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leap for mankind."--Astronaut Neil
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Silver Disc Seen in Michigan

A state trooper from the Jonesville Post and a motorist driving along US-12 reported sighting an unidentified object in the sky heading northwest and photographed it Tuesday (July 2nd) at 2:05 p.m.

The driver, Ray Ostarmyer, of 9603 Bay Cuel Road, Erie, spotted the object, described as a silver disc, while driving west toward Moscow, and stopped along the highway.

Trooper D. J. Fenton, on his way to the post, stopped to question Ostarmyer. Both Fenton and Ostarmyer took pictures of the mysterious object and reports from the police photographic laboratory in East Lansing are pending.

"The object appeared to be semi-round. At times it appeared to be elongated, like a blimp, and other times it appeared to be round," Trooper Fenton said. He estimated the elevation to be 1,500 feet. "It was stationary for a period, and then took off," Fenton reported.

Clinton C. Williams Jr, APRO investigator, is following the developments, and he has found there are numerous sightings in Hillsdale county during the summer months.

Source: "Hillsdale Daily News" (Michigan) 7/3/69; credit--Lou Farish.

Sedalia Woman Recalls 1952 Sighting

Mrs. Smith (not her name) of Sedalia, Mo., never saw a UFO before the summer of 1952 and she has never seen one since that time but she has a clear recollection of the unusual object she saw while riding a bus about 10 o'clock one morning. She was sitting just behind the driver on the left side of the bus, headed south on Ohio Street.

The object approached from the north-northeast and was disc-shaped with a rounded area on the underneath section. It was silver in color but not extremely reflective. The object was tilted slightly from the vertical with the dome towards the observer. It was quite low, just above the tree tops. As it passed by the bus, she could see it through the windshield of the bus. It then began to climb and disappeared into the distance.

Mrs. Smith could not see any details on the object, but it appeared to be as large as a dinner plate at arms length. She did not remember how long the object was in sight, but said the bus traveled about six blocks during the period the object was seen.

Credit: Ted Phillips, SKYLOOK reporter.

COMING NEXT MONTH --an in depth study of one of Missouri's best UFO sightings--by Ted Phillips. A new feature to appear from time to time.

Bright Object Sighted Over Mattoon, Ill.

At 1:06 a.m. July 14 Fred McKibben called Mattoon police to tell them of a star-like object in the northwest sky which was flashing and moving in unusual patterns. Patrolman Jim Appel, who took the call, could see the object from the radio room window.

Mrs. McKibben first saw the object from her bedroom window about midnight and she and her husband moved into the yard and watched the object for two hours. Using reference points, they saw it move from south to north and south again, a pattern repeated several times. Using binoculars they could see it flash red, green and blue and also detected a vertical movement.

The Mattoon JOURNAL GAZETTE staff members were among those advised of the sighting and they observed the object for about 40 minutes. Using reference points, both the horizontal and vertical movement were apparent to the naked eye and the red flashing light was strong enough to create a kind of aura around the object, they reported. No one observing could detect a shape and about 2:20 a.m. the object had moved into the west beyond visibility. It apparently reappeared about 3a.m.

State police and the Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul were advised.

On writing the Chief of Police for a report, SKYLOOK received a reply from Raymond Senteney, assistant chief, reading as follows: In ref. to UFO, Mattoon, Illinois, July 14, 1969: it was reported by Mr. Fred McKibben, 712 Edgar Ave. He stated that he had watched it for about an hour. Our department did notify the State Police Hdqts Dist #10 Pesotum, Ill., of a possible UFO. From all indications I can obtain, it was a star. One news reporter took a time exposure picture, and he indicated "just a star." Our report ends with "This reported sighting is unconfirmed." Sorry I cannot give something more definite.

Editor's Comment: Thanks to John Schuessler and Assistant Chief Senteney for newspaper clipping and report. Some of our investigators might dig a little deeper into this one, and we'd welcome further word.

Astronauts See Glow on Moon

CBS radio reported the Apollo 11 crew observed a glow in an area north of them on their first orbit of the moon. They were at an altitude of about 150 miles above the moon and had been asked to watch the area of the crater Aristarchus where unusual illumination has been observed over a period of time. The radiation has been recorded intermittently during the last two years by astronomers at Corralitos Observatory, New Mexico, and also by Soviet astronomers.

Ted Phillips, who reports the above, observed the Apollo 11 at his home in Sedalia, Mo., through his 200-power telescope for about 45 minutes the night of July 16th.

Ohio Editor Sees UFO

Every UFO magazine editor hopes to see and report a UFO instead of always depending on copy turned in by others. A. E. Candusso, editor of ESIC BULLETIN (P. O. Drawer G-Akron, Ohio) and Mrs. Candusso, co-editor wrote their own front page scoop in the May-June issue of their always interesting magazine.

About 9:25 p.m. on May 16th, Mrs. Candusso first saw the "large blazing blob of light," the color of fire and at least twice the size of Venus. Using reference points, Mr. and Mrs. Candusso tracked the object's very deliberate progress in a generally east direction, low in the northern sky. Through 7 x 50 binocs they could see no details, but it seemed to both that it was a little longer than it was high. It continued its gradual circling movement into the eastern sky and was angling in toward the ESE, the direction taken by two jet planes appearing on the scene, when trees obstructed further viewing. It was observed about 20 minutes and was also witnessed by Mrs. Fran Renner and a neighbor, Mrs. John McVan.

