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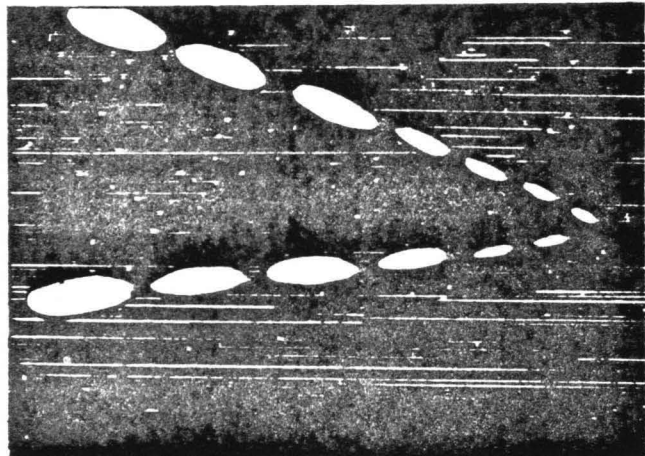
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PATENT TRADER, Mt. Kisco, NY - March 25, 1983

## What was that brightly colored object reported in area skies Thursday?



A UFO?

Drawing by Antonio Leavitt

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IN THE SKY — "I would never have believed in a million years that I would say to someone that I saw a UFO," said a New Castle resident who is now a believer.

Something unexplainable in the spring sky was viewed as far north as Yorktown and as far south as White Plains shortly before 9 p.m. Thursday. Police in Yorktown and New Castle, as well as residents in Mount Kisco and Chappaqua, reported seeing it — unexplainable lights in the cosmos. Observers said the arrowhead or V-shaped array containing "green and white lights" made no noise and "hovered." It moved very slowly. The woman, who claimed three others joined her while watching the object outside

Horace Greeley High School, said the sighting lasted about five minutes.

Alternating colors between white and green, it moved from the south, halfway across the sky, returned to its original position, then moved completely across the sky, zig-zagging toward the north, she said. "We looked back and it was gone."

Mount Kisco Sgt. Robert Cercena said one call to the desk stated that the unidentified flying object appeared "like a whitish owl" and was "heading toward the police station."

John Tower, supervisor for the Westchester County Airport, said calls began coming in at about 9 p.m. "I really don't know what it is, but I believe there is a logical explanation," he said. Tower offered two theories.

He suggested that it could have been several aircraft flying in formation. That, he said, is what the Yorktown police suggested.

Or, it could have been an aircraft with advertising mounted on the underside of the wing. He said that at other times, when airplanes with advertising have been in flight at night, he has received similar calls. Tower said that if the viewer is not directly underneath the plane, the lights look like "a mess."

One viewer remarked, "It was not an airplane."

Tower did verify that something was in the sky. Although he said the airborne mystery did not make contact with the tower, "I saw what (other viewers) thought they saw. I don't know what it was, but I don't think it's a UFO." He said that if a pilot was flying under the visual flight rules, especially if outside the airport's range, no radio contact could be made.

A number of New Castle officers reported sighting lights in the sky. Ten residents called the New Castle police desk to report similar sightings.

## UFO's in Clay?



Witnesses

JOE RAY JONES, Zelma Jones, Dannette Jones and John McCongile. Photo by Mell Lee Head.

On Friday night, March 25, 1983, John McCongile of Turkey Creek noticed two strange lights in the eight o'clock sky.

They hovered about, below the level of the hills. He and Danette Jones drove from Mr. McCongile's home to the home of Danette's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ray Jones.

The thing followed them all the way. There the four people observed the thing hovering above them. It made no noise and there was no color to it in the darkness. Danette took two pictures of the object. At this,

the thing drifted away. Joe Ray was not impressed by whatever it was. He said, "I want to see the rest of Dallas."

Several others in the community are reported to have witnessed the thing. Sheriff's deputies were called but when they arrived, there was nothing to see. Mr. McCongile called authorities in Nashville to see if anything was showing up on the radar, there wasn't.

CLAY STATESMAN, Celina, TN - March 31, 1983

## 2 in Hayfork report seeing UFO at night

HAYFORK — This tiny community in Trinity County had a close encounter Monday night, but sheriff's officials aren't sure with what.

An unidentified flying object (UFO) was reported hovering over a ridge four miles west of here on Hyampom Road by Hayfork resident Elizabeth Amman about 9:20 p.m., said Undersheriff Steve Hanover.

UFO sightings are common in Trinity County, Hanover said.

But what makes this one interesting is that Hayfork resident sheriff's deputy Ray Rudkin saw it too, according to his report.

Or rather, he saw a light in the same area, Hanover said.

Ms. Amman apparently went to fetch Rudkin as soon as she discovered the light hovering over a ridge on the west side of her property.

When she returned with the deputy, there was indeed a light there, according to Rudkin's report, Hanover said.

Ms. Amman described the light she saw as bright white with a green light on either side of it, Hanover said.

There were no other reports of the sighting.

RECORD-SEARCHLIGHT, Redding, CA - April 5, 1983

# E.T. phone MUFON; they're looking for you

By BETH ANN HUTKO  
Citizen Staff

CLEAR LAKE — It's a bird! It's a plane! It's a ... UFO! Especially if you're not sure just what it was you saw, John Schuessler is interested in your story.

Schuessler is Project Manager of Flight Operations for MacDonell-Douglas Corporation, but while his job keeps his feet planted firmly on the ground, his hobby, researching UFO sightings, lets him speculate in the stars.

Schuessler's involvement with UFOs began about 1965, he said, when he was planning to write a book on that subject.

My interest in it at that time was to debunk it," he said, "but after doing some research I found I couldn't."

He felt that there were too many unexplained sightings, and in 1969 he helped found MUFON (Mutual UFO Network, Inc.), now an international non-profit organization with affiliates all over the free world.

Schuessler currently serves as deputy director of this group, and in addition he is president of VISIT (Vehicle Inter-national Systems Investigative Team), a local affiliate of MUFON, which he also helped found in 1976.

VISIT is composed of NASA Aerospace Engineers, and Schuessler noted, "all of this is a volunteer effort."

All of their UFO research is done in their spare time, "like some people go fishing or bowling, I guess," he said.

UFO research has come a long way since its beginnings. In early years, psychiatrists were virtually the only professionals to deal with UFO sightings, and very little scientific research was involved.

Now, however, Schuessler said, "it's not just a matter of looking for lights in the sky anymore. It appears to be a very worthwhile study." He added, "I think it's in the early stages of a science."

He stressed that UFO research is still in its very early stages, and that most of the study is observational. "You

can't bring them (UFOs) in the plan with them," he noted, and this lack of concrete evidence leads many people to dispute their existence.

"I get mad with people who say there are no such things as UFOs," he said. "I also object to finding 'an' answer as opposed to finding 'the' answer." There can be many of the former, he added, but only one of the latter, and that is what he strives for in his work.

Schuessler still does not 'believe' in UFOs. "Belief goes with religion," he said, "and science can't operate from belief."

"One thing I'm trying to do is legitimize the science," and this includes not only finding out what exactly

UFOs are, and whether or not they exist, but how and why people are affected by these sightings, whatever they are."

In the Houston area, Schuessler said, there are only about a dozen UFO sightings per month, and out of these, 90 percent can be explained as planes, reentry material, atmospheric phenomena and the like. That same percentage applies to worldwide sightings, he said, and added, "It's the other ten percent we're concerned with."

UFO sightings are also categorized by type, and Schuessler and VISIT look into incidents involving medical injury, and those dealing with alleged entry in-

to a UFO, or abduction.

Regarding abductions, Schuessler said, "We've looked at about 250 so far, and we have no proof that any of them occurred."

He said that you can get the best information about the ships from abductees, and often very detailed descriptions, including remembered temperature, and surface textures.

These details can help the researchers compile an hypothesis of how the craft was constructed, but again, since the actual ship is not available for study, they may never know for sure.

Many of the alleged abductions involve what many call humanoids — "I call them critters," Schuessler said. "It

covers a wide range."

In 85 percent of these cases, he said, the beings reported were "about four feet tall, and very plain and tough, lightweight, gray in color, and with very tight suits."

"That story repeats itself over and over," he said, making it an interesting study even if, or especially if, it were proven that none of these events actually occurred. "We may learn a lot about human nature, at least," he added.

The other area of interest for Schuessler, and for VISIT, is medical injuries resulting from close contact with a UFO. He has compiled a listing of about 300 cases of medical injury.

"It's an interesting way of studying UFOs he said, "you have evidence and you have narrative." This concrete evidence may be easier to study, but it is no less difficult to solve.

Schuessler suggested that physicians perform specific tests, such as blood count and weight loss, to determine the credibility of these encounters, particularly abductions.

He added that these people need to be treated as the medical injuries they are, and all possibilities should be considered. In a 1980 incident north of Houston, three people who receive injuries similar to those caused by radiation exposure, and one was treated as a

burn patient, and released.

Schuessler wants to help these people, both in making sure they receive adequate medical attention, and finding out why these people were affected as they were. Again, the types of injuries received can lead to suggestions regarding how the craft was constructed.

In addition to his research, Schuessler often gives lectures on his work, both locally and worldwide. He gives about two or three lectures a month in the Houston area, and recently returned from Australia, where he spoke to 4,000 interested people.

Although he has no lectures scheduled for the rest of this month, he said he enjoys doing them because "if you don't communicate you don't get reports," and added, "you get new ideas from questions people ask. You can't study it all in books."

Schuessler said that he plans to continue researching UFOs into "the indefinite future." There are three purposes committing him to this cause, he added. "I personally hope to advance technology, and I really think there's a good possibility of doing it."

Second, he said, "I want to help people," and last, but never least, "Mysteries are fun. Some people like to solve puzzles. This is just a big puzzle."

