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And Finally!

Dave's car insurance is up - but he's a naturally suspicious fellow...

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How, where, and maybe even why, to find us - and what to do when you get there :)

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Editorial

Hi! It's me, Lloyd, that's been entrusted with putting this special 100th issue together for you, so any complaints or disagreements you may have, be sure to mail them to anyone but me :) Right, on with the show...

Wow, Issue 100? That can't be right, surely!

Well, here we are, a long way down the road from where our good leader Dave Somen started this here E-zine (or mailing list as it was then known!) all those years ago. The United Kingdom UFO Mailing List was born in early 1995 and was originally setup to cover UFO and related stories from in and around Great Britain. Several things have changed since those early days, the name changed to the UK UFO Network in 1996, a New York based List Server is now used to distribute the E-zine, taking at least some of the strain off poor old Dave, we now have a dedicated UFO channel on the Chatnet server on IRC (more of which below), and last but by absolutely no means least, our membership has grown to well over 1700 subscribers from all corners of the world - 58 countries at the last count to be exact!

Things have certainly moved on around here, over the past couple of years especially. We have had some of the most respected and well known people from the UFO world grace us with their presence as guests on our IRC channel, and Dave, Crow / Raine and Nessus (among many others) work relentlessly to secure future appearances by celebrities from all walks of the UFO field.

The UK UFO NW is though, above all else, a vehicle for the distribution of UFO related news stories from around the world. This vehicle would undoubtedly stall and come to a grinding halt if it weren't for you, our subscribers and readers, sending in reports from around the globe. For this, the whole team here at the UK UFO NW thank you. Without you, this E-zine and all of it's related goodies could not survive. Thank you!

As the uk.ufo.nw continues to evolve, many opportunities arise, some of which seem a little too good to be true, others that may justify a closer look, and still others that look downright dodgy! Every now and then though, something comes along that, in all honesty, seem to fulfill all three categories!

A little while ago, the uk.ufo.nw was contacted by a gentleman, that shall remain nameless for the time being, offering among other things, full access to a well equipped research laboratory and his services, namely those of a highly qualified scientist. The idea behind this would be to test various samples, metallic or otherwise, supposedly originating from downed UFOs or even so called 'alien implants'.

As you can imagine, this was greeted with more than a little scepticism by the uk.ufo.nw team at first. However, after further talks with the gentleman concerned, the labs, the qualifications and not least the offer, stands, at least for now, firm.

The uk.ufo.nw will keep you posted with further developments...

It has come to our attention of late, that some visitors to our #UFO

channel on IRC have been voicing unsavoury opinions about getting ignored after joining the channel. Dave has issued a statement to the groups and individuals concerned, so I'll let him explain...

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UK UFO NETWORK STATEMENT

It has come to our notice through postings in the news groups and mail sent directly to us that a few people are getting annoyed after joining our UFO IRC channel at various times of the night and day.

It appears that they have tried communicating/talking with people on the channel only to be met with silence or some strange comments.

I think that I have an answer to this.

In order to keep the channel open 24 hours a day 7 days a week it is necessary for a number of small programs called 'bots' to appear on the channel.

To those not in the know they appear to be normal visitors to the channel, but of course they aren't. They have a very very weak artificial intelligence which is why you may get a strange response if you talk to them. It can be quite amusing at times.

They go by the names of:

K9
Alf
Alien

Another reason you may not get an immediate response from someone on the channel is that they might be doing something else i.e. surfing the web etc etc and not immediately see you on channel.

I can assure you that you will be made most welcome at any time, and especially at our meetings every Saturday starting at 11pm UK time.

I hope that this answers any of the queries you may have had.
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Thankyou Dave, for clearing that up so succinctly.

While on the subject of IRC, most of the time, the channel is open for anyone to speak to anyone else. On some occasions though, mainly when we have special guests appearing, the main #UFO channel becomes moderated. This means that only certain operators or moderators have a voice on the channel. This ensures that the guest is not bombarded with questions and not left alone long enough to answer anything in particular. If you find this is the case, you will normally find another channel called #UFO2 in operation. Typing /join #UFO2 will open up a separate window where you can discuss the evening's guest (or plot and scheme particularly nasty questions!)