"Seeing Is Believing" for St. Louis Woman

Doris Schneider, of St. Louis, Mo., isn't sure of the exact date--thinks it was February or March, 1967--but she is sure that she saw an unidentified flying object--three, in fact, and it is something she will never forget.

She and a companion were at a parking lot in the Hampton and Gravois Ave. area in St. Louis when they saw the objects. It was a clear night, with no wind, and was between 8 and 8:30 o'clock. Two objects appeared from the north, one behind the other, as though they had been "suddenly turned on" and "were brighter than anything I have ever seen," she reported.

The objects were also observed by others at the parking lot and all watched the objects for about a half hour. They were diamond-shaped, sharply outlined, and moved about in an erratic fashion with no sound. While their maneuvers were being observed, a plane flew across the sky, under the objects, and the sound of the plane was heard clearly and its blinking lights were seen. The UFO's did not appear to blink at any time. A short time after the first two appeared, the third one came into view--to the left and apparently below the others and was not as bright. At the end of about 30 minutes, the first two seemed to "fade out" after taking the position of one being directly below the other. Then the third object also faded out, but in so doing, dropped "fiery sparks like ashes from a cigaret."

The objects appeared to be over the Mississippi river at a 30° angle.

Credit: John Schuessler and Doris Schneider.

Young Women Observe Apparent UFO Landing

Miss Mary Kathleen Knowles, Educational Therapist, of 6164A Morganford, St. Louis, Mo., Miss Jean Burke, of Rock Falls, Ill., and Miss Diane Paul, of 244 Washington St., Carlinville, Ill., observed what may have been a UFO landing in the early morning hours of June 15, 1968.

They were riding south on Route 88 on their way to the home of Miss Knowles' parents and were about three and a half miles out of Rock Falls when they saw a brightly lighted object through the car windows. Stopping the car, they rolled the windows down to see more clearly. It was about 2 a.m., very dark, with a clear sky, but no moon. They noticed the sound of crickets chirping, but there was no sound from the lighted object as it appeared to be slowly moving downward as if for a landing.

None of the girls was able to distinguish a shape because of the bright white light at the front of the object, with three red lights flashing off and on at the sides and back. Judging from the light pattern, they thought the object must be round. They estimated it to be a quarter of a mile distant when first sighted, coming in from the south on a steady, downward path and no further away than one hundred feet as it approached parallel to the road and disappeared below the treetop level of a clump of trees.

Miss Knowles said while the white light was very bright, it was not blinding and did not appear to be aimed at the ground as she did not notice the ground being lit at any time. She thought the object was larger than any jet plane but the "landing" was much slower than could be achieved by a plane--again, there was no sound at any time.

There was a small local airport about two miles from the site and the young women drove there to awaken Miss Knowles' brother, who operated the radio and control tower. He said the only plane landing at the airport, other than small private planes, was a small Ozark plane which came in about 5:30 p.m. The airport closed at 10:00 p.m. The young man said, as far as he knew, no large planes ever flew over that area.

On June 17 the "Sterling Daily Gazette" carried an article noting a "saucer" had been seen by several people, but nothing more has been learned about the object the young women watched over a five-minute period. Miss Knowles said "it was a rather shocking experience."

Credit: Interview obtained by John F. Schuessler, April 25, 1969.

Seeking UFO in Lake?

An item in Gene Duplantier's SS&S indicates that Jacques-Yves Cousteau, famed underwater explorer, is looking with two miniature subs and a crew of 12 in the depths of Peru's Lake Titicaca for evidence of vanished UFO's.

Credit: Saucers, Space & Science, No. 55, 17 Shetland St., Willowdale 443, Ontario, Canada.

UFO Leaves Rings(27 Feet in Diameter) in Grass

"We were sitting in the kitchen 'round the back," Leo Paul Chaput said, "when we saw this big white light that lit up the field. It was just like day." This is the way Chaput described an incident after the barking of his dog had alerted the family the night of May 11, 1969.

Chaput, a wiry 54-year old former bushworker lives on a 10-acre farm on the Wabash Line near Chapeau, Ontario, Canada, and his story was reported in the "Pembroke Observer" and the "Montreal Gazette."

The machine had landed several times before, Mr. Chaput said, altho the light had been seen only this time. Impressions in the shape of huge circles of matted grass are Mr. Chaput's evidence that something strange happened. The rings, about 27 feet in diameter, are perfectly formed where grass mysteriously disappeared or was burned, as Mr. Chaput believes. Inside the circles the grass is intact.

Three such markings exist, one of which is a half-circle near a large rock-pile. "This is where the machine had a bad landing," he told two reporters in the manner of a man with a firm belief in a theory.

An employee of the Consolidated-Bathurst pulp mill at Portage du Fort, Chaput says his belief in unidentified flying objects stems from various strange incidents and noises occurring on his farm lately. His wife and eight children concur with his statements.

"One night I was standing near the field and watched this bright object travelling below the tree-line, the front of it had two large red eyes. I watched it for about 10 minutes, then it disappeared," he said. He vows it could not have been a car as there is no road across the rocky field. His farm is on a back access road leading to Chapeau.

The neighbors are divided in their feelings. Mrs. Aloreg Demers says she doesn't believe in "flying saucers." Several people along the Wabash Line, a rugged piece of road dotted with occasional small farms, have visited the markings and don't know what to think. On week-ends lately, the road in front of the Chaput house is lined with cars. People are curious and they want a glimpse of the markings, however dubious they may be about UFO's.