ENTERPRISE, High Point, NC - April 18, 1983



## UFO Sequel

Last month Action Line ran a "Sound Off" from a person who had observed a UFO the evening of March 13. She asked if anyone else had seen it to call in with a description of it, the time and where they saw it to see if it jibed with their sighting.

We subsequently heard from several people, all of whom reported seeing for several seconds an object with bright red lights which appeared to be descending in the northwest section of the city at between 7 and 7:15 p.m.

One family inside their home on West Lexington Avenue Extension noticed a red light illuminating an area around their house. Their first thought was that a plane was going to crash. They ran outside, but the light was just disappearing over the treetops. It was then they realized there had been no sound at all connected with the light passing over so they knew it was not a plane.

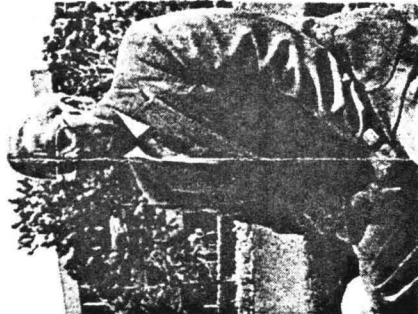
The person who observed it at closest range was a woman driving east on West Lexington Extension at about 7:05 p.m. She is a student pilot. Just before reaching the Wallburg Road intersection, she looked to the right through a clearing and saw about one-quarter or one-half mile away an object flying at an altitude of about 300 feet. She said in size and shape it resembled the wings of a 737 without the fuselage and engines. It was descending in very controlled flight at about 40 to 50 feet per second, taking three to four seconds before it disappeared behind the trees. It was angled at about 70 degrees so she could see the top of the wings on which she recalled were seven lights, very large in diameter and appearing to cover the wings. They alternated in color: royal blue and red

with a pinkish hue. The object was in her sight, and that of her daughter riding with her, for about five seconds altogether and there was no sound associated with it.

The Center for UFO Studies in Illinois is interested in eye-witness reports of these observations. Sherman Larsen, executive vice-president of the center, has provided copies of their UFO sighting questionnaire which we will forward to those who reported seeing it. Observers will not have all the answers, he said, but they would like you to complete all you can recall.

After hearing the description of the local UFO, Larsen said this is what they call a Delta shape which is not often reported. The most common is a disc-shaped object, he said. The center is currently working on a New York case which appears to have over 100 witnesses.

Will the two women on West Green Drive who reported seeing it please call us back if you'd like a questionnaire. We don't have your names or addresses.



JOHN SCHUESSLER



# Theories abound for lights in sky

By E.B. Walzer  
Staff Writer

In the week since hundreds of people reported seeing strange lights in the night sky over Westchester and Putnam, officials investigating the sightings have come up with a number of theories, but no firm explanation for the phenomena.

It has been speculated that the lights — invariably described as being in a V-shape — were from planes flying slowly and close together or from a dirigible, or

that they were caused by atmospheric disturbances. But so far, none of the theories has been confirmed.

"We've come up with nothing at all," said Robert Fulton, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration. "We learned that some Air Force aircraft went through there the following morning, but for the time frame in question there is no rational or reasonable explanation."

Fulton said checks with the military and the FAA's long-range radar center showed no aircraft were in the Putnam-

northern Westchester vicinity at the time of the sightings. He could only speculate that the lights, which stopped many motorists in their tracks and resulted in a flood of calls to police, were the result of "occlusions," in which different layers of the atmosphere interact violently and cause disturbances.

The sightings — on the nights of March 17, 24, and 26 — have also drawn the attention of the Center for UFO Studies, a research group based in Evanston, Ill. Philip Imbrogno, an astronomer and science teacher from Greenwich, Conn., has been assigned by the center to investigate the sightings. He said Wednesday that he intends to interview several people who witnessed the strange lights.

Imbrogno said the lights closely resemble a number of sightings reported in the area in 1976, 1977 and 1980. He said the V-shaped description "falls into one of the major types of UFO shape that has been reported over the years."

One explanation, which has quickly gained a following, is that the lights were from the wingtip, tail and landing lights of a flight of Cessna 150 single-engine propeller planes from Stormville and Sky Acres airports in Dutchess County.

This explanation would satisfy people like Saul Wolff of Yorktown, who saw the lights a week ago from his Beaver Drive home.

"It was definitely five airplanes," said Wolff, who has a private pilot's license. "I could very definitely see them, and I could hear the engines and the propellers. But depending on the angle, they could seem to be hovering."

Many people who spotted the lights last week said they seemed to ring the edges of a large, wedge-shaped object that hovered above the ground and shifted direction quickly.

Ed Rose, director of airport operations at Dutchess County Airport, said that one night last summer he saw a slow-moving, V-shaped configuration of lights approaching the airport.

"I said, 'Gee, that looks strange,'" Rose recalled Wednesday. "And then they landed." Rose said two planes landed for a short period, while another circled the airport. He did not know the names of the pilots.

"It's a couple of guys, usually three, sometimes more, who like flying in formation," he said. "And it just so happens that they look like a UFO."

Rose's explanation was supported by Ted Miracco, an employee at Sky Acres, a small airport in La-Grangeville.

"It's four or five guys," Miracco said. "They fly out of Stormville every Wednesday or Thursday, and a couple of guys fly on weekends."

Attempts to reach officials at Stormville Airport were unsuccessful Wednesday.

In any case, the propeller-plane theory was disputed by people who said they definitely saw one object that behaved in a manner unlike any airplane.

Mary Fauteux of Cold Spring said the object she saw off Route 301 a week ago "just hovered there over a field. All of a sudden the lights went out, and then 10 seconds later the lights came back on. The noise it made was like a hummmm. It definitely didn't sound like a helicopter or a plane."

Robert McMahon of Mahopac said the thing he saw off Drewville Road Saturday night was as "big as a house. No way this was a plane. It was so close we discerned the shape, and at one point it was back-dropped against the trees."

The V-shaped object, McMahon said, was about 50 feet off the ground and a quarter-mile away from him, hovering over a reservoir.

"The lights went on and off," he said. "When it saw our car, it tilted towards us and the lights went off. Whenever it moved, the lights went out. It made a humming engine sound, and the sound made it seem real close."

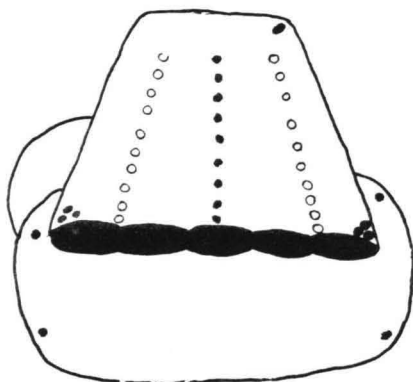
Eventually the object drifted off toward the hamlet of Carmel, McMahon said. According to Carmel police, a half-dozen people subsequently called them to report seeing the lights.

Imbrogno said the airplane explanation was not a suitable answer to the phenomena.

"A number of people encountered the object, close range," he said, "That blows the aircraft theory."

Imbrogno asked anyone with information on the lights to call him collect at (203) 531-5267 or (203) 384-9656. Whatever the lights might be, some people are betting they will continue their Thursday night visits and appear again tonight.

SUNDAY FREEMAN, Kingston, NY - April 3, 1983



Drawing by Todd Hotaling

## ET phones Hurley? Area kids spot UFO



Freeman photo by Alan Carey

Some of the West Hurleyites who saw Thursday's UFO try to recreate the sight. Clockwise from the top, they are Todd Hotaling, 12, Jennifer Pagliaro, 11, Dave Bloch 13, Tony Antonelli, 14, and Tommy Schmidt, 12. Todd Hotaling's sketch appears top left.

By KENT ALLEN  
Freeman staff

KINGSTON — This is no belated April Fool's joke.

Thirteen youngsters from the Circle Drive area of Hurley said they recently saw an unidentified flying blimp-like object that hovered over and flew near their homes for several minutes.

"I never believed in UFOs until this," said David Bloch, 13, who with twelve other neighborhood friends said he watched the UFO about 9 p.m. Thursday.

The kids described the object as having a grayish-white color and being the shape and size of a blimp or space capsule. They said the craft had many lights of different colors.

When they called the Federal Aviation Administration after the incident, they were told the sighting may have been just three planes traveling in tandem.

But they dispute that possibility.

"It couldn't have been airplanes," said 12-year-old Tommy Schmidt, his friends nodding emphatically in agreement. He said the object, which was several hundred feet up in the air, could not have been more

than one craft.

The youngsters also telephoned state police, who said they had had three other reports that night of a UFO. Radio station WKNY thought they were up to some premature April Fool's pranks when told of the sighting, said the kids.

At least one adult also saw the UFO, although only for a few seconds. Mimi Pagliaro said she was out on her porch when she spotted it, but then the UFO flew behind a tree that obscured the view. She said the strangest aspect of the object was its absolute silence.

Todd Hotaling, 12, and Tony Antonelli, 14, said they noticed no fuel exhaust emanating from the craft as it zipped east towards Kingston after staying in their sight for about 10 minutes.

"I wish some more adults would see it," said Todd, realizing that not everyone is apt to believe what kids say.

Besides those mentioned above, other eyewitnesses included Jennifer Pagliaro, 11; Ryan Hotaling and Kevin Kapila, both 12; Tad Cranfield, Karla Schmitt, John Heins, Jennifer Hartman and Nora Polinsky, all 13; and Neeta Kapila, 14.

Although some were skeptical before, all said they now definitely believe in UFOs.

# UFO sightings nothing new

By E.B. Walzer  
Staff Writer

## Special

The unidentified flying objects sighted in Westchester and Putnam during the past two weeks may have been novel experiences for the hundreds who saw them, but such sightings are nothing new in the annals of UFO research.

