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The editor of SKYLOOK and each member of the staff extends friendly good wishes for your happiness throughout the Holiday Season. Christmas is more than gifts and goodies--perhaps its deepest meaning is best understood by those who will not have a "merry" Christmas this year--but who can still rejoice in the Promise of Christmas . It is our special wish that you may know the Peace of Christmas.



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## A Message from Your Director

The featured speaker for the THIRD ANNUAL MIDWEST UFO CONFERENCE scheduled on June 17, 1972 in Quincy, Illinois, will be announced in the January issue of SKYLOOK. Additonal speakers will be listed as fast as our agenda is firmly developed.

As a a scientific and educational organization, MUFON is very proud of its fine advisory staff of consultants in many diversified fields of expertise. These men are always available to study difficult cases where their particular educational background is required.

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In numerous close encounter UFO sightings, automobile engines and radios have been effected to the degree that they are inoperative when in close proximity to these objects and return to normal when the craft moves away. One hypothesis suggested is that a strong magnetic field of some nature exists about the UFO. A few people have experienced some degree of success by building a simple magnetic device commonly referred to as a "UFO Detector" to alert them to the possibility of a UFO being nearby. Through the courtesy of Bob Achzehner, of Evergreen, Colorado, a booklet titled, "The Saucer Seeker" is available free to MUFON members, who have been issued MUFON identification cards, by simply writing to your Director and requesting same. This booklet contains a brief history of flying saucers, together with the plans and parts list for building a "Saucer Seeker."

By action taken by the MUFON Board of Directors at its Annual Meeting in St. Louis, Mo., on June 13, 1971, a small annual dues structure was approved to help defray administrative costs such as printing, postage, stationery etc. which to date has been voluntarily donated. Starting January 1, 1972, the annual dues for MUFON members will be two (2) dollars. Consultants who serve in an advisory capacity and hold no other official position or responsibility in MUFON are ex-

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cluded from the annual dues.

For clarification may we again remind all MUFON members and SKYLOOK subscribers that the $4.00 annual subscription to SKYLOOK is entirely independent of MUFON operation. Everyone is encouraged to read SKYLOOK the Official Publication of the MIDWEST UFO NETWORK. However, for obvious reasons membership in MUFON is by invitation from a State-Section Director, State Director, a Staff member, or the Director of MUFON. Several members have already mailed their 1972 dues to MUFON and a receipt will be forthcoming to each.

As we approach another Christmas Season, my wife and I would like to express our Holiday Greetings and Best Wishes to all of our wonderful friends and colleagues in MUFON. You are the greatest! May God bless each of you and your families during this joyful season.

Walt and Jeanne Andrus

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MUFON Radio Net Ronald Anderson, WA9RAM, MUFON Amateur Radio Director, announces there is a change in the dates of the radio net. The dates will be standard for each month, including this month - December.

Dates: 8th and 26th of each month.
Time: 7:00 P. M. Central Time
Freq.: 3.975 Khz + or - 5 Khz.

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December Calendar of Speaking Dates

Dec. 3 - "UFO Challenge" at the McDonnell Planetarium in Forest Park, St. Louis, Mo., with Walter H. Andrus, Director of MUFON, and John F. Schuessler, Director of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, as special guest lecturers. Tickets are $2.50. The time: 8 P.M.

Dec. 9 - Walter H. Andrus will present an illustrated lecture with slides to the Keokuk Engineering Club at 7:30 P.M. (Dinner at 6:30 PM) at the Eppers Hotel in Keokuk, Iwa, on the occasion of their "Ladies' Night." The title: "UFO's--Defiance to Science."

Dec. 20 - Earl J. Neff, MUFON State-Section Director for Cleveland, Ohio, has invited Walter Andrus to participate by telephone on "The Alan Douglas Show," UFO program from station WKYC in Cleveland at 1100 on your radio dial, starting at 10:05 PM EST (9:05 PM CST) and continuing till midnight EST. They will publicize the story of MUFON during the first half of the program while setting aside the second hour for UFO reports and questions from the radio audience. WKYC is a 50,000 watt radio station and transmits a strong signal over all the Midwest UFO Network area, except where you have strong station in your locality immediately adjacent to 1100 Khz.

Note to Staff: We again remind you to get announcements for this section in early so our readers, living in areas involved, may get the word in time. January copy must reach Stover, Mo. no later than December 20th. A day late is too late. We must have a working schedule that will work--and this one does. --Ye Ed.

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A hint from Santa: It isn't too late to order SKYLOOK as a Christmas gift. We'll send the gift card too if you like.

## Strange Object Seen in Sky South of Wayne City, Illinois

Mrs. Alice Hearle, a MUFON investigator, of Cisne, Ill., sends in a very interesting report of a strange object seen in the sky near WayneCity, Ill. Sept. 21st.

Kimmy Gammon, age 11, was riding his bike from north to south on his father's land, 4 miles south of Wayne City, just north of Highway 15 at a point known as Starvation Corner. The sky was clear with a light breeze out of the southwest, and the sun was about to set.

Suddenly an object appeared over the woods at the northwest corner of the field. It seemed to be attempting to land and swooped to within 20 feet of the ground, then on Kimmy being seen (it would appear) the craft suddenly pivoted, rose up and took off at an altitude of about 100 feet toward a neighbor's house. It was an estimated 200 feet distant from Kimmy whofollowed the object, shouting to the neighbor's son, Rodney Green, his play mate. Rodney and his father also saw the object and as it passed over their home, Mr. Green dashed into the house for his binoculars.

The object was described as being shaped like a boomerang, approximately 50 to 60 feet wingspread, with a center section 8 feet high. Kimmy told Mrs. Hearle, "A man could have stood up in it." There was no sound, no trail, no propeller. The object looked like metal, but had no visible windows.

It was under observation about 10 minutes and just before it disappeared into the sunset, a color change occurred--it appeared to be blue on one side and red on the other.

Mrs. Hearle talked to Kimmy, his mother, grandmother and sister and also to the Green family. All agreed on the description given except the Greens said as the object disappeared, it seemed to be cigar-shaped -natural as seen from a horizontal viewpoint.

Kimmy was very frightened, would not stay outdoors to put his bike away, refused to be alone for his bath, and insisted on sleeping with another member of the family. He was still frightened when interviewed by Mrs. Hearle. He had never seen a UFO before, and Mrs. Hearle did not see any comic books or other material relating to UFOs about. She found the boy normal in all respects.

It was learned that shortly before the object was spotted by the Greens and Kimmy, it was seen by Tom Mathews, editor of the "Wayne County Press," and by Harlan Yates, president of the Cisne State Bank as they were both at the Parking lot of the Fairfield Hospital where they had attended a board meeting. Their description agrees with that given.

At about the same time, Kimmy's mother, Mrs. Gerald Gammon, and two other women, Mrs. Mable Gammon and Mrs. M. Isles, were driving through the country toward Dahlgren, and one of the ladies noticed a strange object high in the sky and moving west. It did not appear to be a jet and did not have a jet stream and was described as being boomerang-shaped--no doubt the same object seen over Wayne City.