Two small balsam trees and a branch from a tiny pine tree have been taken to the Department of Lands and Forests for analysis. The trees were located in the center of the rings where Mr. Chaput says "the machine" landed.

The mystery remains and in the minds of people along the Wabash Line these days the question is: What made the circles in Leo Paul Chaput's fields?

Source: Newspapers mentioned in article; credit--Rod B. Dyke.

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THE READER WRITES

FLOYD F. MURRAY, college student, Chester, Pa., writes: "I find SKYLOOK to be very interesting and reliable and I agree with your policy totally. I'm glad to see that you gave space to that "answer" to the UFO problem which the Tulsa WORLD printed * * I also like the inclusion of information on astronomy, a highly interesting subject in itself. And I'm glad to see Lou Parish doing that feature for you. His writings are always interesting." Comment: We always like to know the specific features readers find interesting.

BRIAN D. LLOYD, UFORC Special Assistant, Export, Pa., says he is sorry the UFORC JOURNAL is no more, but adds: "Your copy of SKYLOOK just arrived today, and I think it is a very good and authoritative magazine on UFO's * * That 'We tell it as it is' on the cover is certainly true. SKYLOOK makes a good reference and has lots of information from all over the country which keeps us up to date." Comment: We hope other former JOURNAL readers write--and we know Rod Dyke also wants to know your opinion of SKYLOOK.

JAMES and EMILIA SCHILDGEN, Evanston, Ill., are new subscribers and Mr. Schildgen writes: "After following UFO reports, books, clubs etc for 12 years, I found your sample that you sent me interesting and well done for a beginning type of publication. I wish you good luck in your endeavor." Comment: Thank you, and welcome to our pages.

JOHN KEEL, author, advises the next copy of his newsletter ANOMALY will be in the mail shortly. "Response has been high and overwhelmingly favorable among the professionals," he writes. Comment: While Mr. Keel is cutting down his mailing list, we believe you can still obtain a copy of this worthwhile bulletin by sending him a long, self-addressed stamped envelope. We recommend that you do so. Write John Keel, Box 351, Murray Hill Station, New York, N. Y. 10016.

JENNIFER STEVENS, editor of SKYWATCH, Box 124, Schoharie, New York, said in a letter, "SKYLOOK gets better and better and you may quote me. I enjoy it very much. I told you you'd conquer that old monster mimeo!" Comment: This gives me another opportunity to thank Jen and Joan (Whritten our) and other big-hearted editors who answered my call for help with tips on cutting stencils, operating a mimeograph and good advice on publishing in general. We still have much to learn, but thanks to you-all, feel we're going to make it.

ANGELO CAPPARELLA III, Director of CHAPIC and editor of the UFO INFORMER, Carrboro, N. C. writes: "I would sincerely appreciate your help in the following matter. We at CHAPIC are attempting to set up a UFO sighting network in North Carolina. At this time we have about four representatives and need more. With this network we hope to receive N. C. sightings immediately." Comment: See Mr. Capparella's special announcement on another page in this issue.

WM. E. DANIELS, of Dallas, Texas, a subscriber "inherited" from the UFORC JOURNAL wrote he likes SKYLOOK and requested back issues which have been mailed. Comment: Glad you like us, Mr. Daniels.

Editor's Note: This was set up for the July issue, but had to be omitted because of lack of room. Too many pages mean extra postage.

Staff Member Visits Observatory and UFO Sites

Ted Phillips, Jr., SKYLOOK reporter and feature writer, and Mrs. Phillips, of Sedalia, Mo. made a vacation trip through some of the western and southwestern states in June. With Mr. Phillips' interest in astronomy and ufology, it is not surprising to learn they visited the Corralitos observatory, stopped at a meteor crater, and observed the area of two well-known UFO incidents.

The Corralitos observatory is in Las Cruces, New Mexico and is operated by Northwestern University and directed by Dr. J. Allen Hynek of the university's astronomy department, with Justus R. Dunlap as resident director. Dr. Hynek was at the observatory at the time of the Phillips' visit, June 18, and with Mr. Dunlap explained some of the work being done there and "answered our many questions."

Some new equipment is being tested. The large telescope is a 24-inch Cassegrain reflector used in conjunction with an image-orthicon tube. The observatory is operated with NASA support for the primary purpose of detecting transient changes on the moon. The observer sits in a room below the telescope, seeing the moon on a monitor screen. A 3-color filter wheel, Mr. Phillips explained, permits examination at successive wavelengths. The area seen is 6 minutes of arc square. The program began in November, 1965, and since then over 3,000 hours of lunar surveillance have been completed. During this time no localized lunar events have been seen.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips saw the telescope system at work, seeing the moon and several star fields. "The light amplification by the system is truly fantastic," Mr. Phillips reports.

Off Highway 66 between Winslow and Flagstaff, Arizona, the Phillips saw the great meteor crater of Arizona. This crater is 570 feet deep and more than 4,000 feet across with the meteor or meteorites which formed it buried thousands of feet below. Meteoritic fragments are on display in the museum on the rim of the crater, and lectures are given which describe the holocaust of nature. Even a postcard picture of this huge hole in the ground leaves one filled with awe as the editor of SKYLOOK can testify.