When the #UFO channel is being moderated, the correct way to ask a question of the guest is to /msg the moderator with your question. In other words, to ask Tim Good if he has ever had an encounter with a UFO, you would do this :-

/msg raine Mr Good, have you ever had an encounter with a UFO?

This is placed onto the moderator's screen (in this case Raine's), who then places the question in the queue ready to ask the guest.

The uk.ufo.nw is working on a small guide to using our IRC channel. You will be able to request this guide by email or download it from the usual address as soon as it's ready.

Finally, (at last I hear you cry!), to celebrate our 100th issue, we have a special crossword competition, open only to legitimate subscribers. The winner will win a small (but perfectly formed!) token of our appreciation.

To enter the competition, you will need to visit the uk.ufo.nw Web site at

<http://www.holodeck.demon.co.uk/>

and follow the 'Competitiion' link. This will take you to a page that

will explain all. Alternately, you can mail us for an email version of the crossword and the rules. Send an email to

ufo@holodeck.demon.co.uk

and put COMPETITION as the subject line.

When you send in your answers, make sure you include your email address, full name and location in the world. Only people that are on the subscription list will qualify for a prize - so make sure you're subscribed!

Ok, on with the show...

IRC Guest Log Special

A special IRC treat for you this issue. Two - yes two! - very special guest logs for your enjoyment. The first guest is Tim Mathews, author of "UFO Revelation" and a controversial figure in the UFO research world. Tim appeared on channel on 20 February.

The second guest needs very little or no introduction. To most people living in the UK, Tim Good is one of the most well known and well respected UFO researchers around, and many many people around the World would be very happy to agree. In a special IRC guest session, Mr Good kindly agreed to answer our questions on Tuesday 23 February. Tim enjoyed the meeting so much, that he has agreed to a return visit some time in the future.

Read and enjoy, you lucky, lucky people!

Tim Matthews

Special guest on UK.UFO.NW - IRC - #UFO channel

The below text is a log of the United Kingdom UFO Network -IRC- (internet relay chat) meeting held on Saturday 20th February 1999. Tim Matthews kindly gave up a few hours of his time to answer questions from visitors to our dedicated UFO channel.

Names within the < > symbols e.g. <Nesssus> are the nick names of the person/s asking the questions/s. Where you see <T_Matthew> is the start of Tim Matthews reply.

Credits:

Our thanks to Sean Jones for setting up the meeting with Tim. Our thanks to Dave Baker for also mentioning us to Tim. Our thanks to Sean Jones for moderating the meeting. Our thanks to Phil Light for sorting out the log. Our thanks also to the many, many people who joined the channel.

Short - BIOGRAPHY -

Tim Matthews research has been delving into this grey area where some Nazi war criminal's got off prosecution as long as they helped the American government to develop these low aspect ratio aircraft with amazing capabilities.

Tim Matthews book and his talk's are all about the history behind this conspiracy and the ongoing cover-up of exactly what happened around this era which was the era of the birth of "Modern Ufology".

During the second world war the Nazi's developed low aspect ratio aircraft that were frequently mis-identified as UFO's. After the war several of the Nazi scientist's who were developing these aircraft were smuggled out of Germany and into the USA. (Operation Paperclip) In the USA, around Whitesands and Alamogordo army airforce bases they continued to develop these low aspect ratio aircraft that looked to all intense and purposes like "flying saucers"

Tim if you would like to introduce yourself and when you are ready I will fire away with the questions. Please put TM and the end of your answers so I know when to give you the next question

<T_Matthew> Ok, Thanks. Well, alot of people will have heard about my research into Man-Made UFOs and this is now supported through my book

entitled "UFO Revelation" - out NOW!

<CROW> Tim can you give us your views on the Sheffield Incident please?

<T_Matthew> Yes, sure. Having done my own investigation into this, and checking out the facts about the Police logs I think that there was an incident where RAF jets broek the sound barrier. No "crash retrieval" though...

<grumps> What does Tim Matthews think of Bill Cooper?