The "Wayne Country Press" carried a brief report of the sighting on Sept. 23rd.

An interesting side effect--, Mr. Yates, the banker, who had good-naturedly teased Mrs. Hearle about her interest in UFOs, "is a true believer now."

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Bright Light, Barking Dogs Mark East Berne's (N. Y.) UFO

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The above headline blazed across the entire width of the Nov. 14th issue of the "Times-Union," Albany, N. Y., and we thank Mrs. Ralph P. Du Pont, of Albany, for sending us the clipping.

"All the dogs in the neighborhood began barking and howling," said Mrs. Harry M. Fries who lives in the Willsey Road area of East Berne. What set the dogs off, however, at 9:30 on Monday, Nov. 8 made no sound itself. It merely hovered at about 50 feet from Mrs. Fries' home on a level with the garage roof, its one "blinding bright" bluish-white light and red light of lesser intensity revolving on a band around its middle.

"It was about as big as a car, although maybe not quite that big," she said, adding that under the red glow, the thing had a top which resembled an "inverted bowl" possibly made of some kind of dull metal.

It was not the first time Mrs. Fries had seen the thing, and she was not alone in her sighting that night--John A. Zakutny of 6 Roncack Road in Colonie was walking his dog when, about 12 minutes to 7 PM, he saw a circular white light racing across the clear night sky from south south-west to north-north-east.

"It looked like a white circle," with a phosphorescent glow to it," said and added he wished he had had a camera. He was unable to estimate its speed but said it was much faster than a jet, or anything he he had ever seen. The glowing "rim of white light" he guessed to be about four feet in diameter, but could not be sure as he didn't know how far away it was and he saw it only a few seconds. It made no sound.

At about 10:30 p.m. Albany County Sheriff's deputies Sgt. Neil Taber and Joseph Risziza received a call from headquarters to proceed to Mrs. Fries' home. Sgt. Taber said that as he approached Pleasant Valley Road about 20 minutes to 11 p.m., "I saw a bright light" that glowed with an incandescent blue-white, traveling across the sky in a northwesterly direction "at a high rate of speed" and making no sound.

When the two deputies reached the Fries' home, they found the dogs very nervous, "still jumping and barking."

Mrs. Fries saw what she believes to be the same object twice before --the first time in early summer about 11:30 p.m. as she was driving home from Westerlo along the Switzkill Road. It was quite a distance away and just a little higher than the telephone wires, she said, and hovering above them. She tried to find a neighbor to accompany her for a closer look, but all lights were out, and she didn't disturb anyone. As she tried to get closer to the object, it took off, headed towards a mountain near the Fries' home--a wooded rise that contains a number of caves and juts in between South and East Berne.

The second time she saw the object was a couple months later in the summer "in a wooded area" near her property "about the level of an apple tree." There was no noise or any odor, but her dogs became extremely agitated and nearly knocked her over to get inside the house when she went in after watching the object "for a long time."

The dogs had been barking about a half hour before Mrs. Fries went outdoors to see what they were barking at this third sighting. A German shepherd, normally fearless, cowered in the kitchen after she let the dog inside. Again, the bright object flew silently toward the mountain after hovering briefly as Mrs. Fries watched it.

Mrs. Fries said that "several people around here have seen this thing for a number of years," but they don't report it because they "don't want to become involved in any way."

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## THE ASTRONOMY CORNER

### The December Sky . . . By Ted Phillips

Venus is now very much visible in the southwestern sky just after sunset, and this brilliant object may be seen until sets at 6:10 p.m. It sets on Jan. 1st at 7:15.

Mars, now being visited by the United States and the Soviet Union, may be seen in the medium high southern sky until it sets at 12:10 a.m on Dec. 1st and at 11:55 p.m. on January 1st.

Jupiter is not visible at this time. Saturn is seen throughout the evening during December, setting at 6:40 a.m. on the first and at 4:30 a.m. on January 1st.

### The Constellations, No. 13, Perseus . . . by Mark Herbstritt

Perseus was one of the great heroes of Greek Mythology, son of Jupiter and of Danae, whom Jupiter had managed to visit in the guise of a shower of gold. Perseus is directly overhead (zenith) for observers at the latitude of New York City (40 degrees) at 9 P.M. on December 22. A brilliant section of the Milky Way runs southwest to northeast thru the center of Perseus and the constellation is crowded with bright stars. The brightest star in Perseus is Mirfak (Alpha Persei). Mirfak is a supergiant of magnitude 1.8. Beta Persei (Algol), the "demon star," is the famous variable in Perseus.

Far to the northwest in Perseus is a beautiful double cluster of stars. They are galactic clusters and can be viewed in the same field of a small telescope. A bright nova flamed up in Perseus in 1901 and was discovered by a Scottish physician and amateur astronomer, Dr. Anderson.

Near Cassiopeia a line of stars curve away in the direction of Auriga. This line is called the segment of Perseus. Branching from it another line curves toward the Pleiades Cluster. These lines distinguish the constellation Perseus.

### Mariner 9 Orbits Mars

Mariner 9 became the first spacecraft to orbit another planet in the solar system when it ended its 5½-month, quarter-billion-mile journey at 6:17 p.m. (St. Louis time) Saturday, November 13. A 15-minute burn allowed an 11,000-mile-an-hour-plunge so Martian gravity could swing the Mariner 9 into orbit.

Thirteen minutes later the spacecraft passed behind Mars and out of communication with earth. On reappearing at 7:16 p.m., it sent signals received six minutes later--the time it takes radio waves to reach Earth from Mars-- by the ground controllers.

Before going into orbit, 30 pictures were radioed back to earth Nov. 11, showing Mars as it appeared from between 535,000 and 355.000 miles out with the bright polar cap the only feature clearly visible. Mariner's cameras also photographed one of the planet's moons, Deimos. Only five miles in diameter, the moon appeared as a bright speck of light in the dark sky to one side of Mars.

The first close-up television pictures of the red planet were sent back to earth Sunday, Nov. 14, but a thick global haze robbed scientists of a detailed view. The haze is believed to be a dust kicked up by winds that began raging across Mars in late September and has begun to subside. Clear pictures are to be expected when the storm ends.

Two Soviet craft, designated Mars 2 and 3, to follow Mariner 9, are expected by some to attempt unmanned landings on Mars. A certain amount of cooperation has been promised and NASA announces a teleprinter connection has been made between the Soviet and American mission control centers. The United States plans an unmanned Martian landing for 1976. (Editor's Note: Thanks to all who sent clippings. Keep them coming, and we'll use more in the January issue as a follow-up on the Mariner 9 Mission and any new developments.)

UFO Flap, Decatur, Ill. Area By Leonard Sturm

Decatur, Illinois - long known as the Soybean Capital of the World, and now also "famous" for routing all highways right through the downtown - so travelers, tourists, and truckers will surely not miss the multitude of stoplights - has been in the midst of a UFO flap for the past weeks. Perhaps the UFOs have been stopped by the stoplights too, or perhaps they are attracted to Decatur for some other reason - like the odor of the cooking beans! At least the local residents have been alerted that something is flying around in the sky beside pollution. As a result of fine radio and television publicity about the UFOs and the existence of the Decatur UFO Research Committee, our group has received more sighting reports in the last six weeks than in the previous six years.