Even for the Westchester-Putnam area, the sightings are only the latest in a string of such reports over the past few years. Strange lights — sometimes single, large, glowing objects, sometimes groups of lights — have been reported in northern Westchester and in the Carmel-Mahopac-Brewster area several times since 1976.

Philip Imbrogno, a field investigator for the Center for UFO Studies, an Evanston, Ill., research group, has fol-

lowed UFO sightings in the New York-Connecticut metropolitan area since 1974. Last week, he began investigating the reports of a large V-shaped set of lights seen in the area the nights of March 17, 24 and 26.

The V shape, Imbrogno said, is a common form of night UFO sighting. "UFOs take on several different shapes," Imbrogno said. "Disc shapes, cigar shapes, V shapes, and you can have a disc with V-shaped lights on the bottom."

The night of March 24, such a shape was common indeed in the sky over

Yorktown. Police switchboards were flooded with more than 100 calls from nearby residents reporting the strange lights. No firm explanation has been given for the sightings, although police believe they came from propeller airplanes flying in formation.

That explanation has been disputed not only by many of the witnesses, but also by Imbrogno and another CUFOs investigator, Fred Dennis.

"I've interviewed 17 people, and they basically all report the same thing," Imbrogno said. "The majority of the sightings indicated the object was 500 to 1,000 feet up, and most people say it was so slow they could catch up to it. A number reported seeing a structure, some kind of gray shape."

### Four Reports Jan. 19

Four reports were logged between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. on Jan. 19, Roman said. The earlier reports came from the west side of Lebanon and about five miles south of Maineville. The other two reports were from the Maineville area.

In the first of the Maineville reports, a man and his wife claimed to see what appeared to be a passenger balloon falling from the sky. However, the object reportedly lifted up and descended for a second time. Later that night, the man and his neighbor saw a very bright, red light which was oblong in shape. This object moved parallel to the ground and then took a sharp turn down over the horizon, according to the witnesses' accounts.

After investigating those cases, Roman can find no explanation. Pete Mazzola, director of her investigating group, backs her analysis.

On-site investigations included reenactment of the sighting events, he noted. Other witnesses were also located, he said.

During her investigation, Roman contacted police officers, airports, planetariums and colleges, Mazzola relayed. Officials at

Wright Patterson Air Force Base report that no military operations were being conducted with planes that night, he said. Investigators even contacted an advertising company which uses planes, he noted, but its aircraft were not out that night.

### Voice Tests Conducted

Voice stress analyses were conducted on recorded interviews with the primary witnesses. Mazzola continued. Results show that the people are telling the truth to the best of their knowledge, he said.

In addition, Maineville's mayor credited the witnesses with being reliable and dependable people, Mazzola added.

An investigator from another group reportedly considered the sightings an electrical disturbance, called an electrical corona discharge.

Such disturbances happen "once in a hundred years," Mazzola claimed. Although the Jan. 19 sighting occurred near a power station, other accompanying events — such as thunderstorms — were not present, he said.

In addition, Mazzola said he has never talked with anyone who has seen such a discharge or known anyone who has.

The bottom line is that the sighting is still unexplained, Mazzola concluded.

"Something in fact did happen," he said. "I hate to say 'UFO.' Use the word UFO and people automatically think 'space ship.'"

"A UFO is just that — unidentified flying object," he explained. "It could be anything. It could be an airplane, without markings. I don't know."

### One Report Explained

Of the other Initial UFO reports, one has already been explained by Roman. A Feb. 26 sighting from the west end of Lebanon ended up being a jet exhaust trail, according to her conclusion. The original report was of a line or shadow crossing the moon.

A possible explanation has been found for a sighting near Middletown on March 31, Roman said. A woman reported seeing a reddish light moving south to north. Airplane traffic was in the area at the time, Roman pointed out.

The rest of the cases are in various stages of investigation.

Roman is currently preparing a report concerning a Feb. 9 sighting by a man south of Maineville, near Pleasant Plain.

Originally, the object just looked like a light in the distance, Roman relayed. As it got closer, a different lighting pattern appeared, she said. Round, blue lights appeared to be twisting and the object started tilting sideways, hovering and then moving down and towards the man watching below, she said.

The man originally thought the object was a helicopter or aircraft, Roman said. However, it made no noise, even at its closest point of less than a thousand feet, she said.

A call to Wright Patterson Air Force Base brought no clues as to the object's identity, Roman said. However, she noted that it did not act like conventional aircraft.

Roman classified the incident as a good, typical UFO report.

"Amber Train Light"

Another UFO report came from the Pleasant Plain/Maineville area on March 6, Roman said, when a man reported seeing what looked like a red, amber train light in the distance. The light was stationary, then shot straight up in the clouds and did not emerge, according to the man's account.

The next unexplained sighting is a personal account from Roman and occurred north of Lebanon on March 14.

Roman said she had been using binoculars to keep an eye on a neighbor's house when she saw two linked lights dropping toward the earth. The lights were yellow/white and resembled headlights which were connected to each other, she said. As they fell, the lights did not disappear, fade out, change color or leave a trail, she recalled.

A check with Wright Patterson showed that there were no downed aircraft reports at that time, she said.

Two sightings around the Dayton area have also been reported, Roman said. However, she feared that revealing details might jeopardize her case investigations.

Persons who want to report unusual sightings are invited to call Roman at 932-6515.

would if you skipped it across the water."

The term "flying saucer" was born. Over the years thousands of people across the nation reported seeing — you name it — darting lights, hovering lights, big lights, tiny lights, discs, bowls, flying wings, egg-shaped masses, V-shaped craft, craft alone, craft in pairs, craft in formations. Not to mention the many times objects were tracked on radar, but never seen.

And then came the experiences which were eventually termed "close encounters" by J. Allen Hynek, an astronomy professor at Ohio State University. Hynek became the chief consultant for Project Blue Book, the Air Force study of UFOs which took place from 1952 to 1969, before it was dropped.

The most famous such encounter allegedly occurred to Betty and Barney Hill, who were driving back from vacation to their New Hampshire home in 1961, when they saw a bright star which they later became convinced was a space craft.

After experiencing a number of unsettling dreams, Mrs. Hill was hypnotized and related a story of how she and her husband were taken aboard the spacecraft and given physical examinations by the human-like occupants of the craft and released.

Other accounts abound of so-called "take-aways," where people describe encounters with a variety of humanoid, robot-like or other intelligent life forms.

Although no such adventures have been reported in connection with the recent sightings, a

few people have reported getting within 50 feet of the V-shaped lights.

There has been much debunking of UFOs, from Air Force reports to the much-cited University of Colorado "Condon Report" — which said there was insufficient evidence to believe UFOs were ships from outer space and to justify further scientific study of them.

Leon Davidson of White Plains has his own theory about UFOs. He became intrigued in 1949 when he observed green fireballs in the sky above Los Alamos, N.M., where he was employed by the government in atomic-bomb research.

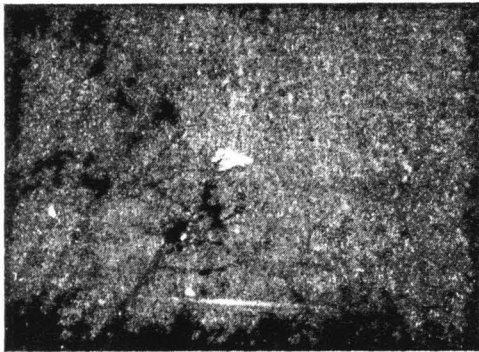
Davidson has spent years obtaining government documents and publishing articles in books and magazines. He is convinced UFOs are craft used by the Central Intelligence Agency for a number of reasons — to overshadow other news in the media, to worry the Soviets into thinking the United States is developing advanced weaponry, and for intelligence gathering.

"It could be to divert Soviet intelligence, to get them to send agents to check it out," Davidson said. "Then these agents could be identified and eliminated. That's more likely than that these guys are from outer space — E.T.'s or anything like that."

But such theories are not accepted by people such as Imbrogno and Dennis, who have never seen a UFO but believe the objects are craft from outer space.

"There's no question of that, the evidence is overwhelming," Dennis said. "The problem is our technology isn't advanced enough to figure it out. It seems fantastic to us only because we can't grasp it."

"Man likes to think he's top dog, and when something else comes along he can't handle it," he said. "We have to wait for them — we can't chase them, we can't catch them. It's just a matter of being in the right place at the right time."



**UFO SIGHTING** — Jeffrey Salmonese, a 17-year-old Mahopac High senior, said he took a picture (left) of what he described as a large V-shaped set of lights in the sky over Mahopac at 8:45 p.m. on March 24. The Mahopac High photography club president said he took the picture from the front lawn of his Butterfly Lane, Putnam Valley, home. Salmonese said the object — which looked like a humongous boomerang with lights, gave off no engine sound, but emitted a humming noise — was moving south (left to right in the photograph) and had red lights that changed to green and white by the time he snapped this picture. Hundreds of people reported that night seeing the lights in the sky over northern Westchester and Putnam.

DAILY ITEM, White Plains, NY - April 3, 1983

WESTERN STAR, Lebanon, OH - April 6, 1983

## Prober Has No Answer For Area UFO Sighting

By JEAN FUDGE

After more than two months of checking, a local investigator can find no explanation for an unidentified flying object (UFO) sighted near Maineville Jan. 19.

In addition, the investigator is checking several reports of other unusual sightings occurring between Jan. 19 and March 31.

A total of nine reports have been received from Warren County during that period, said Bonita Roman, state director of the Scientific Bureau of Investigation (SBI). SBI is an international investigative group. Two reports are also being investigated from the Dayton area, she said.

