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Oakbank Crop Formations by Chris Rutkowski

UFOROM received a phone call on Wednesday, August 26, from a reporter at a rural Manitoba newspaper, describing an extensive new crop formation discovered in a field near Oakbank.

The formation was found on Monday, August 24, by some children who told their parents that "something weird" was in the oat field bordering their property. Initially not believing the children, the parents eventually went to look and were amazed to find a huge series of circles, corridors and lines in the field.

"I listen to Art Bell on Dreamland all the time," said Ted Grant, whose hobby farm adjoins the oat field. "This looked exactly like what they've been finding in the USA."

Another neighbour, Tim Barr, managed to get a view from the air in a borrowed airplane.

"It was really incredible from the air," he said. "You really could only get a good look at the whole thing from the air."

UFOROM representatives Chris Rutkowski and Radine Isfeld visited the area Wednesday evening and confirmed the discovery of three separate formations covering an area of more than 350 by 100 feet.

The first formation encountered was a bizarre "maze," consisting of a number of pathways meandering between one another and looping back to each other, one path finally terminating in a small, 16-foot-diameter circle.

"It was better described as a 'drunkard's walk,'" said Rutkowski. "it was not really a maze at all because you certainly couldn't get lost following the paths. But it seemed to twist and turn very randomly."

Directly east of this was a very regular "cross" of five flattened circles. The central large circle was 30 feet in diameter, with four smaller circles, approximately 20 feet in diameter each, at the four compass points, connected to the central circle with a narrow pathway.

Not more than ten feet away from this, again eastward, was a triangular formation of three circles connected by broad pathways. These circles were 30 feet in diameter and the pathways were four feet wide.

The formations were crossed by two separate sprayer tracks (tram

lines). Each formation nearly touched a perimeter path which runs around the entire field. The perimeter path separated the oat field from the property lines and yards of all the hobby farms in the area.

"I have no idea why anyone would have done this," said Grant.

More details to follow.

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