Of course, most sightings of flashing red, white, green, yellow and blue lights or bright steady white or reddish lights became identified objects within a few days after the people making the reports were told to watch the sky at about the same time on the next clear evening, to determine if the object was again in the same spot. In most cases it was, and the object was either Jupiter, Mars, Venus or a star that the people had not noticed before. The atmospheric conditions around Decatur in September usually make the stars twinkle a lot more than at other times of the year, because of the prevalence of thermals that last well into the evening. But a few reports of possible UFOs could not be explained as atmospherics distorting the normal appearance of the stars and planets. Brief details follow of those sightings that may represent true UFOs.

Sept. 7 - 5 A.M. --A lady who would not give her name reported to local radio station WSOY news reporter Dave Kelsin that she and her husband, and several of their neighbors, watched two different objects in widely separated parts of the sky - one in the northwest, and one in the southeast. They both appeared to have flashing colored lights on them, and flying around the objects were a few small white lights that looked like stars. They seemed to fly around in a random manner but always returned to the vicinity of the larger objects.

Sept. 7 - 10:15 P.M. --Local TV station news reported that the sheriff's office received several reports of strange lights in the sky over the southeast part of the city. Three deputies who were sent to investigate reported seeing a bright white light south of Highway 36, and east of Highway 121. It was high in the sky, and did not approach the Decatur Airport to the north of them, as a plane with its landing lights on might have done.

Sept. 7 - 11:30 P.M. --Report of Robert Dillow, as given in October SKYLOOK, page 4.

Sept. 8 - 11:30 P.M. --Charles Hilton and his neighbor John Garen who live very close to the Decatur Airport, and are quite familiar with the appearance of planes flying over at night saw a noiseless object having red and green flashing lights, which they said did not look like the running lights of a conventional aircraft.

Sept. 10 - 7:30 P.M. --Betty Howard reported watching a small silver disc in the western sky that seemed to be reflecting sunlight for about an hour. At first this seemed to be a report of Venus, the new evening "star," but later the same evening, Mr. Glen Niles, an A. E. Staley employee reported that Ford Lewis, one of the foremen,

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and a group of his workers saw the object at dusk also. They said it moved from south to north.

Sept. 13 - 7:15 P.M.--Mrs. Phylis Kohler and her three girls reporter watching three objects for about 15 minutes as they were driving toward the southwest on Highway 48 near Morrisonville, Ill. The girls saw them first--they looked like Frisbys, and were flame colored. They were flying equally spaced in a line toward the west, with the first object being the highest one in the group, and the last one the lowest.

Sept. 18 --1:00 P.M.--Terry Cox reported by telephone that he saw a black V-shaped object that he first thought was a flock of geese; for about 6 minutes against a background of dark blue-grey storm clouds. He was on a tractor, plowing a field at the time of the sighting, and could not hear any sound above the roar of the tractor engine. The object looked like the swept-back wings of a modern airplane, but without any body or tail. He said it traveled in one direction for about three seconds, and then seemed to flip over and move in the opposite direction. After about three seconds it would flip over and reverse its direction again, which it did for all of the six minutes he watched it. Then it suddenly seemed to emit streamers of "smoke" and it disintegrated or dissolved and disappeared.

Oct. 13 - 5:55 P.M.--Leonard Sturm, Chairman of the Decatur UFO Research Committee/ also MUFON State-Section Director/ and the man who works with him, Darrel Richardson, were returning from a field trip to southern Illinois for their company, the Illinois Power Co. Mr. Richardson was driving at the time, and Mr. Sturm was specifically looking out of the windows, scanning the sky for UFOs. When they were about three miles south of Elwin, Ill., on Route 51 Mr. Sturm spotted a cigar shaped object fairly high in the sky at an elevation of about 60 degrees almost above the car. It was the color of shiny aluminum reflecting the sunlight. It was traveling in a northerly direction, and after about a minute was far enough ahead of the car that Mr. Richardson was then able to see it also. Although it looked like the body of an airplane, never at any time were any wings or tail visible, nor did it leave any kind of vapor or smoke trail. It was in view for a total of three minutes, before it flew o out of sight in the north sky, and although it should have passed directly over Decatur, just five miles to the north, no other reports of the object were received.

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Short Notes All copy for UFO COMMENTARY should be sent to Allen Benz, the new editor, now employed in Idaho. The address: Allen Benz, 833 Shoshone St., N., Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301/ MUFON dues should be mailed to Walter H. Andrus, Director of MUFON, 40 Christopher Court, Quincy, Ill., 62301./ Due to lack of space, we're holding over three Missouri UFO reports as well as others from Arkansas, California, and Oklahoma. Next month./ The October issue of FLYING SAUCER OBSERVER was the last one. Hope Donald Johnson can take it up again when he finishes college./ The December meeting of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis will be held at the Tesson Ferry Franch of the County Library, 5800 S. Lindbergh, on Wednesday, Dec. 15 from 7 to 9:30 PM. This is a work-meeting, setting up committees etc for 1972./ So sorry we can't get out a double issue this time--have enough to fill a triple one! Will try to get the best reports in next year! --Ye Ed

"I saw UFO take off," claims observer. The report appears in the August 19th edition of the "Newbury Weekly News," Newbury, England. The man, who wishes to remain anonymous, saw the object in the field as he was driving past on the morning of December 7. He described it as being about 20 feet in diameter, circular in shape, and colored a dullish-grey. As he walked across the muddy field to investigate, it suddenly took off and disappeared into the clouds in the space of four seconds.

The man was so shaken by the experience that he fetched a friend who lived nearby and together they returned to the spot where, in the middle of a field of mud, they found a patch of completely dry ground. They also discovered indentations suggesting something had been dragged along the ground.

Later the man recalled a fuzzy halo above the object when it took off, which could have been moisture condensing. There was also a faint hum like a generator.

The object had at least four windows, and also what looked like a hatch low down near the ground. Two "arms" on the sides of the craft retracted as it took off.

Mr. Lloyds (president of the Newbury South-West Aerial Phenomena Society) told the News, "This man is an experienced observer of all types of aircraft, yet he cannot account for this object. It disturbed him profoundly and this was the reason he contacted us."

On our Guides' Honour--a UFO! So read the headline over a report in London's "Daily Mail," August 14, 1971. Three Guide leaders with nothing stronger than cocoa in their mugs are prepared to swear on the Guides' honour they spotted a UFO. They were at their camp at Himbleton Manor, Dritwich, Worcestershire, when, as one said, "Suddenly, out of the blue, there was a tremendous roar. We looked up and saw what appeared to be an aircraft out of control. It looked enormous and we felt it was going to rush on to the tents. Instead, it went into the next field 50 yards away and hovered lower than the trees around it. All we could see then was a red glowing light."

There was no sign of any wings and while it hovered, it was absolutely silent. One Guide wanted to go investigate, but the other two were "frightened to death" and refused to accompany her, so she gave up the idea. Two more Guides, happening along at the time, also saw the UFO.