Roman confirmed that this is a high number of sightings. Reports tend to run in cycles, she said, and this area seems to be seeing a slight buildup. Before the January sightings, Roman said her last reports were received from Warren and Butler counties in December of 1982. Before that, the last report from Warren County came in September of that year, she said.

### Four Reports Jan. 19

Four reports were logged between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. on Jan. 19, Roman said. The earlier reports came from the west side of Lebanon and about five miles south of Maineville. The other two reports were from the Maineville area.

In the first of the Maineville reports, a man and his wife claimed to see what appeared to be a passenger balloon falling from the sky. However, the object reportedly lifted up and descended for a second time. Later that night, the man and his neighbor saw a very bright, red light which was oblong in shape. This object moved parallel to the ground and then took a sharp turn down over the horizon, according to the witnesses' accounts.

After investigating those cases, Roman can find no explanation. Pete Mazzola, director of her investigating group, backs her analysis.

On-site investigations included reenactment of the sighting events, he noted. Other witnesses were also located, he said.

During her investigation, Roman contacted police officers, airports, planetariums and colleges, Mazzola relayed. Officials at

Wright Patterson Air Force Base report that no military operations were being conducted with planes that night, he said. Investigators even contacted an advertising company which uses planes, he noted, but its aircraft were not out that night.

### Voice Tests Conducted

Voice stress analyses were conducted on recorded interviews with the primary witnesses. Mazzola continued. Results show that the people are telling the truth to the best of their knowledge, he said.

In addition, Maineville's mayor credited the witnesses with being reliable and dependable people, Mazzola added.

An investigator from another group reportedly considered the sightings an electrical disturbance, called an electrical corona discharge.

Such disturbances happen "once in a hundred years," Mazzola claimed. Although the Jan. 19 sighting occurred near a power station, other accompanying events — such as thunderstorms — were not present, he said.

In addition, Mazzola said he has never talked with anyone who has seen such a discharge or known anyone who has.

The bottom line is that the sighting is still unexplained, Mazzola concluded.

"Something in fact did happen," he said. "I hate to say 'UFO.' Use the word UFO and people automatically think 'space ship.'"

"A UFO is just that — unidentified flying object," he explained. "It could be anything. It could be an airplane, without markings. I don't know."

### One Report Explained

Of the other Initial UFO reports, one has already been explained by Roman. A Feb. 26 sighting from the west end of Lebanon ended up being a jet exhaust trail, according to her conclusion. The original report was of a line or shadow crossing the moon.

A possible explanation has been found for a sighting near Middletown on March 31, Roman said. A woman reported seeing a reddish light moving south to north. Airplane traffic was in the area at the time, Roman pointed out.

The rest of the cases are in various stages of investigation.

Roman is currently preparing a report concerning a Feb. 9 sighting by a man south of Maineville, near Pleasant Plain.

Originally, the object just looked like a light in the distance, Roman relayed. As it got closer, a different lighting pattern appeared, she said. Round, blue lights appeared to be twisting and the object started tilting sideways, hovering and then moving down and towards the man watching below, she said.

The man originally thought the object was a helicopter or aircraft, Roman said. However, it made no noise, even at its closest point of less than a thousand feet, she said.

A call to Wright Patterson Air Force Base brought no clues as to the object's identity, Roman said. However, she noted that it did not act like conventional aircraft.

Roman classified the incident as a good, typical UFO report.

"Amber Train Light"

Another UFO report came from the Pleasant Plain/Maineville area on March 6, Roman said, when a man reported seeing what looked like a red, amber train light in the distance. The light was stationary, then shot straight up in the clouds and did not emerge, according to the man's account.

The next unexplained sighting is a personal account from Roman and occurred north of Lebanon on March 14.

Roman said she had been using binoculars to keep an eye on a neighbor's house when she saw two linked lights dropping toward the earth. The lights were yellow/white and resembled headlights which were connected to each other, she said. As they fell, the lights did not disappear, fade out, change color or leave a trail, she recalled.

A check with Wright Patterson showed that there were no downed aircraft reports at that time, she said.

Two sightings around the Dayton area have also been reported, Roman said. However, she feared that revealing details might jeopardize her case investigations.

Persons who want to report unusual sightings are invited to call Roman at 932-6515.



# Government Reports Describe UFO Sightings at KAFB in '80

From United Press International  
And Journal Staff Reports

SEGUIN, Texas — Walter Andrus never thought very much about alien beings or unexplained lights in the sky until he saw four dull silver objects speeding high over the Arizona desert almost 25 years ago.

Since then Andrus has compiled reams of material on UFOs and converted part of his Seguin home into the headquarters of MUFON — The Mutual UFO Network — which claims 1,100 members in almost every country in the world.

MUFON membership is by invitation because "that's the only way to keep the crackpots out," said Andrus, who is convinced that earth is the subject of curious and watchful extraterrestrial eyes.

Much of the material collected was found in government files procured through the Freedom of Information Act, and many of the UFO sightings occurred in New Mexico, around Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque.

According to a series of reports from Kirtland Air Force Base, radar approach control equipment and scanner radar at Kirtland and the Albuquerque Airport experienced a "total blackout" from "an unknown cause" for more than five hours on Aug. 13, 1980.

The report concluded that "the presence of hostile intelligence jamming cannot be ruled out," but went on to say "no evidence would suggest this (was the cause)."

Just five days earlier, on Aug. 8, a separate report revealed that "three security policemen... on duty inside the Manzano Weapons Storage Area sighted an unidentified light in the air that traveled north to south over the Coyote Canyon area of the Department of Defense Restricted Test Range on KAFB, N.M."

The report said the light traveled at high speed and stopped suddenly in the sky over Coyote Canyon. The light eventually landed in the canyon, according to the security policemen, who then witnessed it "take off and leave proceeding straight up at a high speed and disappear."

The next day, Aug. 9, a security guard at the Sandia Laboratories near Kirtland observed a bright light near the ground behind a building in Coyote Canyon. As he

drove near the object, according to the report, he observed a round, disk-shaped object.

The guard attempted to radio for a second unit, but the radio would not work. The guard, who did not want his name divulged for fear of harassment, then approached the object on foot armed with a shotgun. But the object took off in a vertical direction at high speed.

The guard, a former Army helicopter mechanic, stated that the object he observed was not a helicopter.

On Aug. 22, according to the Air Force report, three other security guards observed the same aerial phenomenon described by the first three guards on Aug. 8.

"Again the object landed in Coyote Canyon. They did not see the object take off," the report said.

Coyote Canyon is part of a large restricted test range used by the Air Force Weapons Laboratory, Sandia Labs and the Defense Nuclear Agency of the Department of Defense.

Andrus accuses federal authorities of being hypocritical in their treatment of civilian UFO sightings.

According to one Air Force report, on Aug. 10, a New Mexico State Patrolman saw an aerial object land in the Manzanos between Belen and Albuquerque. When the patrolman reported the sighting to Kirtland command post, he was advised by the public relations office that the Air Force did not investigate such sightings unless they occurred on an air base.

Another document, dated Oct. 28, 1980, said Air Force scientific advisor Jerry Miller, a former investigator for Project Bluebook, concluded that a film taken by an Albuquerque man "clearly shows... some type of unidentified aerial objects."

The film was made by Paul Bennewitz, president of a local electronics firm, whose home in the Four Hills neighborhood is adjacent to the northern boundary of Manzano Base.

Bennewitz, according to the report, produced still photographs and 2,600 feet of 8mm motion picture film

"depicting unidentified aerial objects flying over and around Manzano Weapons Storage Area and Coyote Canyon Test Area."

But Miller reported only that "no conclusions could be made whether these objects pose a threat to Manzano-Coyote Canyon areas."

On Nov. 19, Bennewitz was told that the Air Force would not become involved in the investigation of the objects and "was not in a position to evaluate the information and photographs he has collected."

Bennewitz said Friday that the objects he saw and reported to military officials were "saucers."

"There were four of them and they were about 300 yards from the Manzano weapons storage area and about 2,500 yards from my home. They were just sitting on the ground and all four would simultaneously pulsate with a light about every 15 minutes.

"I began watching them about 11 p.m., and about 1:15 a.m., a blue-white light simultaneously flared up from underneath them. Then, they suddenly flew off in formation and at a rapid speed that I'd estimate at 2,000 mph. They made a right-angle turn and went south, past the weapons storage mountains, and disappeared from view."

Bennewitz, after photographing and filming the occurrence, reported it to Maj. Ernest Edwards, then the commander in charge of the Manzano Security Force, he said. Bennewitz recalled that he subsequently gave two top-level briefings to military officials, but it wasn't until the release of documents through the Freedom of Information Act that he learned the information had been passed on, though some of it inaccurately, to other government officials in Washington.

"Officials from the National Security Agency told Edwards they had somebody working on it and 'don't call us, we'll call you.'"

However, the sightings reportedly piqued the interest of former New Mexico Sen. Harrison Schmitt, who inquired why the Air Force refused to investigate, the report said.

Bennewitz said he has since discovered "the government is aware the objects are in fact extraterrestrial and is currently studying them under a project code-named 'Aquarius.'"

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## For Bonita Roman, UFO Existence Never In Doubt

By JEAN FUDGE

For Bonita Roman, it's not a question of whether unidentified flying objects, better known as UFOs, really exist. In fact, she refuses to argue the possibility of doubt.

Roman, a resident of Clearcreek Township, does local UFO investigating as state director of the Scientific Bureau of Investigation (SBI). SBI is an international investigative group which is based in New York.

After investigating UFO reports off and on for more than 20 years, Roman is thoroughly convinced about their existence.

"We know they exist," she asserts. "We just work to document it."

Roman does not flinch when asked why a UFO has never been publicly displayed. She is certain and refuses to bicker.