<T_Matthew> Do we mean William Cooper the darkside conspiracist? If so, not much. He was recently holed up, in true militia style, somewhere in the boondocks and I cannot take anything he says very seriously. He has had an impact on modern Ufological thinking though, that's for sure and he shares common ground with people like John Lear.

<RavNmaD> Tim whats your opinion of genuine researchers like Matt Williams pulling hoaxes

<T_Matthew> I know Matthew quite well, he even videod my wedding (!). I think that he was hoaxing and got caught out. Whether he was in fact "conducting an experiment" as anyone's guess. Crop circles really exercise the emotions although I've yet to see any evidence to suggest that the complicated deigns are more than a clever human art form....

<CROW> Tim you have a slightly dubious background, some think you are possibly a gov agent in some way. What say you to this?

<T_Matthew> I knew I.d get asked this. No, I'm not an "agent" of any sort, not even for the local Littlewoods Pools collection team. People only want to believe it because it might, in their eyes, discredit the very effective and detailed research I've undertaken into MMUFOs....

<Tedric> tim, what unexplain ufo sightings do you think really are UFO'S?

<T_Matthew> Hmmm. I'm not sure there are any really "unexplained" cases as such. There are intriguing ones but the more one looks for answers - the role of the researcher - the more one finds sensible solutions. My research is helping to explain cases like Muroc Field (1947) and McMinnville and only yesterday I learned that farmer Paul Trent believed that he'd photographed a secret military aircraft in 1950 - not an Adamskiite saucer!

<Raine> What got you interested in the whole UFO phenomena and what moved you so much that you feel that you have to give talks about the subject?

<T_Matthew> Well, my wife Lynda took me along to a Graham Birdsall talk in Burnley in March 1995 and we met some people and started a group. Simple really. I think that my research, for what it's worth, adds a sense of balance and perhaps a new and factual perspective to the UFO debate - at least I hope so!

<CROW> Tim I would like to know your thoughts on the Bentwaters Case, especially concerning Jim Peniston who claims he actually touched a pyramid type craft.

<T_Matthew> Yes! This has been a source of some debate within the ranks of the reformed IUN recently. I was interested to learn that Steuart Campbell had matched the flashing of the lighthouse with the flashes on the "Halt Tape". Not a British Roswell and one of the men sent out to investigate the lights said that there was NO craft - just lights. Very difficult.

<psientist> if these craft were developed by the nazis, why were they not used in combat in the second world war?

<T_Matthew> They developed primitive discs - and some radical ideas for later use - in response to the allied aerial threat. There is no credible evidence for high-performance Nazi discs although they were tested at Prague-Kbely airfield from late 1943 onwards. Of course there were V2s and jet-powered Me262s, not to mention other odd prototypes captured by the allies...

<RavNmaD> Tim, is your book available through amazon.com?

<T_Matthew> I hope so. Hoepfully you'll order it. The US distributor is Sterling, New York. Should be on "all good bookshops" by next week.

<fora> has he ever seen an ufo?

<T_Matthew> Have I? Yes, in a manner of speaking. An odd light over Morecambe Bay and an FT at Warton British Aerospace on the Fylde coast.

<CROW> Tim do you know of any cases in the UK where actual alien material has been recovered. Do you know of anything that has been tested in the UK, anything similar to Derrel Simms implants?

<T_Matthew> No. There is a desperate need for a "British Roswell" although none exists. Leir and Sims are charlatans. Leir is a foot doctor, that's all. I do not believe that the few anomalous objects are alien implants. Good science fiction though isn't it....?

<mematt> how does tim think themanmade ufo's fly

<T_Matthew> How do they fly? Not quite sure what you mean but the early discs were jets, using reheat/afterburners whereas as these days there is some (a little) evidence to suggest that much more radical forms of propulsion are under test. Hope that's what you're after.

<SickBoy> Hi Tim. Do you think that ETs have actually visited the Earth? And if so why :-)

<T_Matthew> No. I certainly haven't ruled out the possibility of ET life out there. In fact it's likely. But ETs in discs or triangles? No way.