The "London Times" also reported the sighting and added that the object was described as having red and green lights and was cigar-shaped. When it left, it rose with a noise, according to Mrs. Olwyn Grainger, 31, one of the Guides, and disappeared over some trees. Shortly afterwards a jet aircraft circled for some time "as though it were looking for something."

The RAF said it has no hovering aircraft that might fit this description.

UFO Comes Down to Land Garry Harrison, of Broadway, Gillingham, a free lance draughtsman, believes he saw a large unidentified flying object coming down to land in fields near West Mailing.

"I know it sounds stupid," he told the "Kent Evening Post" (Aug. 31) but I am not taken to flights of fancy. The sky was perfectly clear and I definitely saw something, but I am at a loss to explain what it

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was."

Mr. Harrison was driving to his office at 8:45 a.m. on Friday when "something shone in my eyes as I approached the turning to West Malling."

He looked to his right and could see that whatever it was appeared to be hovering above trees in a nearby field. Thinking it might be a helicopter, he got out of his car for a better view.

"When I looked again, the sun had come off it and I could make out an oblong-shaped object with rounded ends. It had a silver metallic finish with a black rim around the bottom. I would think it was about 50 feet long, but it is hard to say how far away it was. When I first saw it, it was completely stationary. Then it started to come down very slowly behind trees and I lost sight of it. I would like to have searched further but I did not have the time. It was definitely not a balloon or any type of conventional aircraft."

Neither Malling police or County Police HQ had any reports of sightings, but a County Police spokesman said: "Whatever these things are, they are no laughing matter. I saw one myself once in Malaya."

UFO Spotted Over River by Angler. Bus driver Maurice Wakefield, an ex-RAF man, fishing at Stanford-upon-Soar, near Loughborough told Police last night he saw a bright disc flying over the river. He saw it twice reflected in the water, and the third time streaking across the sky.

"I can't associate this with an aircraft," he said. "I have never seen anything like this before."

His wife, Patricia, also made the second sighting. Wakefield said, "Suddenly three feet to the left there was this stationary bright light, absolutely brilliant. It lasted about two seconds. A few minutes after it appeared again. Then I saw the same brilliance zip across the sky from south to north."

The Loughborough police told the "Nottingham Evening Post" Aug. 26 no other sightings were reported that night but unidentified flying objects which glowed yellow in the sky were seen over Derbyshire early on August 16, and similar sightings came in from Liverpool and Manchester.

Objects Spin Over Channel Islands The "Glasgow Herald" reported on June 28 that Graham Tell, of Small Heath, Birmingham, claimed he saw strange objects in the sky over Guernsey in the Channel Islands over the week-end.

Heath was walking with his wife when he saw a cluster of four spinning objects. The couple watched them for "a good five minutes" and described them as silvery and spinning like flying saucers. They hovered for more than a minute, Tell said, then climbed higher and changed formation before making off northwards at a high speed.

Mystery Lights in the Sky The "Liverpool Daily Post" on Aug. 26th stated numbrous telephone calls came in the night before when mysterious lights were seen, turning to orange and blue and traveling in a SE to NW direction about 9 p.m. In the Formby area, the flashing lights were accompanied by strong rumblings and dogs whining at local kennels. All callers were sure the lights, which at times appeared to be stationary, were not aeroplanes.

Source and Credit: Written from newspaper clippings from Lou Farish.

UFOs Over England--Continued

Leicestershire Episode. At approximately 10:55 p. m. May 25, Mrs. Eunice Rose of Welwyn Road, Hinckley, was driving back along the country road from Oddstone to join the main road at Belchar's Bar when she noticed a glow in the sky in the direction of Ibstock and first thought it could be the headlights of a ditched car shining up into the sky. The glow persisted, and after she had turned right onto the main Ashby to Hinckley Road, it crossed the road above her car, lighting up the countryside, and appearing about the size of a double decker bus. As the object passed over, the engine of her car began to fade out. All the lights including the headlamps were dimmed and her transistor radio faded out completely for a few minutes. She was so frightened she could feel the hair on her neck bristling up. She is not the sort of person who believes in UFOs, but is keen to know the explanation for what she saw.
Source: NUFORO Bulletin, 12, Dorset Rd., Cheam, Sutton, Surrey, England

Building a Flying Saucer. John Searl, of Berkshire, England, and 24 helphers spend their week-ends building a 2½ foot flying saucer in a secret hideout in a forest eight miles from Searl's home. Since 1949 Searl has been working toward the production of a disk generator which will produce magnetic thrust from centrifugal force. He and his helpers are confident their saucer will eventually rise above the tree tops and blaze their names across the news headlines of the world. He is also working on plans for his ultimate dreamship named "Starship Ezekiel" which could measure as much as 300 feet from rim to rim and take travelers on real trips into space. Provided, that is, that he gets his theory off the ground. Source: "Christian Science Monitor," Oct. 26, 1971. Credit: Jim Giovando and John F. Schuessler.

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Couple in Australia Tell of Attack by Lights

"Daily News," Perth, W. A., Australia, April 13, 1971:--A terrified couple claimed today they had been menaced by mysterious lights in the early hours of this morning near Brunswick Junction.

Geoff Richards, 28, and his wife Toni, 26, of Laurel Road, Woodlands, said the lights raced at their car at high speeds and stopped just short of crashing into them. The attack took place for about ten minutes from 4:45 am. on the Southwestern Highway on a long straight section of the road.

They hadn't seen another car for bout 60 miles, Richards said. After they passed through Brunswick, he noticed a light in the rear vision mirror and he thought any car appearing like that would have to be going very fast.

"Suddenly the light came racing up to the car. It appeared to be going about 500 miles an hour. My wife screamed that it was going to hit us. Then it just stopped.

"The light stayed behind, about 20 yards away, for a few seconds, then shot back on the horizon behind us. It began to glow red, like a fire. Then it turned white again and came at us a second time.

"I thought it was going to go right through us. It was like a motor cyclist who could not see us."

This happened four times, Richard said, and then there was another light in front of the car.

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Couple in Australia . . . Continued

"It shot forward at us, about head height, at the same time as the one from the back was coming forward again," Richards stated."The one in front came at us three times and each time pulled up just short and darted back, sometimes disappearing."

Mrs. Richards said that when the one in the back turned from red to white, they knew it was coming again. "It was not the kind of light a car beam gives," she said. "I could look right at it without it hurting my eyes. It gave no beam and did not light up the surrounding bush until it was on the horizon again. There was no noise."

Mr. Richards, a speedway driver, said, "I've never been as frightened as that, not even before a race."

Credit: Lou Farish.

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Possible Landing Site Found after UFO Is Seen in Sweden

Lake Anten, Vastergotland, Sweden.--On the night of August 29th and 30th, 1970, at least 20 persons in the neighborhood of Lake Anten witnessed a brilliant colour-changing ball at treetop level. One witness described the object as oblong with indiciations of a cupola. The object changed from red to orange and vice versa as it moved around in the area. Trees were illuminated and a humming noise was heard.

The UFO appeared and disappeared several times between 11:30 p.m. and 2 a.m. The moon cannot account for the sighting as it was a new moon and the sky was cloudy.