Believing in UFOs seems to be a chicken and egg situation, where both opinions can be considered correct. However, Roman is a true believer. Opinions imply doubt, and she refuses to settle for even this compromise.

"Everyone is entitled to opinions," she admits. "If they (doubters) would just get in there firsthand and investigate as I do — every minute particle of information — they

would no longer be opinionists."

### Began When Young

An interest in UFOs began when she was young, after her 9-year-old brother came home extremely upset one afternoon. He had been playing on the levee nearby when he claimed a silver saucer had flown overhead. By the time he got home, her brother was so distraught that he was "near convulsions," Roman recalled.

"The poor kid was as white as a sheet," she said. "They say he almost swallowed his tongue."

Similar unexplained incidents occurred over the years to herself and other members of the family, Roman said. After a while, she just had to investigate the phenomena.

"Finally, I got disgusted," she said. "I have such a curiosity."

"I always wanted to find out about everything," she revealed. "I want to find out what's fact, fiction and theory. There are no correct answers if the pieces are flawed. I want to be a first-hand investigator — dealing with facts."

### Starts UFO Center

Roman started investigating UFOs in 1962. In 1968, she established a UFO center in Mid-

dletown.

Publishing two UFO magazines was the next step, between 1968 and 1974. Roman says her work had worldwide readership.

Dissatisfaction with UFO progress then set in, Roman recalls. She dropped her research and got into law enforcement until moving to this area in 1977. After joining SBI in 1979, Roman is now state director of the group.

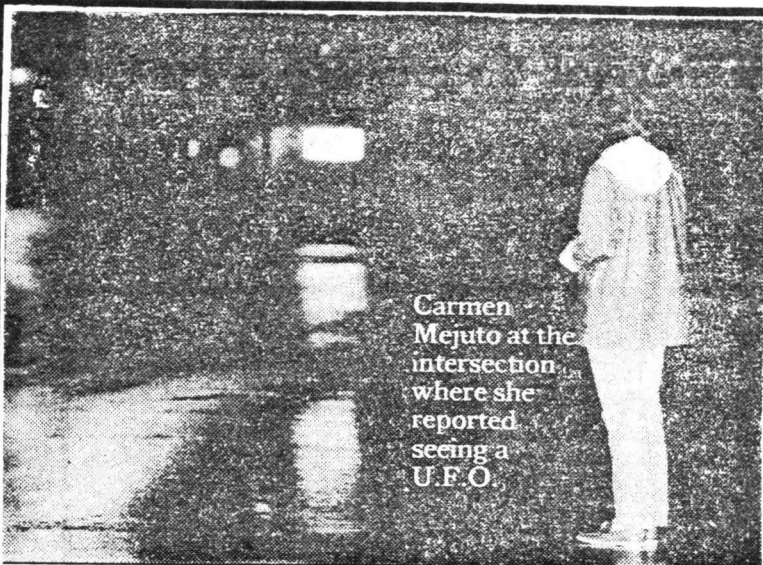
Facts and analysis are the two strongest points of SBI, Roman claims. Half of SBI's investigators have backgrounds in law enforcement, she said, and the national director has been a detective for 17 years.

Roman is well known and has an "impeccable, reliable reputation" within the community of UFO researchers, national director Pete Mazola says.

"All agree that when Bonita Roman does an investigation she does a thorough job, a helluva job," he stressed.

Roman says she does her investigating in her spare time, getting neither a salary nor an expense account.

"I just do what I am able to do," she says, adding that cooperation from police departments and the military is important.



Carmen Mejuto at the intersection where she reported seeing a U.F.O.

## On the Trail of U.F.O.'s

By GARY KRISS

**T**HE date: March 24, 1983. The time: about 9 P.M. Gloria Scalzo of Ossining was driving north on the Taconic State Parkway near Route 133 in the town of New Castle when she said something caught her eye.

"A cluster of lights," she recalled, "almost like a town but it was in the sky." She turned off onto Underhill Road but could not get the sight out of her mind; she decided to go back on the parkway. "As soon as I got back onto the Taconic, I looked over to my left," she said, "and I saw this object with white lights, shaped like a boomerang, coming toward me, going northwest, and I said to myself, my God, that thing is huge." Slowing down, she said she watched the object for a few seconds and then it disappeared.

"All of a sudden it just re-appeared over my windshield," she said, describing red, green and white lights about two feet apart in a semicircle. Then the lights started to go out, "as if someone reached over and turned them out, first one, then the next, until they

were all gone." Mrs. Scalzo pulled to the side of the road, turned the car off and opened the window. When she looked up, she then saw "two smaller green lights directly in front of me, about 60 feet high," which then went out. "And then I saw nothing," she said. "It just vanished."

She was not the only one to report seeing a strange object last month in the skies over Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess and Fairfield Counties. Hundreds of phone calls were made to police stations and airports on at least five separate evenings last month. Most of the reports described a large, silent, hovering V-shaped object with bright lights. Reports of the sightings have now ceased, but interest in them continues.

"If we can't solve it, it will become a classic case," said J. Allen Hynek, the former chairman of the astronomy department at Northwestern University who is now the director of the Center for U.F.O. Studies in Evanston, Ill. "It has all the potential for that. It could be a very nice textbook case."

An authority on unidentified flying ob-

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# UFOs? Government Officials Didn't Always Scoff

By JOEY LEDFORD

Declassified government documents on UFOs — including accounts of sightings in Virginia and elsewhere in the South — indicate that despite the Air Force's public statements, officials took some of the reports seriously.

The Fund for UFO Research, a Mount Rainier, Md., group, has been filing Freedom of Information petitions for years to amass 400 pages of once classified FBI, CIA, National Security Agency and Air Force documents on unidentified flying objects.

The Air Force officially closed the book on UFOs in 1969 when it discontinued Project Blue Book, which investigated 12,618 reported UFO sightings from 1948-69.

Air Force spokesman Lt. George Jamison said 701 sightings were never explained.

"Of those sightings investigated, 11,917 were found to have been caused by material objects, immaterial objects or astronomical objects," Jamison said.

"Some were found to have been weather conditions and some were found to be hoaxes," he said.

The decision to terminate Project Blue

Book was based on a two-year, \$539,740 study conducted by the University of Colorado that concluded in 1968 that UFOs usually were balloons, birds, planets, planes, stars, optical illusions, radar quirks and other natural phenomena.

The study, headed by Edward Condon, was criticized by some scientists for rejecting the possibility that some UFOs were space ships piloted by extraterrestrial beings.

"No UFO has ever given any indication of threat to our national security," said Jamison. "There has been no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that sightings categorized as unidentified represent technological developments or principles beyond present day scientific knowledge."

"There's been no evidence indicating the sightings categorized as unidentified were extraterrestrial vehicles," he said.

That's the public line.

But here's what a classified National Security Agency report in 1968 said about UFOs:

"The fact that UFO phenomena have

been witnessed all over the world... by considerable numbers of reputable scientists in recent times, indicates rather strongly that UFOs are not all hoaxes."

"If UFOs, contrary to all indications and expectations, are indeed hoaxes — hoaxes of a world-wide dimension — hoaxes of increasing frequency, then a human mental aberration of alarming proportions would appear to be developing."

The report said the theory that UFOs are related to extraterrestrial intelligence cannot be disregarded.

The documents detail some fascinating encounters with UFOs as late as 1980. Most of the sightings detailed from the South, however, were among the earliest recorded. The names of the people making the reports were usually deleted by government censors.

UFO sightings began occurring in 1947. In 1949, an Oak Ridge, Tenn., man taking pictures of his family in his front yard saw "a ball of fire" and took a picture of it. The picture later ran in the Knoxville News-Sentinel. The FBI compiled a detailed report on the incident.

An FBI teletype marked "urgent" details a sighting of "four disc-shaped objects" near the Atomic Energy Commission's Savannah River Plant near Ellington, S.C., in May 1952.

Four employees filed the report, saying they saw "these objects... traveling at a high rate of speed at high altitude without any noise." However, one of the discs "was traveling at an altitude so low it had to rise to pass over some tall tanks."

An employee of the National Security Agency reported seeing a UFO near Henderson, N.C., early on the morning of April 12, 1956.

The woman was driving on a rural road with her fiancé "when the pair was startled by what appeared to be a round low-flying object coming directly towards the car."

The round, spinning, bright aircraft, "containing lights in a zig-zag pattern" speeded up and veered out of sight. The woman was described by a high NSA official as "one of our best employees."

A CIA report told of the sighting of a "red

flare" traveling 750 to 1,000 mph near Cape Canaveral, Fla., on Dec. 10, 1956, seconds after a missile had been launched.

"The flare made a wide turn to the east immediately after the missile passed it," said the report. The Air Force told the CIA it had ruled out aircraft or weather balloons as possible explanations.

Other reports are less believable.

An FBI report in 1967 said a television repairman in Chesapeake, Va., claimed to have been taken inside a UFO manned by "several individuals who appeared to be undressed creatures... probably not more than four feet tall."

The man told the FBI he was freed about an hour later. The report said the man "spoke in a coherent manner, although he appeared to be under emotional strain."

"This isn't what we're saying about UFOs, this is what the government is saying," said Fred Whiting, a spokesman for the Fund for UFO Research. "This isn't our stuff, it's theirs."

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Scalzo reported having her experience, Carmen Mejuto, a kindergarten teacher who lives in Ossining, was traveling east on Croton Avenue in a car driven by her mother.

Stopped at a light, she said she saw an object approaching in the sky. "My first reaction was that it was a plane,"

she said. "Then, as it got closer, I realized I wasn't seeing the nose cone of a plane and there were no blinking lights." There were, she said, steady lights, shaped like a chevron. "I saw two large wings," she added, "each the size of a commercial jet. I realized it wasn't a plane."