<mematt> allso what does he time of so called alien abduction

<T_Matthew> Abduction - an emotive word that barely describes and helps us understand the compexity of the close encounter experience. Most abductions emerge under hypnosis and are pushed by a frankly ill-equipped and largely ill-trained group of believers in the US although we have a few regressionists here in the UK. I think that these experiences are internally generated and not 'alien' related.

<stu7> ...this might seem silly...but has the govt come forward ever...inviting ufologists to look at anything they might be ready to release ? :)

<T_Matthew> Hmmm. I know that the late Ken Philips passed case files on to the govt here. The intelligence agencies were of course responsible for pushing many an ET myth in the late 70s and early 1980s via Richard Doty and his meetings with Howe and Moore.

<RavNmaD> Tim, considering your opinion of Cooper, what's your opinion of Lear? and along with that the claims of Lazar?

<T_Matthew> Lear was indeed an excellent pilot but what most people don't know, and this is covered in my book "UFO Revelation" is that Lears' dad was involved in the early expts into electrogravitics systems. One report mentioned in my book and written by the Gravity Research Group of Knoghtsbridge, London, noted that a disc would be the most effective craft for use with such radical propulsion systems... Lazar is not lying about everything. I discovered,

<Max-Burns> Tim, Regarding the sheffield incident can you give us a reasonable reason why the planes that were alleged to have been involved in the low level covert exercise which should have been on the ground at 21.07 were still in the air 50 mins later than booked and if they were the same planes from the exercise why they will not admit to causing the sonic booms? would you agree that some black budget top secret terrestrial craft may have been involved

<T_Matthew> As to Sheffield I think that the MOD was less than forthcoming and this didn't help matters. Nevertheless, the only report of a triangle was a misidentification of a passenger airliner and this is established to my satisfaction.

<mematt> does tim think they are manmade and if so how can they fly so fast with out hurting the people inside ?

<T_Matthew> Easy really. Speeds have nothing to do with g forces. Even the g forces in the space shuttle are well within tolerated limits. By teaching pilots special breathin ex.s and by lying them in a prone position, as described in some previously TS rated disc documents high 'g' turns are rather less problematic.

<SickBoy> UFOs are often reported to be moving in one direction and

almost instantaneously change direction, do you think MMUFOS have this capability?

<T_Matthew> Possibly although quite often such reports are not especially good! We must be very careful not to confuse reports of anomalous lights with supposed "craft". Remember that Hessdalen showed that such maneuvers were often reported via a natural source.

<RavNmaD> Tim, do you think that if Lazar's claims are sincere that they are an extension of the Nazi scientists?

<T_Matthew> It occurs to me that the GRG report noted above describes an electrogravitics system as one providing 'sharp-edged changes of motion typical in space' with an MM disc.

<fora> whats their(Ufo's) target to come here?

<T_Matthew> As to the Lazar-nazi link. This may be tenuous because much of the Lazar stuff is false, for instance his claimed qualifications. There were only a handful of Germans working on discs - the best known was Dr. Richard Miethe. All information on him remains classified by the USAF even though we know he worked for them in the postwar and on Project Y at Wright-Patt in liaison with AVRO-Canada..

<SickBoy> What do you make of Tim Good's newest book 'Alien Bases'? Has he flipped?

<T_Matthew> Tim Good is a very nice guy, and like me a classical musician. Nevertheless, his "Alien Base" ws very disappointing esp. through the promotion on the well-known fake Villa photos. In addition, there is NO credible evidence that there are any 'alien bases' - just deep undergroun bases whihc make a great deal of military sense.

<mematt> allso what about the socalled bogys in space

<T_Matthew> The what? Sean_Jbogeys? ice crystals?

<T_Matthew> Oh! Dohh! I think that Kasher is wrong. Re; STS-48. Some facts. Thunder storm below, rocket boosters disturbing localised area, all kinds of debris and an out-of-focus camera. Not often mentioned in the UFO believer camp.

<mematt> tim if these are all "earth" ufo's y the cover up and the missinformati,on by the us gov?

