

# Pop. Mechanics "New Area 51" [Skywatch]

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Col. Wilson and Skywatchers:

Be sure to check out the June 1997 issue of "Popular Mechanics" (yes, I know that seems like an unlikely source!) regarding the article "The New Area 51". It was written by Jim Wilson, the Science/Technology Editor.

Quotations from the article: "Chuck Clark, author of the Area 51 & S4 Handbook, tells me he thinks the airfield's last secret plane, the Aurora, left a year ago. Bob Lazar . . . claims the government moved the crashed flying saucer he worked on at the S4 site to a more secret location. Even Glenn Campbell--founder of the Area 51 Research Center . . . has left for Las Vegas."

He goes on to explain about the 'Open Skies Treaty' that was signed into law in 1992, which allows the 27 signatory nations--including former Soviet bloc countries--to fly their most sophisticated spyplanes over one another's most sensitive military bases. Also, the AF had discovered that long-lived radioactive residues from nearby nuclear bomb tests regularly rained down on Area 51, causing a group of workers at Area 51 to become seriously ill.

Another quote: "However, even if there had been no spies above and radiation below to worry about, the Air Force would have likely begun packing anyway. Like the U-2 spyplane that created the need for Area 51, the base itself had become obsolete. The next generation of ultrahigh-performance military aircraft would need a different type proving ground. We believe we know where the Air Force will build this new base--the new Area 51, or, as it is officially named, Area 6413. About the time the tourist trade slumped in Rachel, Nevada, residents in the Four Corners area of Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico started seeing strange lights in the sky. What interested Popular Mechanics about these sightings was their proximity to Falcon Air Force Base. The small base in southern Colorado is the headquarters for the Air Force Space Command (AFSPC) and its Space Warfare Center (SWC). More importantly, the base had just become the home for the SWC's 576th Flight Test Squadron, the unit most likely to test the prototypes for the next generation of breakthrough aircraft."

According to the author of the article, the new Area 51 is at White Sands, Utah. There's an interesting finale to the article, quote: "Part of the public's fascination with the original Area 51 is its rich collection of stories about crashed flying saucers, alien bodies and unexplained lights in the sky. The relocation of Area 51 does not necessarily mean those tales will be left behind when operations begin here in Utah, perhaps as early as 1999. The Air Force Times reports that the distinctively painted CT-43 transports, which previously flew workers between Area 51 to a depot at the edge of McCarran Airport in Las Vegas, have begun making flights to Utah. And not far away from the new Area 51, millionaire Robert M. Bigelow, the prominent financier of paranormal and UFO research, has just purchased the 480-acre Sherman ranch for the site of the National Institute for Discovery Science. Its mission: to conduct scientific studies of the crop circles, cattle mutilations and other bump-in-the-night phenomena that the folks in these parts have been reporting for decades. So there should be no shortage of fascinating speculation for years to come."

Thought this article would interest you, Colonel, as well as all

Skywatchers. Again, it's the June 1997 issue of Popular Mechanics. Would be interested in hearing your take on the subject, Colonel Steve.

Thanks again, Col. Steve, for all the time and effort you put into the Skywatch Organization. It is much appreciated! (Do people realize how much time it must take from your busy life to do all the reading and postings to the mail list??)

Fondly, from your old pal,

AzPropwash

Note: Somehow doesn't surprise me at all. I know that the Aurora was moved to Pine Gap, Australia because Area 6413 (Dreamland) was getting too hot and too many people getting too close to the truth. When they have the facilities ready you can bet it will be close to Falcon AF Base and especially if the 576th is there. They will then likely bring the Aurora back. But my money is on White Sands, personally. Some military gut level instinct tells me that I would create a diversion at Falcon, and place it somewhere else, and White Sands would be the perfect place because strategically it is already there, old news, and remote enough with a small amount of air traffic not to cause suspicion of a small amount of air traffic. It is also not that far from White Sands and it falls in line with the memo I saw years ago about White Sands.....Col.

[Love that "Colonel"! He's a card! -- GC]

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