Several of the witnesses saw the object directly above a farm house at Enebakken. The house is owned by an 81-year old man, Mr. Richard Johansson, who did not wake up during the night. He lives alone in the cottage about 1 km from the nearest neighbor.

The following morning three crater-like depressions were found in the grass about 31 m from the farm-house. Each depression was round, about 40 cm. in diameter and 5-7 cm. deep at the centre. The depressions were positioned in an equilateral triangle with a distance of 3m. between each hole.

Experts agree it would take a heavy weight to make these depressions. Mr. Lloyd Simu, engineer and member of UFO Sweden, estimates it at 500 kilos on each depression, while a member of UFO-Skaraborg, who is experienced with calculations of this kind, believes the necessary weight to be in the region of 5 tons.

Source: from the "Scandinavian Newsletter" in the Autumn 1971 issue of BUFORA JOURNAL, 3 Devenish Rd., Weeke, Nr. Winchester, Hants, England.

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To Our Readers: In January 1972 SKYLOOK will be mailed under the Bulk Rate for postage (unless government regulations change between now and then and we fail to qualify) which means we will be able to mail your copy for four cents instead of eight. Anticipating this, we have held our subscription price to $4.00 per year and will continue to do so as long as we possibly can. In order to take advantage of the bulk rate, the January issue will not be mailed the last week in December, when we would have to use eight-cent stamps, but will be mailed the first week in January--so you will understand if your copy does not reach you at the usual time. The deadline for copy will be the 20th of the month, as usual, and afterthe January issue, the magazine will be mailed the last week of the month before the calendar month, date of issue. All clear?

## IN OTHERS' WORDS . . . . . By Lucius Farish

The NATIONAL ENQUIRER for November 28 features a report of a UFO seen by hundreds of people over England on September 8. Although no photographs of the object have been reported, a sketch of the UFO accompanies the article. Also, it is understood that the ENQUIRER will feature an interview with Canadian UFO researcher/author Arthur Bray in an upcoming issue.

An article by W. Wilson Weir, "Is Trouble Waiting in Outer Space?", appears in the December issue of OCCULT. Unfortunately, much of the article is made up of reprinted material from less-than-reliable source and the remainder is largely rehash.

Speaking of less-than-reliable sources brings to mind Otto Binder's article in the December issue of SAGA. The basic premise of his article--that we Earthlings are the "property" of UFOnauts--is not totally implausible. However, Binder has chosen to base this premise on a totally false "interview" with noted astrophysicist Fred Hoyle. The interview (so-called) originally appeared in the weekly tabloid newspaper NATIONAL BULLETIN under the by-line of one Ed Monk. John Keel, grasping at straws to support his "ultra-terrestrial" UFO theory, reprinted the piece in a Supplement to his publication, ANOMALY. Letters to Hoyle by various UFO researchers have elicted the reply that the "interview" is a complete fabrication, concocted by Ed Monk. Binder either failed to check out the story before writing his article or he knew it was false, but used it anyway. Either action (or non-action) is unforgivable, in terms of responsible journalism. This same issue of SAGA also contains a rehashy and rather speculative article by Joseph Goodavage on the supposed "orbiting space cities" of Mars and Saturn.

Daniel Cohen is a "professional skeptic" where unorthodox topics are concerned and his many books and articles reflect his skepticism and inattention to detail. Two of his books containing chapters relating to UFOs have recently been published in paperback by Tower Books (185 Madison Ave., N. Y., N. Y. 10016). They are: MYTHS OF THE SPACE AGE and A MODERN LOOK AT MONSTERS. You won't find any new information in them and you probably won't even find the old information reported correctly!

By this time, you're undoubtedly wondering, "Doesn't that grouch have anything favorable to say this month?" Well, yes, I do. Another special issue of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW is now available and that is always good news. This one lives up to FSR's standards and I heartily recommend it to you. It is entitled "UFOs In Two Worlds" and deals with the New Guinea reports of 1959, the most famous of which was Father Gill's account of hovering UFOs and humanoid occupants. The second portion of the publication features the study of 100 Iberian landings of UFOs, as reported by Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Jacques Vallee. This 64-page study is available from: FSR Special 4 - 21 Cecil Court - Charing Cross Road - London WC2, England. The price is $1.75. [See note at end of article.]

The Eastern UFO Symposium, sponsored by APRO, was held in Baltimore Maryland on January 23, 1971. For those who were unable to attend and who would like a copy of the Symposium PROCEEDINGS, they are now available for $3.00 each from APRO, 3910, E. Kleindale Road, Tucson, Ariz. 87512.

FLYING SAUCER VIEWPOINT by Rex Dutta is a curious mish-mash of UFO

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contact stories, Theosophy, references to Atlantis and conjecture regarding the extra-dimensional character of UFOs and their occupants. Dutta contends that the "nuts and bolts" physical theory of UFO origin is sadly outdated. While it would be unwise to dismiss entirely any theory of UFO origin, it would seem that Dutta and others who are so anxious to embrace the "occult" explanations would consider that the physical theories have never been given a valid testing. When and if such tests occur and "nuts and bolts" theories are found wanting, then --and only then-- should purely physical concepts be abandoned. Dutta's book is available from Pelham Books Ltd., 52 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3EF, England. As near as I can figure, the price is about $4.00.

Exposition Press, Inc. at 50 Jericho Turnpike, Jericho, L. I., N.Y. 11753, has published five books dealing with the UFO subject during the past 12 years or so. All of these are still available from the publisher, despite ads in various UFO publications offering "out of print" copies of one particular book for inflated prices.

W. Gordon Allen's SPACECRAFT FROM BEYOND THREE DIMENSIONS is the "out of print" book referred to above. It was first published in 1959 and copies are still available from Exposition Press for $4.00 each. Allen theorizes that UFOs use a "fourth dimensional" mode of propulsion. He presents his views in an interesting manner. He also reviews several pre-1959 UFO reports and comments on some of the contact stories. Four appendices by Carl F. Krafft deal with "theoretical physics" and may be of interest to the technically-minded.

THE PHENOMENA OF FLYING SAUCERS AND SPATIAL PEOPLE by Ulysee Douglas falls into the category of books on UFOs and religion, as do the two additional Exposition Press books we will briefly mention. Douglas repeats all the better-known Biblical passages which have been interpreted in UFO terms by other writers and adds a little which has not been speculated upon elsewhere. He is said to be working on another book about "ancient Biblical astronauts," but no additional information is available at this time. The price for "The Phenomena . ." is $5.00.

MUFON Consultant R. Cedric Leonard's book, FLYING SAUCERS, ANCIENT WRITINGS AND THE BIBLE, is another Exposition Press title. Leonard delves into the historical and Biblical references to UFOs and possible propulsive methods employed by UFOs. He also compares quotes from ancient writings with the information allegedly given to modern-day contactees, showing similarities between such data. The Leonard book is priced at $7.50.

