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UFO UpDates Mailing List

Re: Phil Klass and The Trent Photos

From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 3 Mar 1999 23:22:45 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 04 Mar 1999 10:02:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Phil Klass and The Trent Photos

>Date: Sat, 27 Feb 1999 23:43:27 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Phil Klass and The Trent Photos
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

Bruce wrote:

>>From: Keith Woodard <kwoodard@worldnet.att.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: Phil Klass and The Trent Photos
>>Date: Fri, 26 Feb 1999 17:26:57 -0800

>Supposing that they did hoax the one sighting (two photos) for
>whatever reason. Then, if they claim to have seen UFOs again,
>why not create more hoax photos? After all the first photos
>brought them nationwide notoriety but no money. Perhaps the next
>set might bring them fortune as well as fame....

[...]

>Fact is, the Trents were "too lazy" as some have put it and
>sufficiently mentally challenged to be able to even contemplate
>such a thing.

Bruce,

Is there perhaps a paradox here?

Accepting the Trents were 'simple folks', an attribute which would solve many of the world's problems, and, let's also assume their photographs are absolutely genuine, then they achieved something which has eluded the combined efforts of all the world's astronomers, physicists, scientists per se, air forces, ufologists.. you name it.. [excluding any 'cover up' of course].

Not only capturing the clear image of a 'flying saucer' on film, they were able to take two photographs, from alternative positions and showing the 'saucer' at differing angles.

Even with the arguable inclusion of 'dual' photographs from Adamski, Meier, Ed Walters et al.. this is still an almost unprecedented accomplishment.

Adamski, Meier, Walters and others who profess to have frequently obtained detailed photographs of 'UFOs', don't normally come into the category of 'simple folks'.

So, if their photographs truly depict a 'craft' from 'elsewhere' the Trents have, if not unique, a prodigious place in our history.

How many times have we heard witnesses to 'UFOs' lament that they had a camera or camcorder available, yet never thought about this until later.

That will happen of course and the Trents not only saw a 'UFO', they had the presence of mind which has eluded so many others, found the camera, fortuitously already loaded with film, and despite the intervening time, were able to focus the objects perfectly as they passed in front of the farm.

That may well be exactly what happened.

However, point being, it does seem to elevate them from being merely 'simple folks' and indicates they were in fact astute, recognising a significant photographic opportunity which many others haven't and had a technical ability which most photographers would applaud, given the circumstances and basic equipment available.

The Trents were perhaps therefore somewhat smarter than we might perceive given their rustic background.

Smart enough to pull off a hoax.. we'll never know.

Would you however agree it does seem to be evidenced that your comments:

"Fact is, the Trents were "too lazy" as some have put it and sufficiently mentally challenged to be able to even contemplate such a thing"

do not equate with what you believe they did achieve?

James.
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