Doubtless all of our readers remember the case of Snippy the Horse (see September 1967 issue of SKYLOOK) and will recall it was reported Snippy had been killed by a UFO. The Phillips stopped at Alamosa, Colorado, and saw Snippy's skeleton displayed in front of a small curio shop. Mr. Phillips talked to the local veterinarian who had examined the horse some time after the incident, and he told Ted the horse had been shot twice in the flank and might have died from these wounds. He also said the reports that the flesh had been removed from the head and neck were false.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips were in Socorro, New Mexico, June 18th, and saw the site of one of the most famous UFO sightings. Officer Lonnie Zamora observed a strange egg-shaped object in daylight at fairly close range in 1964. He is now working at a local service station, but was out of town the day the Phillips stopped to inter-

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Staff Member Visits--(continued)

view him. They went on to the site of the UFO landing. It is located at the bottom of a small gully, Mr. Phillips reports, and it is interesting to note it landed in a spot where it could not be seen from either the town or nearby roads. Officer Zamora saw the object as it was landing. It was also seen by another person, a passing motorist, who told a service station attendant he thought he had seen an airplane about to crash. Unfortunately, the attendant did not ask the man's name. Mr. Phillips reports the landing pad marks are still faintly visible and are still ringed with rocks. It was a most interesting experience to visit the site, he said.

Willy Ley, Rocket Expert, Dies

Willy Ley, author and rocket expert, died of a heart attack in his home in Queens, N. Y. on June 24, 1969. He was 62 years of age.

As a very young man in Berlin, Mr. Ley introduced Wernher Von Braun to Prof. Hermann Oberth. His many books and articles made an important contribution to the popularization of the potentials of space flight. He was a true pioneer in his field.

John A. Keel, who sent us the notice, adds: "I met Mr. Ley several times and had a number of lengthy conversations with him. He was anti-UFO, but he was fond of speculating on the possibilities of extraterrestrial life. He felt that there was no scientific basis to the theories of the 'flying saucer buffs' and was inclined to dismiss UFO reports as being a 'natural phenomena.' Nevertheless, he maintained a periphery interest in UFO literature."

Coral Lorenzen, Writer and APRO Founder, Visits Illinois Section

Mrs. Coral Lorenzen, well known UFO writer and founder of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) with headquarters in Tucson, Arizona, visited friends and APRO groups in the Chicago area recently.

On Saturday evening, June 7, she was the honored guest at a dinner party given by Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Fuller, publisher and editor of FATE magazine, one of the earliest publications to carry UFO reports and articles. Mrs. Lorenzen has been a frequent contributor.

Walt Andrus, Co-Chairman of the Illinois Section APRO and a staff member of SKYLOOK, was host to Mrs. Lorenzen at a noon dinner at the Holiday Inn, Sunday, June 8, and reports "she has a delightful personality and is very dedicated to the study and research of the UFO phenomena. She is very firm in her convictions and has the integrity and fortitude 'to call the shots as she sees them.'"

An open house was held at the Holiday Inn, Mt. Prospect, Ill., from 2 to 4 p.m. that afternoon with Robert Achzehner host to Mrs. Lorenzen and members of the Illinois Section APRO. Among topics discussed were the plans and activities of APRO in conducting field research. Some of the State Sections of APRO have done an outstanding job, Mrs. Lorenzen, said, while others have failed to function as investigating groups. The study requires investigators who are trained to interview people.

A Look at the SKY

During the latter half of July and the first half of August the planet Mercury will not be visible as it reaches superior conjunction on July 22. Mercury is the smallest planet in the solar system with a diameter of only 3,000 miles. A warm distance of 36 million miles from the sun, and because it is so close, it is never seen at any great distance above the horizon, and then only for short periods of time.

Venus, shining at a brilliant -3.7 magnitude, rises about 3 hours before the sun. It will be quite near the 1st magnitude star Aldebaran. The planet's disc is currently 63% illuminated.

That bright red object in the low southern sky is the planet Mars and is visible throughout the evening in the constellation Scorpius. It can be seen near the red star Antares. Mars has a diameter of 4,200 miles and is a mean distance from the sun of 141,700,000 miles.

The fourth planet from the sun, Jupiter, is seen in the west-south-west for about 3 hours after sunset. It is a -1.4 magnitude and is in Virgo. This is the largest planet in the solar system with a diameter of 88,700 miles. It is 483,900,000 miles from the sun.

The ringed planet Saturn may be seen from about midnight on in the southern sky. It is located in southern Aries and has a magnitude of 0.6. This planet has a diameter of 75,100 miles and is 887,100,000 miles from the sun.

Uranus is seen at the limit of visual magnitude near Jupiter and will appear as a greenish star seen through binoculars. The planet has a diameter of 32,000 miles, but is 1,784,000,000 miles from the sun.

The Planet Mercury

The smallest planet in our solar system is also the closest to the sun, only 36,000,000 miles mean distance away. It has a diameter of slightly over 3,000 miles, with a period of rotation of about 88 days.

Its close proximity to the sun prevents us from seeing the planet high above the horizon. As we are always seeing it through a very thick layer of atmosphere, we never get a really good look at it, but it can be seen six periods of time each year.

The planet goes through phases as does Venus and our moon. Astronomers have been able to detect faint markings on the surface. Mercury completes one rotation on its axis as it completes one revolution of the sun, one side always turned toward the sun, the other turned away.

The planet probably has very little atmosphere, if any, and would, of course, be quite hot.

Next month: Meteors. We will continue our study of the planets later.

Discover Space Gravity Waves

University of Maryland scientists announced the discovery of gravity waves from collapsing stars in the Milky Way at a news conference on Saturday, June 14. The discovery may indicate a new source of energy.

