not yet been manufactured).

Number Three -- Stealth technology wasn't utilized until 1960 with the rollout of the SR-71 Blackbird and that only utilized an under-skin wedge baffle that would partially absorb the radar emission as the wave bounced back and forth between the walls of the baffle similar to a sound proof room.

The so called "string" or "fishing line" found at the site had the unusual property of having light come out the opposite end of where you shined a light into it. Fiber Optics in 1947? The laser wasn't even invented until 1960 and was called "A solution in search of a problem". The first glass clad fiber optics was made in 1956, almost a decade after the Roswell incident, and that was only to be used in an endoscope.

Another big question is the unusual properties of the metal found in the debris field many miles from the final impact site. The thinner "aluminum foil" type pieces had the unusual ability to flatten themselves out without a wrinkle after being crumpled up in the hand. We have metal coated plastic now that will straighten out after being crumpled but it will still have the wrinkles and creases in it. The thicker metal was extremely light and so tough that the metal couldn't be dented or bent with a sledgehammer because they tried it.

The bodies found were 4 feet to 4 and a half feet tall. The heads were disproportionately large for the body and the eyes were also disproportionately large. The only thing unusual about the eyes is that they angled upward on the outside. Now you can't tell me that people who

had been fighting our then hated enemy, the Japanese, during World War Two (which had just ended two years previous) couldn't tell a Japanese from something else that they had no frame of reference for. They described the eyes as slightly oriental, they didn't say they had dead Japanese on their hands. The Japanese back then were great imitators not innovators. Their best airplane, the Japanese Zero, was an exact copy of the Howard Hughes fighter design that was passed over by our own Government and the Japanese didn't make any advancements on it while we went from Spitfires to Corsairs. This guy is trying to make a play for a Japanese hypersonic infiltration machine (before America could even break Mach 1) two years after a war they lost while America was over there rebuilding their industry that had been totally smashed by the end of the war. Total B.S.!!!

Now comes the interesting part. What was seen in the desert in 1947? It was a lifting body airfoil with stealth technology, fiber optics and evidently polymer alloy advanced materials. It was something that we only now have the technology to build. Was it extraterrestrial? A craft in space has no need for streamlining. It only needs streamlining if it is only to be used in an atmosphere. If extraterrestrial then it could only have been a craft designed to be deployed from a mother ship once a planet was encountered. If deployed from a mothership, how come no rescue operation? (assuming they feel the same way we do about something like this.) The beings had been there for several days before being found. If one of ours, then again, how come no rescue operation until it was found by civilians? Could our current technological advances be partly the result of materials found in this craft and pumped through our manufacturing processes like the Admiral says? Possibly, look at our advancements compared to the rest of the world. The Communist Russian "command" economy couldn't keep pace with our technology despite all the commands to do so. At this point and time, there is not a military presence in the entire world that could take on the U.S. military in a full scale war and even have a hope of coming out on top.

Let's go from the sublime to the totally unrealistic. What if the craft is from our own future? An X-33 accidentally hits some sort of time warp (e.g. the movie "Final Countdown") and gets sent back into the past. That would explain the craft but not the bodies. But let's face the facts -- that craft in 1947 is as out of place as an automobile would be crossing the plains with the Mormon Pioneers in 1847.

The facts are that there are dozens of people who handled and saw this material and craft and bodies enough to stand up in a court of law. The material described had no equal in the technological capability of that time. The materials described then would not have been considered of any use in an aircraft of that period (except the light alloy) though now, those materials are an integral part of our own space program. Some of the things we do we couldn't do without them.

Altogether, another inconclusive article that raises more questions than it answers.

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