Expecting some sound since the object was so large and so close, just above the treetops, she rolled down her car window. "I heard nothing," she said, adding that the object then veered off. She watched it disappear.

Dr. Hynek said that it was unusual to have such sightings in a relatively urban area. More unusual, he said, was the number of people who reported witnessing the phenomenon. "If we continue to get reports, then it could be the largest sighting ever recorded," he said.

Many of those witnesses experienced what is called a close encounter of the first kind, a sighting within 500 feet of an object without any interaction occurring. There are also what have been called close encounters of the second kind, where reportedly there is some sort of influence on the environment, such as interference with electronic systems. A so-called close encounter of the third kind, where occupants of the object are reported sighted, has been made famous by Steven Spielberg's motion picture of the same name.

Dr. Hynek, who devised the encounter-classification system and who served as Mr. Spielberg's technical adviser, stressed last week that no extraterrestrial origin should be attributed to last month's sightings — or, in fact, to any sighting. He explained that the center's investigations attempt to attribute rational causes to sightings. If these ultimately cannot be discovered, incidents are categorized as "unexplainable."

"The Westchester sightings are sufficiently unusual to cause people to look closely for a natural explanation," he said. "If it can't be found, they will go down as unsolved."

One person working hard to provide a rational explanation is Philip J. Imbrogno, a Greenwich, Conn., resident and a science teacher at the Windward School of White Plains who is a field investigator for the center. Mr. Imbrogno said he already had hundreds of reports of sightings, many referred to him by local police departments, and that the number "may eventually reach the thousands." He does not expect to issue a final report on his findings until summer.

"It's something I do because I have an interest in it," he said last week. He and three associates are sifting through "all the information we have so far, weeding it out and trying to focus on the best recollections." They have interviewed about 30 people. Questionnaires are filled out for each witness, recountings of the incidents are tape-recorded and cross-examinations are conducted.

"We have to remain objective," Mr. Imbrogno said. "We go in with a clear mind and try to put the facts together. We don't go in looking for a spaceship. We go in trying to disprove the sighting, to come up with a possible explanation."

The investigators volunteer their time, and are occasionally reimbursed for their expenses. They include Lieut. George A. Lesnick, a member of the Fairfield, Conn., Police Department who has been track-

ing reports of U.F.O. sightings for 30 years. Unlike Mr. Imbrogno and Dr. Hynek, Lieutenant Lesnick has himself sighted an unexplained object. He said he approached each case as "a trained scientific investigator," employing some of the techniques from his 26 years of police work. "When you talk with people and they know you're a police officer, you more or less get respect," he said. "And they, in turn, feel you're going to respect them, not regard them as kooks."

But there are some who are unimpressed with the process. "Sometimes Hynek's investigators, or investigators of other groups, succeed in finding prosaic answers to sightings," said Philip J. Klass, a Washington-based avionics editor of Aviation Week and Space Technology, a leading aerospace publication. "But they're not disposed to such answers. They're more disposed to finding inexplicable cases."

Mr. Klass, author of a number of books challenging supposed authenticated U.F.O. sightings, is a longtime critic of Dr. Hynek and termed the center's work "superficial and unscientific." He said that in 17 years investigating cases, he had "yet to find a single one that is inexplicable." Offering possible explanations for the Westchester phenomenon, he said, "I suspect it was triggered by an advertising airplane."

Bill Hele, chief meteorologist for the National Weather Corporation, which maintains an office at the Westchester County Airport, disagrees. On March 24, Mr. Hele said he had sighted an object while driving south from Peekskill on the Taconic Parkway, at almost the same time that Mrs. Scalzo was heading north.

His account is similar to hers: a series of lights 10 to 15 degrees above the horizon, "perhaps three times brighter than a first magnitude star," six of them on an axis, two or three at a 45-degree angle forming "a checkmark." Mr. Hele estimated that the object he saw was moving at 250 knots but, as it approached him, it "slowed down to a crawl." The multicolored lights went out, then reappeared, this time colored blue-violet, and the object drifted over Mr. Hele at a 100 feet. "The size was unbelievable," Mr. Hele said. "Over 1,000 yards."

Mr. Hele, who said he had been around planes most of his life and who provides weather forecasts for the Goodyear blimp, added that he doubted that it was an airplane. That explanation was also ruled out by a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman, Robert Fulton, who said, "It was unequivocally not an aircraft." Mr. Fulton said he had checked throughout the area, including military bases.

"It's inexplicable as far as we're concerned," he said, suggesting that perhaps it was an occlusion, or weather disturbance. "An occlusion cannot be given a scintilla of credibility on a clear night like that," Mr. Hele said.

The answer may never be found. Mr. Klass said that if Dr. Hynek's group could not come up with an explanation, he would "be tempted to come to Westchester" and undertake his own investigation, a challenge Dr. Hynek said he welcomed. Meanwhile, residents have continued to look to the skies to see if the reported object will return.

## NOTICE

The July issue of UFONS will be approximately one week late, due to my annual National Guard summer camp during the period of July 9 - 23.....Researcher Donald A. Johnson has used his skills with a computer to compile an index for the January - June, 1981 issues of UFONS. Actually, there are seven different indices--chronological, location of event, witness or principal party, nocturnal lights, daylight discs, close encounters, Fortean events. This document represents an enormous amount of time and effort on Don's part, so it is being used as a "trial balloon" to determine subscriber interest. All editions will sell for \$5.00 each and will probably be done for six-month periods, as with this first one. It is 16 pages in length and future editions will probably be of a comparable length. If you are interested in seeing this project continue, please let me know. Orders for the first edition are now being accepted. The price of \$5.00 includes postage, unless first class mailing is desired.....LF



# UFOs

## Manchester lawyer crusades to end government silence



Graphic by Mary Farrell

**UFO expert Bob Bletchman thinks aliens may be working on humans: 'I tell you, people are getting picked up.'**

JI photo by Mike Adaskaveg

By JON ELSER  
Staff Writer

MANCHESTER — When you try to picture a typical "UFO enthusiast," what do you see? A guy with a Mickey Mouse hat and Gene Wilder-like bulging eyes?

Whatever you see, chances are it isn't Robert Bletchman.

Bletchman is state director of the Mutual UFO Network, has lectured on UFOs and has done radio talk shows on the subject. He also is a Manchester lawyer, former director of the Eighth Utilities District, former head of the Democratic Club of Manchester, and former member of the town's Human Relations Commission.

As a lawyer, his activity researching and publicizing UFOs — unidentified flying objects — may seem like risky business. How many people would put their lives in the hands of a man who believes, as Bletchman does, that we're visited on a regular basis by aliens?

What's more, Bletchman is convinced the United States government has been conspiring for years to keep the truth about UFOs from the American people.

But Bletchman says he's not the least bit worried about the success of his 13-year-old practice.

First of all, his high profile in the UFO business hasn't really hurt him.

"I don't have establishment clients because of this, maybe I wouldn't anyway," says the 51-year-old Bletchman, sitting behind his desk at his small North Main Street office. Besides, he gets referrals from friends and associates around town.

But even if his interest in UFOs hurt his business, it wouldn't dampen his interest in them, he said recently.

"I think people have the capacity to stand for things," he says. For Bletchman, standing for the truth about UFOs is worth the risks.

The focus of his interest in UFOs has been the government's conspiracy of silence. The government has been investigating UFO sightings for years but refuses to admit to it, he maintains.

"People in government lie," he says.

Asked if he lied himself when in government, he says, "I don't recall doing so."

Documents recently obtained under the federal Freedom of Information Act reveal there are a number of government investigations that include the Air Force, Central Intelligence Agency and Federal Bureau of Investigation, he says. But for some reason the government does not want the American people to know about that.

There's also evidence the Central Intelligence Agency sponsored books by Arthur Godfrey and Walt Disney to convince people UFOs don't exist, he says.

Bletchman speculates the government fears Americans would not know how to handle the knowledge that UFOs exist.

Confirming the existence of UFOs "would be a frontal attack on our belief systems," Bletchman says. "We like to think we're the best critter going."

Beyond that, the U.S. government has an interest in keeping Americans in the dark because UFOs are a threat to government itself.

UFOs would "interfere with respect for duly constituted authority," he says. In other words, if we believed in UFOs, we might stop believing in American politicians.

"If we see things bigger, we don't see things so emotionally."

To Bletchman, that could mean the end of

a lot of the most serious problems facing the world. If we realized we have only a small place in the cosmos, we would take a noticeably different approach to our institutions — most importantly government and religion. Nations might drop their rivalries and realize they share common goals.

What makes him so confident UFOs exist?

There have been so many sightings in recent years, there can't be any doubt, he says.

The only thing missing is "that concrete piece of machinery," he says.

He cites a Gallup poll that indicates 11 percent of all Americans have spotted UFOs. In fact, it's gotten to the point Bletchman isn't even interested in questioning the validity of specific UFO sightings.

He has no doubt a former Enfield town councilman, Paul Boucher, a contract administrator for the Hamilton Standard Division of United Technologies Corp., saw a giant UFO in Enfield last year.

Boucher, put in touch with Bletchman by friends, said he was driving down Washington Road in Enfield when he heard a low-decibel whirring that reminded him of an electric generator.

Suddenly his car was flooded with white light and grew warm. He could see waves of heat rising from the hood of his white Chrysler.

Above him the sky was obliterated by a space craft an acre in size. The craft dipped down to within about 50 feet from him, then pulled back to about 200 feet, where it hovered for about two minutes.

The craft was an elongated oval with a white-gray belly flecked with 300 to 500 basketball-sized white lights, he says.

The object then became a glowing, flaming sphere and shot off in an arc across the sky.