Dr. Joseph Weber of the university's physics department and his associates have detected such waves about forty times this year. It is believed that the waves are coming from developing or collapsing stars in the Milky Way system. Weber said that the discovery may open up some day "a completely untapped resource for mankind. There is 100 times as much gravity energy in the universe as there is nuclear energy," and that, "someday an advanced civilization may be clever enough to trap it." It is hoped the Maryland work will be used to measure the gravitational radiation given off by pulsars, the pulsating, probably dying, collapsed stars discovered in the last year and a half.

Probe to Planet Jupiter?

NASA hopes to send one or more 100-pound probes to the giant planet Jupiter during the period from 1973 to 1975. If the 200 million dollars needed to finance the project can be found, we may get a close look at the cloud ringed planet. The probes would be designed to carry small television cameras.

Echo 2 Re-enters Atmosphere

After five years of space flight, the giant 135' balloon satellite re-entered the earth's atmosphere. The re-entry occurred at 12:09 p.m. June 7 over Siberia. The Echo I, a 100' satellite was burned up upon re-entry on May 23, 1968.

500 Degree Temperatures Found on Venus

A top Russian scientist told the convention of the American Astronautical and Operations Research Societies that recent Soviet probes of the planet Venus indicated that temperatures there exceed 500 degrees centigrade. He also stated that the atmospheric pressure is 140 to 150 times as great as that at sea level on earth. The probes indicated an absence of a magnetic field. It was found that the atmosphere is mostly carbon dioxide and very little oxygen.

DO YOU HAVE REPORTS OF MISSOURI UFOs?

If you have any reports of UFOs sighted in Missouri, please send them to Ted Phillips, Jr., 1113 Ware Ave., Sedalia, Mo. 65301. I am attempting to compile a complete file of Missouri reports and will greatly appreciate receiving any--no matter how old.

Has Your Address Changed? Be sure to notify SKYLOOK.

SKYLOOK STAFF MEMBER, WALT ANDRUS, INTERVIEWS JOHN KEEL IN N.Y.C.
By Walt Andrus, Quincy, Ill.

During a business trip to New York City, I arranged to meet and visit with Mr. John Keel, internationally known UFO writer, who has also contributed articles to SKY LOOK. Mr. Keel is a former script writer for radio and TV programs, but is now devoting the majority of his time to the study and research of the UFO phenomena. This extensive study and the information he has been able to ferret out through intense effort is the ingredients for his magazine articles, newspaper columns and books. He has appeared on many TV and radio interview programs in the past, but has now cut these to a minimum due to insufficient time to develop a clear understanding of the subject for the listeners in the allotted program time.

He has been a regular contributor to magazines such as SAGA, TRUE, MALE and FATE professionally, while at the same time creating further exposure in UFO publications such as FLYING SAUCER REVIEW and SKYLOOK.

Mr. Keel has just completed writing a new book that is now at the publishers and which deals with the "abominable snowman" type of creatures with long hair and unpleasant odor that are said to have frequented all parts of the United States and some foreign countries. The investigation of such creatures reached a peak when one was shot in Wisconsin and the body examined by physicians. It was neither man nor ape nor gorilla. If this study appeals to your interest, you should watch for Mr. Keel's book when it is published.

In order that the readers of SKYLOOK might share my opinions of this competent writer and gain a little insight into the philosophies of Mr. Keel, a few of my impressions are given. Appearance wise, he has adopted a neat beard--as has some other UFO leaders such as Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Jim Lorenzen and Richard Greenwell.

Mr. Keel was very gracious to arrange a time for our visit, since he is deluged with mail from all over the world and just answering his correspondence is an impossible job for one man without a staff. He has developed his own personal Data Reduction System that he hopes will be adopted universally in cataloging UFO reports.

Mr. Keel has been a writer on a professional basis all his life, and is capable of writing a book in eight days. He is a speed reader and can read four books a day when conducting research. His personality and deep interest in people enables him to win their confidence during UFO investigation. Through his interviewing technique, he has been able to solicit significant details from the observer that most people would miss.

While many of the readers of SKYLOOK have been studying UFO's from the scientific point of view, and could possibly have accepted the extra-terrestrial hypothesis as the most likely explanation of the origin of UFO's, Mr. Keel has delved into the subject to such an extent that he has rejected the ET concept.

Mr. Keel's material is very difficult to discuss with anyone unless

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Walt Andrus Interviews John Keel--(Continued)

they have had a personal UFO experience. He feels that the most significant reports never get into the press or print, so that a majority of the information being supplied to magazines is irrelevant to the study of the true UFO phenomenon. This means that no conclusion, speculative or otherwise, can possibly be based upon such material. John firmly feels that we must begin by systematically isolating and analyzing the important aspects. If we had started a data reduction system in 1947, we would now have a tremendous body of statistical and correlated evidence.

Mr. Keel is pleased that more educated, professional and medical people are becoming interested. There is a rapidly growing new hardcore of intelligent, educated professionals who are anonymously active in investigating and researching the phenomena. This is the group that Mr. Keel is trying to reach with his publication ANOMALY, particularly since he feels that no responsible technical journal on the subject exists in the United States today.