Certainly one of the better-written and more interesting books in the "UFOs and religion" category is R. L. Dione's GOD DRIVES A FLYING SAUCER. Don't let the title mislead you. Dione is not a wild-eyed cultist--he writes with interest and conviction about a quite controversial subject. He suggests that the God of the Bible was not a supernatural being, but rather a supertechnological one. He also reviews familiar Biblical UFO sightings, but manages to look at them in a different light. The implications of Dione's theory are enormous, perhaps far greater than even he realizes. Tho only 94 pages, I believe you will consider it well worth your $5.00. It is also an Exposition Press book.

Editor's Note: "A Study of 100 Iberic Landings" by Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Dr. Jacques Vallee, illustrated, price $1.50 may be ordered from DATA-NET, 7900 Harvard Drive, Ben Lomond, Calif. 95005. DATA-NET is a ufozine edited and published by Josephine Clark--a monthly ufozine that is consistently good and always rates a SKYLOOK plug. Price: $5.00 per year, or 35¢ for a sample copy.

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## The Pursuit of Wonder Versus the Pursuit of Knowledge
### A Book Review of "Our Haunted Planet" by Clinton Curtis Williams

John A. Keel is a professional writer who aspires to scholarship. In his most recent book, "Our Haunted Planet," he is able to sustain his pretext that he *is* a scholar, or, the lesser effort, that he *understands* the requirements of scholarship, for all of four pages, in his Introduction. Four pages out of the whole of 222.

John, the scholar, mentions the "countless interviews, endless correspondence . . . in-depth investigations" he has conducted. In compiling his material he has even labored to "include key source references for the benefit of those readers who might be interested in pursuing some of these matters further." (Most frequent reference source: "Scientific American." Next most frequent: the works of John A. Keel.)

His "research," as always, is unprejudiced, directed toward discovery of the "larger truth." Expansion of man's knowledge of himself and his world. So John, the scholar, would have his readers believe.

But it is John, the freelance writer, who immediately asserts himself in the text of the book, declaring himself in the idiom of the mock-virile magazines in which he so often sees print. John, the reporter, with precious little to report for the edification of his fellow scholars, but rumor, hearsay, legend, myth, fantasy, absurdity, nonsense. Intermingled, uncatalogued, unindexed. In his pursuit of "the larger truth" he has listened to tales of wonder: of super-human beings which appear, of common men who vanish; of ancient civilizations greater than any known, now lost and unknown; of sinister swarthy beings who threaten mortal men; of illustrious golden beings who copulate with mortal women; of alchemists and poltergeists, of contactees and things.

He has heard those tales of wonder, and although he does not pretend to believe them entirely, neither can he, in his characteristic, determined, ultimately self-defeating refusal to dismiss even the most nonsensical of them, bring to bear upon them that scholarship he professes. He is "only trying to share that wonder with the reader," and so he markets the products of his labors for the least scholarly of readers, the samplers of the strange and unexplained, the dilettantes, the dabblers, or, in John's disparaging term, the "buffs."

John seeks the company of scholars, yet only the most credulous of the buffs could accept his latest compilation of ill-defined enigmas as descriptive of phenomena in this, our real and only world.

It is the tragedy of John Keel that he has the ability and the financial resources to delve more deeply into the wonders he describes and that he will not. The reviewer suggests, hesitantly, that John bring his incipient scholarship to bear upon a solitary enigma (as John Fuller did in the Hill incident, the Exeter incidents), conduct the exhaustive research he claims to have undertaken into other matters and recover what *facts* --hardwon, personally retrieved, indisputable --there may be. Is John actually care to replace uncritical narration with explication? The reviewer *wonders*.

"Our Haunted Planet" is a Fawcett Gold Medal Book, 1971, 222 pages, 75¢.

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Tell your friends you read it in SKYLOOK.

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STRANGE MID AIR ENCOUNTER (From "Nasa Krila," the official magazine of the Yugoslav Air Force)--Captain-Pilot Velimir Ljubisavljevich had certainly never dreamed that his routine flight would produce an unusual encounter. Although, he did not want to relate to his colleagues what had happened, he kept this story to himself for a long time since strong and vivid memories about that strange meeting in mid air.

At a great height the horizon is not very visible and its limits are foggy and tend to disappear due to the distance and the smog. Because of the lack of sharp outlines of the horizon, young pilots are hard put to notice other airplanes and to establish their location in the sky. However, Captain Ljubisavljevich is an experienced pilot and to his previous service one can only attach tributes and success. This time in his routine flight his duty was to "detect" "enemy" fighters, which, according to the training, were attempting to penetrate through the radar curtain. Ljubisavljevich was actually performing as support for the radar stations, which could not cover certain areas due to the configuration of the terrain and the low altitude of the fighter planes. In one such group was his best friend, with whom he had made a bet that he would be able to detect him first. There was to develop an arial "combat" between the two pilots.

Suddenly, while he was flying through the sky of the blue firmament his attention was alerted by a bright white object, which moved in a course of thirty degrees toward him. Then, for the first time in his long career, he failed to approximate the depth and the distance of the object, which he firmly believed was his friend's plane. He remembered an earlier flight when he realized that by gaining the altitude, the sun radiation becomes more intensive. Contrast between lighted objects and objects in shadow becomes much more apparent. This time he wanted to approach the plane as quickly as possible, so he could identify it.

"Ten kilometers on the side, Eagle calling Hawk, identify."

He kept attempting to establish contact, but his friend remained silent. He then tried to approach closer to the object. He assumed that there must have been a communication failure.

Paying strict attention to the time and his approach toward the plane, he occasionaly glanced inside the cabin and checked his watch. But, when he looked around the cabin of his fighter, it appeared to him that the instruments had become weak, small and difficult to distinguish. But this lasted only a short while, until his eyes became somewhat adapted to the darkened part of his cabin. For a period of time he was worried about the fact that it took him longer than usual to read the instruments.

He was trying to figure out what had happened when suddenly he glanced to the right. Some three hundred meters away, at slightly a higher altitude than his, an unidentified object was moving. It was so bright that it hurt his eyes to look at. He made a special effort to observe it as best he could, but the object was in the direction of the sun and bright clouds. However, he immediately realized that the strong light was in reality only the reflection of the object, which hurt his eyes even more as he approached it. He thought of the speed and direction which were to cross each other. A collision appeared imminent, if he did not swerve or did not reduce his speed and

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altitude.

The object was bright and alluring. There was something strange about the shape of this object, especially now when he could make out the outlines. Guided by instinct, he pulled the stick and swerved to the right. He attempted to fly parallel with the object, but it kept going upward. He wanted to observe it more closely and to establish contact.

The unidentified object did not comply. It practically zoomed past him quickly gaining altitude. He pressed the gas pedal in order to climb, but the distance between them only increased. It all happened so fast that he could not pay much attention to details. The object, actually, was a huge white ball. He repeatedly switched the frequency on his radio in order to establish contact. He wanted to hear signals, but this was to no avail. He emitted the Morse alphabet but that also failed too.

While the object was going up, Ljubisavljevich noticed a sharp burst of light, which almost immediately disappeared. He tried to continue his visual observation, but by now he could not see anything but the bluish clouds. When he almost thought it all was only a product of his temporary weakness and exhaustion, due to the strenous training he was undergoing, he heard the voice of his friend:--"Did you lose him too?"