Bletchman describes Boucher's encounter as probably the most exotic account of a UFO sighting he's heard, but he has no doubt about its validity. That craft, hovering above Boucher's car, may have been conducting some sort of scientific experiment, Bletchman says.

"There are few places more interesting than the earth," he says. "Everybody has discovered the earth."

As many as 10,000 animals that, he says, were discovered dead, with various organs carefully excised, are cited as further evidence that UFOs are conducting scientific studies on earth.

Animals have been found, mostly in the Southwest, Canada and Puerto Rico, with surgically-removed eyes, tongues and other organs with no evidence of predators, he says.

Why are these aliens so aloof? "It's an axiom of science: you don't contaminate the thing you are studying," says Bletchman.

But Bletchman also thinks aliens may be conducting experiments on humans.

"I tell you, people are getting picked up," he says. "At least the evidence is overwhelming to that effect."

"People now are recalling in terrifying detail being abducted, examined, released."

Then again, there may be other reasons aliens have come to earth.

"It may just be the most delightful day out for their cultural elite," he says. Aliens may enjoy visiting earth the way we go to the zoo.

Bletchman concedes he's a bit tired of devoting so much time and energy to UFOs after all these years. But he refuses to drop the torch until the government publicly recognizes the existence of UFOs.

ARIZONA REPUBLIC, Phoenix, AZ - May 15, 1983 CR: H. Starr

## Ike met space visitors, UFO session told

United Press International

TUCSON — Enthusiasts of unidentified flying objects have been told about a meeting that supposedly was held in the mid-1950s between then-President Eisenhower and visitors from outer space.

Timothy Beckley, publisher of a newspaper called *UFO Review*, said details of the meeting at Edwards Air Force Base in California were never made public.

Beckley admitted the story is little more

than rumor but said it was supported recently by a soldier who claimed to have attended the meeting.

Beckley told participants at the annual National UFO Conference in Tucson on Friday that he has labeled the flying-saucer visitors "UFO-nauts."

Beckley said he's convinced that Earth is visited regularly by beings from "one or more planets."

He said the visits are kept secret because if their existence were known, it would "alter the world and society as we know it."

Phoenix lecturer Hal Starr said the United States and Soviet Union have been withholding the truth about UFOs because both want to learn how the flying saucers operate. Starr said the country finds out first "will rule the world."

By JULIE BRIENZA  
Scripps-Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — In 1950, Air Force investigators in New Mexico reported that three crashed flying saucers manned by 3-foot-tall creatures in metallic suits had been recovered, according to a government document recently released to UFO study groups.

The startling March 22, 1950, FBI document, made public in response to Freedom of Information Act requests, offers overwhelming

proof that earth, especially New Mexico, is being visited by extraterrestrials, say officials the organizations.

"Look at the data, facts and evidence. It's overwhelming," said Walter Andrus, international director of the Mutual UFO Network based in Texas, one of the groups that forced release of the once-secret information.

MUFON's Humanoid Study Group has catalogued 2,200 cases in which "visitors, entities, creatures — whatever you want to call

them — have been seen on or near a UFO," Andrus said.

The 1950 incident, familiar to MUFON members, is a prominent case they've studied in depth. However, the first "solid information," Andrus said, came out of the 33-year-old FBI document.

In it, Air Force investigators stated that "three so-called flying saucers had been recovered in New Mexico."

Each was circular in shape, 500 feet in diameter and with raised centers.

"Each one was occupied by three bodies of human shape but only 3 feet tall, dressed in metallic cloth of a very fine texture," the document said. "Each body was banded in a manner similar to the blackout suits used by speed flyers and test pilots."

The document speculated that the saucers had crashed, although it didn't say where, because of high-powered government radar that was believed to have interfered with the "controlling mechanism of the saucers."

The report offers no further explanation of the sighting and does not say what ever became of the craft or their 3-foot-tall occupants.

Other documents detail encounters with UFOs from the 1947 discovery of a "flying disc" near Roswell, to 1980 reports of mysterious objects landing at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque.

Five sightings of unidentified flying objects during August 1980 over Kirtland's restricted test

range, Manzano Base, were described in government reports compiled and released earlier this month by MUFON.

The Roswell incident is discussed in a July 8, 1947, FBI memo stating that Strategic Air Command officials reported "an object purporting to be a flying disc."

The disc was suspended by cable from a balloon resembling a high-altitude weather balloon. But there were no weather experiments going on in the area, according to other documents.

West Texas. There were at least nine sightings of the lights, moving at an estimated 27,000 mph near Los Alamos.

The Air Force contracted with Land-Air Inc. in Alamogordo to keep a 24-hour watch, code-named "Project Twinkle." Between 1948 and 1950, there were at least 150 sightings.

"On the basis of the investigation made by (name deleted) and the Air Force, it was concluded that the occurrence of unexplained phenomena in vicinity of sensitive installations was a cause for concern," one document said.

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— U.S. document

There is little mention of UFO activity in New Mexico again until April 24, 1964, when Socorro policeman Lonnie Zamora reported seeing an "oval-shaped" craft with a red insignia, 30 inches high and 2 feet wide, in a depression. Two "persons in apparent white coveralls were adjacent to the object," which lifted off after Zamora approached it.

The policeman told his superiors he saw a flame in the southwest and feared a dynamite shack had blown up. But when he arrived he found what at first appeared to be an overturned car but on closer look, he found the oval-shaped object. It had a blue flame trail and

left smouldering areas of earth.

These reports may be considered by some to be isolated incidents or the product of vivid imaginations.

But not by Fred Whiting, a MUFON officer, as well as an officer of the Fund for UFO Research, a group based in Mount Rainier, Md.

Whiting says the U.S. Air Force is trying to keep the public out of the speculation of where the UFOs are coming from and why. This is why the Air Force in 1969 stopped investigating UFO sightings, he contends.

The Air Force insists:

- There is no threat to national security from UFOs.
- Objects popularly referred to as UFOs don't represent any technological developments or principles beyond present-day scientific knowledge.
- No evidence has indicated the reported UFOs are extraterrestrial.

With these conclusions, the Air Force went out of the UFO business after investigating 12,618 sightings in a 21-year period between 1948 and 1969.

Of those sightings, 701 remain unexplained, according to an Air Force spokesman.

MISSISSIPPI PRESS, Pascagoula, MS  
April 12, 1983

## Man spots UFO

BIG POINT — A 48-year-old Ingalls engineer said he attempted to follow a strange light he saw near his home here Monday night.

H.L. Holston told Sgt. John Sigalas of the Jackson County Sheriff's Office that he first saw the light about a quarter of a mile behind his home on Goff Farm Road about 8:45 p.m.

Holston described the light as a large, bright light with red and blue flashing lights in the center. He said there was no noise coming from the object.

Holston said the object was moving slowly and he attempted to follow it in his car toward Brown's bridge on Mississippi 614 but lost sight of it.

Sigalas said he spotted a bright light with a smaller red light at the bottom of it near the intersection of Golf Farm and Frank Snell roads but soon lost sight of it.

# N.C. UFO buffs gather for meeting

By DEAN FOUST  
OF THE NEWS STAFF

More than 100 people from across the state are expected to flock to Winston-Salem this weekend to discuss silver spaceships, alien beings and the countless other mysteries that emanate from galaxies unknown.

The state's seventh annual Mutual UFO Network Conference, co-sponsored by the Tar Heel UFO Study Group and the state chapter of MUFON, was to bring UFO buffs together today for three days at the Nature Science Center in Winston-Salem. While mockery may have been the rule in past times, aficionados of UFOs hold their heads high today, said one local UFO expert.

"Censorship and ridicule is a thing of the past," said George Fawcett, 62, of Lincolnton, a 38-year devotee to 'ufology.'

"It used to be the kooks and crackpots. I know that from years of studying UFOs," he said. "In recent years, with scientific studies, the kooks have moved out and the scientists have moved in."

Today's ufologists include "doctors, lawyers, engineers, physicists — people who have an interest in the sciences — housewives, ministers," Mr. Fawcett said. "Curiosity plays a big part. You've got to be curious to get involved."

This year's speakers are as diverse as an Oxford, England, chemist and U.S. Navy physicist, a New York City policeman and Mr. Fawcett, who is an ad salesman and reporter for a Lincoln County weekly paper and former state MUFON director.

The conference will "be the best we've ever had. It'll take on an international flavor," Mr. Fawcett said, with experts speaking on UFOs sighted in other countries, including Australia, Argentina and other South American nations.

Ufology is a universal theme, he said, citing a late-1970s United Nations conference where 133 of the 154 member countries claimed public sightings of UFOs.

This weekend was chosen to coincide with the first UFO sighting in modern times 36 years ago, Mr. Fawcett said, when Kenneth Arnold, a private pilot flying over Washington's Mount Rainier reported a chain of nine objects moving as if a saucer was skipped across a lake. "A newspaperman coined the phrase 'flying saucers' and it stuck," Mr. Fawcett said.

Worldwide, around 150 UFOs are reported each day, he said. In the United States, North Carolina ranks fourth among states in extraterrestrial sightings. "One reason North Carolina has such good reports is that field investigators have been established here for 16 to 17 years," he said. The state MUFON has 75 investigators in 45 counties.

When confronted by disbelievers, Mr. Fawcett is quick to use what he calls his "reverse bag of tricks" — statistics. There's a 1978 Gallup Poll showing that 57 percent of the public accept UFOs as real, he said.

"So for the first time, if you are a skeptic you're in the minority," he said. "And I've never met an informed skeptic in 38 years."





# Public lose interest in little green men

By  
ANDREW JONES

THERE may be more little green men in Tasmania than those with "No Dams" stickers on their cars.

There were 56 reported sightings of unidentified flying objects received by the Tasmanian UFO Investigation Centre last year, of which 12 remained unexplained after investigation.

There have been 14 reports this year which the centre is still investigating.