The pages of SKYLOOK advise the readers how they may secure a copy of ANOMALY. The first issue was devoted to the purpose of the publication and an outstanding proposal for a DRS. A quote taken from the first issue should convince the casual UFO buff that ANOMALY will cut deep into many areas of study that will be foreign to his technical understanding:--"ANOMALY is being established as an irregular newsletter devoted entirely to the statistical and scientific analysis of all the many neglected ecological, parapsychological and psychiatric aspects surrounding the study of aerial anomalies (AA). We are primarily concerned with collecting and correlating all known AA events in a systematic manner so that we may eventually produce a valid body of statistical and corroborated evidence."

After viewing the copy of the second issue of ANOMALY before going to press, I can assure the readers of SKYLOOK that they will be dealing with subjects that will challenge their technical understanding of these related subjects. On the other hand, John Keel's publication will appeal to the intelligent and educated individuals who are capable of bringing to bear their scientific knowledge. John has a personal respect for several men in the field who have done terrific work in this systematic approach.

Anyone who becomes involved in the UFO phenomena, must not only remain objective at all times, but retain a certain sensitivity to details which at first may appear irrelevant, but are highly significant. Any apprehension which the writer may have had concerning the philosophy and dedication of John Keel was removed after having shared this experience on Thursday, June 12, 1969. It was a challenge to me personally to try to absorb the true meaning of everything that was related during the visit. Mr. Keel may be much closer to the answer to the UFO phenomenon than some of us realize.

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The long-awaited UFO'S AND RELATED SUBJECTS: AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY is now available from the U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402 (AFOSR 68-1656, \$3.50). It is a very impressive volume of 401 pages, containing hundreds of references to any and all aspects of UFO research. Whether you are researching "angel hair," EM effects, UFO occupants, historical accounts or any of a few dozen other topics, you will find much of interest in this compilation. Miss Lynn E. Catoe of the Library of Congress has done a magnificent job in amassing and cataloging such a mass of material.

BEYOND CONDON, the "Flying Saucer Review's" second special issue, has been released in England. American researchers who may have ordered copies by sea mail should receive them around August 1st. Containing articles by such eminent researchers as John Keel, Otto Binder, Jennifer Stevens, Brad Steiger and Joan Whritenour and many others, BEYOND CONDON definitely deserves to be read by anyone having the slightest interest in UFO research. We understand that yet another special issue will be available from FSR in the near future.

As has been mentioned in the preceding issue of SKYLOOK, Coral and Jim Lorenzen of APRO have a new paperback on sale, UFO'S--THE WHOLE STORY. The book seems to have been designed mainly for any persons who may have become interested in the UFO subject upon reading the Condon Report and/or the attendant publicity. A large percentage of the material may be familiar to long-time UFO fans, but the book also contains some new accounts which are of interest.

Otto Binder has an excellent article concerning the Condon Report in the August issue of SAGA. Pointing out the many inconsistencies and contradictions in the CR, Binder states that Condon and his colleagues have actually proven the case for UFOs. The editors of SAGA also plan to issue a special magazine devoted solely to UFOs. This will be a "one-shot" affair (i.e. published once only, rather than on a regular basis). As this is being written, it is not known whether this will consist entirely of reprinted material from past issues of SAGA or whether it will contain some new material. In either case, it should be on the newsstands very shortly.

The August issue of MALE contains an interesting article by John Keel, dealing with injuries sustained by persons in the immediate vicinity of UFOs. Some familiar material here, but also some that has not been publicized before.

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In Others' Words. . . . (Continued)

South African contactee Elizabeth Klarer Fielding's story is told in some detail in the August issue of FATE. It is very intriguing to note the changes which have taken place in her story since it was first published in 1956. This should not be taken as an indictment of her claims, but as an indication that the original reports were perhaps "structured" to provide confirmation for the Adamski contact stories. All in all, a quite interesting article.

Chapter by John Schuessler in New UFO Manual

Watch for a new UFO manual by an English writer, Anthony R. Pace, of the Newchapel Observatory in England. Its title is "Manual for Investigators and Researchers of UFOs." A chapter written by John F. Schuessler, one of our staff members, entitled "Missing U.F.O. Evidence and How to Find It" is included.

Mr. Schuessler wrote the chapter at the request of Mr. Pace, and we'll have more on this later when the publication date is set and we can tell you where you may purchase the book.

Hundreds See UFO Streak Across Britain

According to an article in the August 3rd issue of the NATIONAL ENQUIRER, hundreds of people from northern Scotland to southern England saw a torpedo-shaped UFO streak across the night sky, May 25th.

All reports said the UFO was traveling south to north and official investigations were ordered by the British Ministry of Defense and the Royal Observatory at Herstmonceux. A spokesman for the observatory said their telescope was pointed at the moon at the time of the sighting and "we all had our backs to the position it traveled. . we missed the whole thing."

Roy Holmes, a chemical salesman of Hornsey, said it was a beautiful clear night and he had just left his home about 9:10 when "Suddenly I saw what appeared to be a great, long cylinder traveling at a high speed across the sky. It was frightening. The object was long and cylinder-shaped with a blunt, rounded nose, something the shape of a torpedo. It was very high and it traveled across my whole field of vision relatively slowly. It took about one minute. It was definitely not a meteorite because I have seen them before and it just didn't look the same. It did not appear to be falling, but traveling at a determined height and in a straight horizontal line and on a course from south to north * * * when I first saw it, it was glowing white, then it changed to blue, then green, and then red. It was so bright it lit up the top side of a cloud. As it disappeared, it seemed to swoop down, then rise up again. I've never seen anything like it before."

Descriptions given by other witnesses were essentially the same.

