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Re: Charles Schmid?

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> >To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

> JAMES -- Quoting from your recent post on UpDates:

> >Another witness to the debris, Charles Schmid, described "some
> >material that looked like wood" and which "had some writing that
> >looked like flowers on just one side". He added, "it had pink
> >petals, centred like a flower".

> Who's Schmid? He's a new one on me. What's your source on him?

> BTW, as I'm sure you know, the description of the "members" as "I
> beams" comes only from Dr. Marcel, and this not until sometime
> well after he was first interviewed by Moore/Friedman. (This
> fact somehow always gets swept under the ufological rug in
> discussions of who saw what when.) All other credible witnesses
> to the debris found on the Foster Ranch, including Dr. Marcel's
> father (Schmid, too?), describe the "members" as being of square
> or rectangular cross section, 3/8 of an inch or so, and
> balsa-like (or, flat out, balsa) to boot.

> -- Cheers, KARL

You're right, Karl, them hucksters in Roswell were so dumb in blowing this all out of proportion. Why, you would think that when handed some light, rigid strange struts, they would have been a little more creative in comparing it to something familiar. Really, couldn't one of them compare it to, say, extruded anodized aluminum tent poles? Or fiberglass plant stakes? Maybe at least one could have compared them to carbon fiber composite fish poles. Why didn't one of these yokels compare these weird struts to aluminized polycarbonate? Damn fools, why you would think that Balsa Wood was the only commonly known feather light construction material available at the time. And we all know how deceptive Balsa Wood can be. Its very hard to bend it and break it. The military was always machining it to a smooth finish and painting it with a hard metallic coating. You can't mark it with your thumbnail or small tools. After you pound on it, it always regains its shape. And it is so hard to set it on fire. And of course, you can't blame some hayseed for being confused when the broken ends don't reveal any grain or pores or rings. If only they would have been smart enough to

really recognize balsa wood when they saw it, why we wouldn't have to be bothered talking about this neoprene and Rawin target retrieval.

Thanks for clearing this up for me, Karl...

Bye... Ted..

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