And while the two pilots pierced the sky, Ljubisavljevich kept thinking of the strange encounter which really did take place. He turned his head toward his friend who was now flying next to his plane. His nodding of the head confirmed the strange thing which took place during this flight.

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Editor's Note: In a letter accompanying this article, Mr. Brill wrote: "You might be interested in knowing that in my last letter from my contacts in Yugoslavia that the 'most intensive flap in Yugoslavia's history is now taking place, throughout the territory of the country. Observers include professors, amateur astronomers, pilots and many others. On October 13th a UFO was sighted over Belgrade. My correspondent informed me in his letter that he observed this Oct. 13th UFO throught a small refractor for some 46 minutes. On that same day a UFO was sighted by several hundred people in the great plane Vojvodina, just north of Belgrade." Mr. Brill's contact has promised to send him a copy of everything he can gather on this latest flap, including a number of UFO photos that were taken. We are looking forward to reading these reports at a later date and feel sure our readers join us in appreciating Mr. Brill's sharing these fine reports with us. We hope this series goes on and on.

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Want to Know More about MUFON ? Then order your copy of "Conference Proceedings" and read about the organization, its policies and goals. Also read all the lectures given at the 1971 Midwest UFO Conference held in St. Louis last June. And there is much more too--you'll want this book for your permanent library and an extra copy would make a fine Christmas gift. Send $3.00 to :UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, Inc., Box 9, O'Fallon, Mo. 63366.

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## Glowing Object Shaped Like Hub Cap Seen by Two Witnesses

William ("Bill") Cole, Jr., 49, a machinist, was on his way from Quincy, Ill., to St. Charles during the early morning hours of November 7th when he had an experience he will long remember.

He was alone, driving his Buick on State Highway 104 along the "Meredosia Flats," east of Meredosia, and within three miles of the U.S. 67 intersection when the entire sky lit up to daylight brightness "as if by a giant flash bulb." The time was 2:45 a.m. Expecting to see the debris from an exploding aircraft, Cole, who had been driving about 60 miles per hour, slowed down and pulled off the highway to a complete stop.

Getting out of the car for a better view of whatever was happening, he immediately saw a glowing object about 30 degrees above the horizon to the east and about a mile distant. The object was shaped like the hub cap of an automobile, Cole said, with the round side up and the base flat. It was glowing with a silverish-green iridescent color. It remained in a hovering position for from five to ten seconds, then tilted slightly about 30 degrees, accelerated at tremendous speed as "fast as a falling star" and climbed into the northeast at a 40 to 40 degree angle and was out of sight within five seconds. There was no sound and no streak of light or trail following the object.

Cole had paid little attention to the sky before the flash of light but said he thought there were some clouds and the wind was quite gusty. A check with the weather bureau later indicated the sky was astually clear, with good visibility.

As Cole got back into his car, he noted the headlights of another automobile approaching from the rear. When he pulled up to the traffic light in Jacksonville a short time later, the car following him (a red Volkswagen) pulled along side, and the driver, a man of about 30, turned down his window and called to Cole, "Did you see what I saw?"

"You're damn right, I saw it," Cole replied.

The driver of the Volkswagen shook his head, laughed, and drove on without further conversation, apparently satisfied in learning he wasn't alone in observing the object.

Mr. Cole reported the sighting to Walter H. Andrus, Director of MUFON. Mr. Andrus, who has known Cole since 1949, believes he gave an accurate account of the incident. On returning to Quincy, with his son, later that day, they heard a Springfield radio station news report including mention of a meteorite shower. No mention of this was made in the Springfield press and Mr. Andrus believes the hovering interval of the object would preclude it from being a meteorite.

## Flashing Light Crosses Illinois Sky

George Jannett, of Beckemeyer, Ill., reports watching an object with a bright, flashing light, moving west in the northern sky about seven o'clock, the evening of November 4th. He had received a telephone call from Rosetta Holmes, of Carlyle, saying the object had been sighted in Carlyle and appeared to be traveling toward Beckemeyer.

Jannett, 55, reports the sky was clear. The object moved very slowly at times, then it would move rapidly, sometimes turning and heading to the east. "It appeared as a very large and bright light flashing off and on--off, more than it was on. After flashing off, it would appear in another location." (Credit: Mae Jannett)

The propeller at the rear was like an ordinary steamship screw, with the exception that the blades were very long and tapering and made of aluminum. At the bottom of the ship on each side wheels were placed, which assisted in starting the plane, and they were also to be utilized when alighting.

Mr. Case tried to interest Omaha capital in his invention, but at a time of great financial depression and moneyed men were very careful how they placed investments, so the inventor left the city with the avowed purpose of building his airship himself in his native Missouri town. In speaking of the invention of Mr. Case, Engineer Grover said: "When Case first came to see me I had an idea he was one of those visionary persons whose theories are based on the amount of a busy man's time they can consume, but as I looked into his plans I became convinced that Case was a man of no ordinary calling. I advised him to make duplicate drawings and send them, with explanations, to Prof. Roland, of John Hopkins university, Maxim, the well-known experimenter in aerial navigation, and the chief of the balloon corps of the United States army. He did so and received replies from all three.

Maxim said that Case's invention was nothing new in principle, while the replies of the others were of a more encouraging nature. Especially so was that of Prof. Roland, who is the highest authority on aerial navigation on this side of the Atlantic.

"While I do not take any stock in the local airship excitement, I will say that if there is any reality in the thing Case's aeroplane would come nearer the descriptions given than any other I have heard of.

"I would just like Case to sign his name backward to a communicatic My opinion of him is the highest. He is without question a genius and one of the brightest mechanics I ever saw."

In the minds of a number of personal friends of Clinton A. Case, the signature attached to the communications received by Secretary Wakefield of "A. C. Clinton" is but a transposition of his name, and they are quietly rejoicing that their old friend has been able to substantiate his former claims in so satisfactory a manner, and that the airship reported almost nightly is his invention. The description of the vessel repeatedly seen here corresponds to Case's airship.

QUINCY DAILY HERALD, April 28, 1897.

## AIR SHIP STOLE HIS COW

### A Kansas Farmer Relates A Most Remarkable Tale.

Topeka, Kans. April 28--Farmer Alexander Hamilton, ex-member of the legislature, who lives near Yates Center, Kansas, claims not only to have seen the celebrated air ship last Monday, but that before the very eyes of himself and his family its occupant--two men, a woman and three children, speaking an unknown tongue--lassoed and stole a year-old heifer from his pasture. The hides and hoofs of the heifer, it is claimed, were found the next day by Link Thomas, his neighbor, in his field. The ship is described by Hamilton as being cigar-shaped

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and made of transparent material. Prominent citizens of Yates Center including officials, testify by affidavits to Hamilton's reputation for veracity.

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Editor's Note: We asked Mr. Andrus to give us his own conclusions re the airship, and he has written a fine article which you will find fully as interesting as the Series itself. Don't miss it in the next issue of SKYLOOK.