UFO Hunt Was Too Easy

Last month we reported that Edwin H. Bohl, of Logan, Kans., went UFO hunting--and found one. Other news media, including city newspapers, carried the story also--and it appears we were had!

Ted Phillips, our enterprising reporter, wrote to the police officer who interviewed young Bohl immediately after his sighting and the officer received the impression that Bohl was seeing what he wanted to see. Ted also wrote to Bohl, and we quote his reply word for word: "About a month ago me and my girl friend were on No. 9 highway in Kansas between Logan & Phillipsburg when we were on our way back to Logan about 1:30 in the early morning and we were six miles east of Logan when we seen about 12 beings in the road about 3 feet high. We could see right through the beings but the things were human like but you couldn't see what they were. One of the things was about 18 inches from me, but I couldn't tell what they were. But the beings were fast as lightning, but we have not seen anything like them since. But I have been seeing flying objects every night for about 3 weeks straight and about 3 every night."

As Ted says, "Our readers may arrive at their own conclusions as to the validity of this report." It would seem young Bohl takes too many trips.

Another Metallic Cylinder

The July issue of SKYLOOK reported the "giant black metallic cylinder" observed by Lt. Col. Robert M. Tirman, serving in Thailand with the Air Force. The June-July issue of the UFO INVESTIGATOR (NICAP publication) reports a metallic cylinder over McGhee-Tyson Airport at Knoxville, Tenn., May 10.

Ray L. Hupp, a Piedmont Airlines senior mechanic, and his helper, Gary L. Gardner, were returning to a hangar on a ramp scooter at 12:50 a.m. when they sighted the object. They watched the cylinder with "an orange ball of fire on the bottom" for about a minute. The upper part of the UFO seemed to be constructed of bright metal.

"When it got halfway across the airfield it started zig-zagging and then it sped up real fast and then it started climbing," Gardner said.

One of the FAA employees remarked that the object was probably a reentering satellite. "If so," Hupp countered, "it's the first one I've seen that was ascending and accelerating."

At the hangar, Hupp and three of his assistants saw another orange light, which flew directly overhead, "ascending very rapidly." Hupp stated after all had viewed the light through binoculars, "We all agreed it wasn't any known aircraft, balloon or helicopter."

There was no sound and the objects travelled "at a speed greater than any aircraft I have ever seen, including the F-104," Hupp said.

A Letter from John R. Richmond, Major USAF

I thank you for the sample copy of your publication which contained the article I have enclosed. Unfortunately, there were errors in content which a person knowledgeable of aviation would be confused by. All of these errors I have roughly corrected on the enclosed page.

A brief synopsis of the errors:

1. There appeared to be only one object.
2. The time was 2252Z (Z stands for Zulu time or Greenwich time).
3. Channel 59 is a TACAN navigational aid with the identification letters of BLV which alludes to the nearest city Belleville, Ill., (my residence city). It is used to navigate off of and there is no two way communications capability (voice).
4. The unfragmented portion was approximately 30 feet long with the fragmented tail extending for an additional 200 feet.
5. I don't feel it was a meteor as I have ever seen them, but I did not rule out the possibility.
6. I requested Kansas City Center (Federal Aviation Agency facility which controls IFR air traffic) to see if they had an object on their radar in my vicinity--they stated they could not observe any other return in my immediate area. This is understandable due to the fact they rely heavily on transponder signals from the controlled aircraft (sent from the aircraft when triggered by the ground station radar pulse) and I doubt the object was so equipped.
7. The object was estimated to be traveling at about 500 to 700 mph in the opposite direction, not 200 to 700 mph.

I hope you print a corrected version so as to alleviate any confusion in the minds of knowledgeable individuals who carefully read the account.

Cordially,
(Signed) John R. Richmond
Major USAF

Illinois UFO Identified

The May 28th issue of the "Chicago Tribune" says the night-time flying object seen in the Palatine-Lake Zurich area a couple of weeks ago (the night of May 12--see July SKYLOOK) has been identified. Chicago Aerial Industries of Barrington says it was not a visitor from outer space but was a low flying airplane testing the company's night photographic equipment, which included a high intensity light turned on for short durations.

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A Letter from Robert J. Hertell, Field Investigator, APRO

Following are a few comments I would like to express in regard to the Major Richmond sighting which was reported in detail in the previous issue of SKYLOOK.

As reported, the story of the sighting is not MY story, but Major Richmond's. Therefor, the "different view" expressed is not MY view but Major Richmond's.

A good investigator sticks to the "facts" and arrives at his conclusions based upon those facts which his investigation discloses. The point is that the conclusions drawn in this case are the only logical conclusions that can be reached based upon the facts as given to the investigator by the witness.

Now, there are three basic reasons why this sighting report may seem to be in conflict with other reports of the "same" phenomena on the same date:

1. The witness could be lying.
2. The witness could be in error.
3. The witness could have seen a different object than that reported by the other observers.

There is no reason whatsoever to believe number one; number two could be partially true; number three could very well be true.

I would like all your readers also to consider two truths that I have learned after 4,200 hours flying time as a pilot and many years as an investigator:

1. Objects may appear quite different when observed from the ground at great distances as compared to when observed while in the air from close proximity.

2. It is exceedingly difficult to accurately estimate the actual size or speed of an object either while standing on the ground looking up many miles away or in the air at very high altitude.