<T_Matthew> Once you start to lie it's all downhill from there. Many answers - including the helping hand of the UFO/flying saucer community penetrated by the CIA in the early 1950s...The Cold War saw a situation where Soviet discs routinely attempted to penetarte the US DEW (Distant Early Warning) radar systems. This led to an 'undeclared disc war' between them both and there were many aircraft whose existence was directly related to the CW and as yet rem

<Ebe> Could you please give me some more information on IUN?

<T_Matthew> Yes! Independent UFO Network is going to replace BUFORA as the most active UFO research group in the UK and is being relaunched at our special LUFOS/IUN event in Southport next weekend featuring top speakers. We feel that in general UFOs are not of alien origin and that the main sources for sightings are earthlights and secret military aircraft. There are also cases where an internal trigger leads to extraordinary experiences and we hope to exa

<Sean_J> Tim please repost the last of that answer

<T_Matthew> Which bit? The extraordinary human experiences are to some extent close encounters, NDEs and OOBES whihc are closely related we suspect. Only by encouraging scientists to help us can we acheive the necessary breakthroughs in understanding.

<Raine?> How long ago did you start your group and how long did it take you to discover that UFO sightings are military craft? Or was that your thoughts on the subject in the first place?

<T_Matthew> What I think and what Lancashire UFO Society members think is not the same thing! Coming from an RAF family I knew that there were various secret projects but not their UFO links or their variety. The first reports of FTs under escort by RAF Tornados gave them game away a little!! Initially I was an unthinking believer who naively felt that Roswell (for instance) must be right because all the witnesses seemed to agree on the important points.

<mematt> who is making these craft then ?

<T_Matthew> Which ones??!! Lockheed-Martin, Boeing, Teledyne-Ryan, British Aerospace, LTV, Northrop, McDonnell-Douglas. In the past, Bell, Vought and AVRO.

<SickBoy> You mentioned Stuart Campbell, what do you think of his mirage hypothesis?

<T_Matthew> Occasionally useful, mainly not. Typical example of one shoe fitting all...>TM.

<Ariella> What is the most intriguing case you have researched?

<T_Matthew> Hmmmmmm. A 1947 one featured in Hynek's UFO Report. Date 23rd November 1957. Location, middle on nowhere, Nevada. USAF Officer sees Flying Discs. Near Pappoose Lake and Groom Lake.

<Tedric> If a flying saucer landed on the Whitehouse lawn would you believe aliens are visiting us then?

<T_Matthew> It would depend who got out!!! Even if ET landed tomorrow it wouldn't alter the fact that the US govt had all the discs from the start.

<zelplatog> Does Tim believe the Governments are in contact with aliens, if so which ones and for what purpose?

<T_Matthew> Certainly not!

<psientist? can I ask what professional 'qualifications, expertise and technical background' you bring to bear on your subject area?

<T_Matthew> Yes. Apart from having an honours degree from Lancaster University I have made it my business to ask knowledgeable friends and family (two RAF Officers, Grandad and Dad) as well as aviation experts like Bill Rose - who is part of my study group.

<SickBoy> What is an electrogravitics system?

<T_Matthew> Good question and as I note in "UFO Revelation" perhaps it's too difficult even for scientists!! LoL..A system using an electrical force experimented upon by TT Brown in the late 1920s with Paul Biefeld. Check out the Biefeld-Brown effect!!

<mematt> does tim think people can travel at 25,000 mh in a craft and if so how ?

<T_Matthew> No and there's no credible evidence to suggest that any sighting of a structured craft relates to such speeds. I fear that UFO mythology is creeping in here!!

<zelplatog> what is Tims take on the "foo fighter" reports from WWII pilots?

<T_Matthew> A mixed bag on several things including perhaps St. Elmos Fire, reports from over-anxious crewmen and pilots and possibly a German device. The latter is not provable even though, if you look, you find that FFs tended to ascend vertically from Axis held territory. Only a few reports actually exist and initially these noted the existence of a new German anti-aircraft device.

<putlog> Tim, what are your thoughts on the shuttle crews reporting seeing ufos

<T_Matthew> No idea! Could be almost anything if you think about it. Big problem with the term 'UFO' I think. What do they mean? What do we mean?

<mematt> what about the disc on the moon ?

<T_Matthew> What - surely you're not serious!!

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