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More on Springfield, Illinois, Sighting (See November SKYLOOK)

In addition to the report of UFOs seen in the Springfield, Ill., area in October, we have two more eye-witness accounts.

Marion L. Sutton and Lyle Ferguson, both Liberty, Ill., farmers, were in the front yard of the Ferguson home, Oct. 5th at 7:30 PM CDST when they saw a bright light coming from the NNW 5 to 10 degrees above the horizon. As the object disappeared behind a tree, the two men stepped out onto the road for a b etter view and saw the object, estimated to be two or three miles distant, and moving at 70 degrees aboue the horison. It continued on and gradually disappeared into the southeast. Total time of the observation was less than five minutes.

When seen at the closest point, Ferguson, 59, and an aircraft mechanic in the USAF during World War II, estimated the object to be half the size of a full moon, but much brighter. The light was round and white, with no blinking on or off, and there was no sound. Holding a pencil at arms length, the diameter of the object would be covered by half the length of the full rubber eraser, Ferguson reports.

There were scattered clouds at 6000 feet and high scattered clouds at 20,000 feet, with visibility 15 miles, wind at 290 degrees at 8 knots according to the Weather Bureau F.A.A. observation.

Immediately following the sighting, the men reported it to Tom Reed, an instructor and pilot for Schott Aviation at Ballwin Field, and he informed them were were no take-offs from the Field at 7:30 PM. Reed called Walter H. Andrus, MUFON Director, and he obtained the information as given inthis account.

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Past Speaking Dates

Ted Phillips spoke to more than 100 people in the State Fair Community College in Sedalia, Mo., Nov. 17. His subject was "A Look at UFO's, Past, Present and Future" with a question and answer session at the close. He received advance Press and Radio publicity and a fine report in "The Sedalia Capital," Nov. 19.

Clarence O. Dargie addressed the Lebanon, Illinois, Rotary Club on Nov. 10, and was awarded a certificate for "serving above self" for his lecture that evening and an earlier one to the same group in April. A great deal of interest was shown in his talk on UFOs.

Mrs. Alice Hearle addressed the Carlvle, Ill. Rotary Club at their luncheon meeting on Nov. 4th and Mrs. Rosetta Holmes, of Carlyle, received a telephone call from Bob Coers the next day, expressing their appreciation of the lecture and interest in further discussion.

John F. Schüssler, Director of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, addressed the Society for Technical Communication at the Salem House Cafeteria in St. Louis, Nov. 10th; the "St. Louis Globe-Democrat ran an excellent report of his lec ture the next day.

The "Bowling Green Times," (Mo.) reports the Rev. C. R. Pritchard, MUFON State-Section Director, spoke on UFOs at the September meeting of the Dorosis Club.

A Catalog of Missouri UFO Cases 1857 - 1970 By Ted Phillips

| # | File # | Date | Location | Time | Description | Rating |
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| 236 | 219 | 1-29-70 | St. Louis County | 2130 | 6 wit.; 10 passes | D1 |
| 237 | 220 | 1-31-70 | St. Louis | 0330 | 1 wit. light hovered | D1 |
| 238 | 228 | 4-4-70 | Sedalia | 1845 | 2 wit., silver, hovered | C |
| 239 | 232 | 4-26-70 | Stover | 0230 | oval glow (comet?) | D |
| 240 | 234 | 5-26-70 | Fessus | 0900 | 3 wit., object found | D1 |
| 241 | 233 | 6-4-70 | Salem | - | 2 wit., daylight, oval | D1 |
| 242 | 235 | 7-3-70 | Hughsville | 2210 | 2 wit., hovered, moved | B |
| 243 | 236 | 7-25-70 | Sedalia | 2100 | 4 wit., unusual motion | D1 |
| 244 | 243 | 7-28-70 | Stover | - | 2 wit., meteor like | C |
| 245 | 245 | 2-12-56 | Noel | - | 2 objects, daylight | B |

Ratings

A--Unknown, object of highly unusual nature, reliable observer(s).
B--Object of highly unusual nature, insufficient information to rate
C--Possible conventional object, insufficient information to rate
D--Information indicates conventional explanation
D1--Insufficient information on the object and observer(s)

This concludes the Catalog as of August 16, 1970.

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BEFORE - Pre-1947 UFO Sightings from the Files of Lucius Farish

ILLUSTRATED SCIENCE MONTHLY - Vol. 2, page 136 (1884) - A Great Meteor. - Mr. L. C. Yale, of Norwood, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., writes to the NEWS of that place describing a remarkable meteor which he saw there at 8:30 p.m., on July 3rd. It moved slowly from east to west, had a long tail, a nucleus like a globe, as large as the moon, surrounded by a bright ring, two dark lines crossing the nucleus in vertical direction, the lines larger in middle, straight on inside, curved on outside, tapering both ways to points. The tail was 30 degrees in length. The general appearance was that of a gigantic sword of fire, moving handle first through space. (Credit: Charles F. Flood)

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Yugoslavs Report Speculation on UFOs

Belgrade.--Speculation about unidentified flying objects has gripped Yugoslavia, after 12 sightings were reported in 11 days.

Vecernje Novosti, the largest circulation newspaper in the country, published a photograph Monday that it said had been taken by a technical school teacher at Medulin on the Adriatic Coast September 29. It showed a blurred whitish round object with a "tail" shaped like a comma. Photographed in the evening, it was said to emit light stronger than the moon.

Source: "Arkansas Gazette," Oct. 12, 1971. Credit: Lou Farish

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PATTERNS . . . . . Case 1. Oct. 13, 1967, Boyup Brook, Australia.
By Mark Herbstritt Witness was driving his car when the engine stalled and the headlights and radio went off. The car came to a stop. A beam of light seemed to come from a tube from a UFO. Witness could see up the tube. The object was football-shaped and bluish in color. Source: "Canadian UFO Report," Vol. 1, No. 4.

Case 2. March 19, 1968, Beallsville, Ohio. Boy was burned by a beam of light from a UFO. A large, red, oval shaped object illuminated the ground. It had a band of dimmer red lights around the center. A big tube came out of the bottom and moved from side to side as a beam of light shot out. Source: "Strange Effects from UFO's", NICAP.

Case 3. April 17, 1967, New Haven, West Virginia. UFO emitted two large beams of light from its base. Bright lights were shining from windows or portholes and there was a row of red lights around the object. Source: Same as Case 2.

These are three UFO sightings, among many which report a beam of light burning or paralyzing a witness and with EMF effects on automobiles.

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MIDWEST UFO REPORT . . . . A Skylook Review, by Ye Ed

We have our first copy of the MIDWEST UFO REPORT, a new ufozine published quarterly by the National UFO Investigations Committee (NUFOIC) at Tulsa, Okla. Jeff Galyen, the editor, is a teen ager and does a better job than some editors with more years and experience. Thirteen pages of easy-to-read reports and articles from the midwest and elsewhere. We feel this young man should be encouraged, and you will get your money's worth when you send him a dollar for a year's subscription. The address is Jeff Galyen, 4945 S. 72nd E. Ave., Tulsa, Okla. 74145. If you want to read a copy before subscribing, send thirty cents for a sample copy.

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