(Signed)

Robert J. Hertell
Field Investigator
APRO

P.S. The speed of the object was 692 to 807 miles per hour, not 200 to 700, as reported in SKYLOOK. This was calculated from Major Richmond's stated 600-700 nautical miles per hour. (See page 3 of the report).

Editor's Note: The above refers to the article "Another View of the 'Meteors'" in the July issue of SKYLOOK, as written by your editor from a report sent in by Mr. Hertell. Major Richmond also wishes to correct some errors and his letter appears on the next page. We apologize for errors we made in writing the article from Mr. Hertell's fine report and sincerely thank both gentleman for their letters which we trust will set the record straight. We do try to "tell it as it is."

MIDWEST ORGANIZATION REPORTS

Carlyle UFO Group Sponsors Picnic

By Walt Andrus

On Sunday, June 29, 1969, Mrs. Rosetta Holmes was the gracious hostess for a fabulous picnic dinner at the Boulder Access picnic grounds of the beautiful Carlyle Lake Reservoir in Illinois. She had invited forty guests to share the picnic dinner which she prepared with the able assistance of her husband, Dick. The weather was ideal, considering that the week had been punctuated with thunderstorms throughout the midwest.

This was the big event for the Illinois Section of APRO for the 1969 season on the social side of the calendar. Since Carlyle is only 45 miles east of St. Louis on highway U. S. 50, many of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis were present also.

Speakers for the afternoon program were: Mr. John Schuessler, Co-Chairman for the Missouri Section of APRO, Consultant to APRO in Astronautics, and Director of the Greater St. Louis UFO Study Group; Mr. Arthur Epstein, a chemist, and active member of the St. Louis study group and Missouri Section of APRO; and Mr. Walter H. Andrus, Jr., Co-Chairman of the Illinois Section of APRO.

John Schuessler discussed the Condon Report and the necessity for obtaining the "raw" UFO reports which make up the scientific study.

Art Epstein related numerous UFO sightings in the St. Louis area that were of significant interest to both the news reporters present and the many visitors who attended the picnic and participated in the question and answer periods.

Walt Andrus reported on the newly organized Midwest UFO Network under the directorship of Dr. Allen Utke of Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Walt's presentation was illustrated with an organizational block diagram depicting a breakdown in detail of the Illinois Section, showing the observer networks, State-Section Directors, State Directors, the Midwest Director, the radio communications channels via amateur radio operators and citizen band radio operators. The news distribution channels at the Midwest and State levels were developed as well as the part SKYLOOK plays as the official UFO bulletin for the Midwest Network.

The press and radio were represented at the picnic--Tootie Cooksie and Larry Watts of WILY, Centralia radio. Rosetta has done an outstanding job working with the news media to further the education of the general public to the UFO phenomena in the Carlyle-Centralia area of Illinois, and both Rosetta Holmes and Dick Holmes are to be complimented for the arrangements and delicious food which contributed so largely in making the gathering such a huge success. Dick had said, "Rosetta, if you are going to have a picnic, make it BIG." This is the type of favorable publicity that is needed in a community to encourage UFO interest and to bring in new UFO reports that have never been investigated.

The Central Illinois UFO Club (Peoria) was represented by its
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Midwest Organization Reports--(continued)

Director, Mr. Laird Carter, and the Tri-State UFO Study Group had its Chairman, Mr. Robert Smulling and wife, Meri, in attendance from Hamilton, Ill.

Editor's Note: We think Rosetta would like to know we have received many favorable comments on her fine work in setting up the meeting and providing so much good food--fried chicken, baked ham, green beans, potato salad, homemade noodles, cole slaw, nut bread, cake and iced tea and lemonade. Makes us hungry just to type this! Thanks to all who sent us press clippings from the Centralia SENTINEL, the BREEZE JOURNAL, and CARLYLE UNION BANNER. It is always gratifying to see an event of this nature getting the press coverage it deserves instead of being ignored or receiving the too frequent tongue-in-cheek treatment.

Tri-State Study Group to Have Skywatch

The Tri-State UFO Study Group will have its second annual Skywatch on Wednesday, August 20, 1969, at 7:30 pm CDSST at the Shelter House on the northwest corner of Westview Golf Course in Quincy, Ill. Following a brief business meeting and current reports on UFO sightings, the remainder of the meeting will be devoted to scanning the sky to help the participants identify known aerial objects such as aircraft, meteors, satellites, planets, stars etc. This knowledge will assist the members in identifying UFO's when the occasion arises.

The Quincy HERALD-WHIG devoted a half page of photographs and commentary in its Sunday edition following the Skywatch last year which is indicative of the interest created. Mr. Robert Smulling, Chairman, will be in charge of the meeting and will be assisted by competent individuals who will work with smaller groups of people to identify objects noted in the sky.

Aerial Phenomenon Club Met July 14th

The Aerial Phenomenon Club of Central Illinois held its July meeting, July 14th in Peoria, Ill. The discussion centered around the convention to be sponsored by the organization for the week-end of June 13, 1970. It will be held at the student center of Bradley University in Peoria, and all SKYLOOK readers are invited to attend. Speakers have already been scheduled and include some of the foremost in the ufology field that the Midwest has to offer. We believe this convention will be interesting and informative to all, and further details as to the program will be forthcoming.

Our role in the development of the Midwest UFO Network and in the Illinois section APRO was discussed, and we pledge our complete support to both organizations and hope for a great success in the future.

Our topic for the August 11th meeting will be "Skeptics and Their Theories."

Reported by Rick Reynolds and Jack Ginther.