However, the number of sightings are well down compared with those in the 1970s, when there was an average of 135 reports a year with 38 unexplained.

The president of the centre, Mr Ron Jolly, said that the lull in sightings during the past three years was something which had happened worldwide.

Mr Jolly does not think there were fewer sightings, just less of them were being reported.

"I believe that some people have become blasé about reporting UFOs because they are similar to things they read or see on television while others are reluctant to report sightings for fear of being ridiculed for being drunk or crazy," Mr Jolly said.

"The peak number of sightings in the seventies coincided with the height of the space research program when people were more aware of the heavens."

Mr Jolly said he could not understand why people should be reluctant to report things they saw but could not explain.

"There seems to be an inherent fear that UFOs contain aliens which intend us harm," he said.

"But aliens with the technology for intergalactic travel would be able to do as much damage as they liked."

"Nevertheless, many of the people who report UFOs are very relieved when the centre is able to come up with a plausible explanation for what they saw."

Mr Jolly said that in his 20 years as a UFO investigator he had never met a hoaxer, although he

admitted that they did exist.

Mr Jolly, a 53-year-old dental technician at the Royal Hobart Hospital, first saw UFOs while living in Asia in the late fifties.

He saw formations of lights in the stratosphere which he said were too high for aircraft and too uniform to be a star pattern, and other common explanations such as satellites, meteors and weather balloons were not applicable.

He joined the Victorian Saucer Society in 1959 in the "dark days" when reporters of UFOs were regarded as cranks.

"I don't go out looking anymore, I just investigate reports by other people," he said.

"My experiences have made me more sympathetic and tolerant of people who believe they have seen UFOs, but I am not gullible."

The Tasmanian Unidentified Flying Object Information Centre was started in 1965 and now has about 70 members.

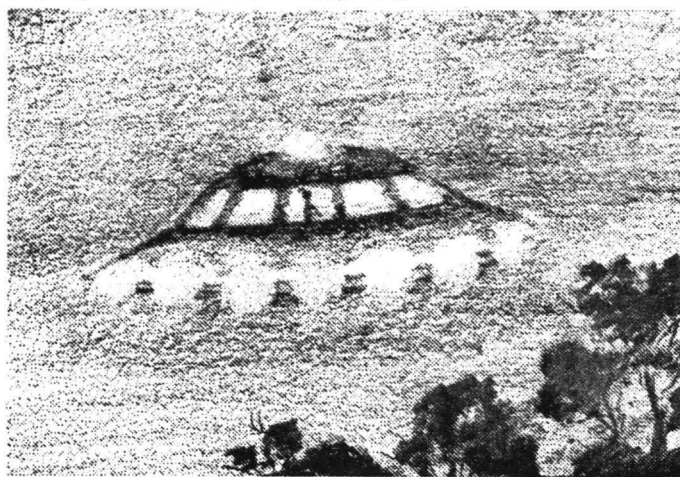
Tasmania has ideal conditions for UFO sightings, with its high land, low pollution and because it is not on international air routes.

Mr Jolly's advice to potential UFO spotters is to watch the sky on a clear night from a mountain between the hours of 11 pm and 2 am, the time most sightings were made.

The centre's records showed that there was a peak season of UFO sightings in Tasmania in May, June and July, which Mr Jolly said was strange because he would expect more on warmer summer nights in January and February when people remained out of doors later.

Investigations of a reported sighting can take between three days and two weeks, but Mr Jolly said that it was getting more complicated to track the movements of satellites every year.

After a witness reports a sighting to the centre, checks are done on astronomical phenomena, movements of aircraft and satellites, and reports of meteors and balloons.



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If all prove negative, the report is officially listed as a sighting of a UFO.

Last year's TUFOIC total of 12 unidentified cases include a run of six at George Town.

On five different nights in May and one in February there were independent reports of a loud, pulsating, high-speed swishing noise associated with a large bright red light which moved about in the sky and occasionally vanished in mid-air as if the light had been turned off.

A cassette tape recording was made of the sound.

The centre investigated the reports, and interviews with witnesses and local awareness of the incident ruled out the possibility of a hoax.

The investigators also considered that the witnesses had nothing to gain from any publicity except possible ridicule.

The centre was unable to rule out that the two events were unconnected or uncover any unusual events in the town at the time of the sightings.

Mr Jolly said that even tape recordings, photographs and film of UFOs were not considered proof because they could be faked and did not conclusively rule out natural events.

Mr Jolly was still not convinced by the hundreds of reported abductions worldwide of humans by aliens in UFOs.

A UFO society in South Australia is currently investigating a report by two men who claim to have been temporarily abducted by an alien while driving near Port Lincoln at 10 pm on October 24, 1981.

"Many people who claim to have been abducted have been tested under hypnosis and all apparently proved to be telling the truth," Mr Jolly said.

"However, I remain open-minded, there is no earthly reason why an alien should pick up any old Joe Blow, it would be much more logical for them to abduct an Einstein or a top surgeon."

Einstein or not, it might not be a good thing to say too many things about "greenies" because you do not know what might arrive in your back garden one night.

NEWS-LETTER, Belfast, Ireland - April 22, 1983

IT WAS a clear night in the spring of 1796 as George Blacker, an uncle of the celebrated Colonel William Blacker of Carrick, Portadown, was returning to his home at Seagoe.

Day was closing when he observed "a great light" in the sky which conjured up in his mind the fear that his abode was on fire.

Hastening back he discovered that his fears were unfounded. But the light in the heavens continued on its course, passing over Lurgan and Tamnaghlasson.

Since radio and the television bulletins were still "light years" away — and the "News-Letter" was just short of its first 60 years — there was no warning of a comet or such other heavenly manifestation.

Fearful residents of Seagoe ran as best they could in the direction of the "thing," but none was sufficiently fleet of foot to reach its path.

A similar appearance then took place on the western side of the River Bann and over the surrounding hills, particularly at Drumnakelly, then two miles distant from the hamlet of Portadown, having previously been observed in the vicinity of Derrylard Hill, in the Bannfoot area.

Such was the alarm that the whole population of the countryside was astir during the entire night, with reports circulating among those who claimed to have seen "the Thing", a term used by Col. Blacker in one of his Diaries.

But thereby hangs a very curious story.

Tradition which pre-

## The day the UFO crossed Portadown



vailed among the people of Portadown and district in stories handed down from parents to children, was that the night of this phenomenon was the one which had been fixed by the Roman Catholic Defenders to take revenge on those who had defeated them in the previous September at the Battle of the Diamond.

It was believed, wrote Blacker, "that God in His mercy sent this luminous appearance to keep the Protestants from going to bed, and this baffled the designs of their enemies."

Blacker believed that such an intention did actually exist, though whether or not they had fixed the moment for such action he could not say.

Nevertheless, for many years afterwards the "appearance remained fresh in

the memory of the many people who saw it and followed it, and Blacker never saw any reason to cast doubts on the veracity of the statements of those who claimed to have witnessed it.

The Rev James Archibald Hamilton, D.D., who was in charge of the Armagh Observatory from 1790 till 1815, does not appear to have left any records pertaining to this remarkable visitation.

The period in which this strange happening occurred was one when the people had not heard of "flying saucers", and it is very doubtful if stellar technology had been so advanced in outer space as we are being asked to accept by those who claim to have had "sightings" in recent years.

Still, we do not have any rational account of the origin of the Co. Armagh phenomenon. So the mystery remains unsolved, nor is it ever likely to have an explanation.

PIX-PEOPLE, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia - May 2, 1983

### The Pinkney Report

INVESTIGATING THE INCREDIBLE

By JOHN PINKNEY

#### UFO chased car and then just disappeared

IS ANOTHER WORLD watching us? PEOPLE reader F Miller of Cairns, Qld, has begun to wonder, after the ordeal he suffered while driving through the state's sparsely-peopled north, late one night last year.

"I was travelling along a dark, lonely country road when I heard a loud, mechanical noise, like a helicopter, just above my car roof," he writes.

"A moment later, coloured lights began to flash all around the car. They were so strong I could hardly see my headlights.

"I could see I was being followed by some kind of weird machine. I was so scared I stopped the car — and happily,

by that time, the thing had gone.

"When I got out all I could see in the cloudless sky were stars.

"I knew it couldn't have been a man-made flying machine. None would dare to fly at night within inches of a car roof.

"My suspicions were confirmed when a station owner told me that, on the night I'd had my experience, he had seen lightning-like flashes in the otherwise clear sky — and the ground had seemed to move, as if in an earthquake."

● UFO research societies worldwide have collected thousands of similar testimonies from motorists who say they were buzzed by hovering craft with carnival-like lights. Some victims also suffer radiation burns.

# Aussies seek to recover saucer

## Private group to probe alledged crash

By John F. Schuessler  
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS WORLD

The Melbourne, Australia Sun first reported the plans for salvaging a crashed UFO in July 1982. The article told how Mr. Noel Martin of Wollongong had established a company for the purpose of funding the search for a UFO he had seen crash in a bay along the south Australian coastline. The year was 1957 and he was seven years old at the time; but he claimed he and his family all had vivid memories of the event.

During a recent lecture tour to Australia, this writer was able to obtain a considerable amount of information from Mr. Jonathan Daemion, Media Coordinator for Project UFO Recovery '82. As one might expect the small newspaper clipping was just the tip of the iceberg. According to the report, 300 persons saw the object fly over the area and seven actually saw it crash into the bay. The object was the size of a small automobile and appeared to be engulfed in flames. It turned, changed altitude, and finally made a low level pass in a straight line before crashing into the sea.

The vegetation along the flight path was burned to such an extent that the trail is still visible today. Witnesses said the actual crash caused the water to bubble and steam. It is

claimed that the witnesses still living near the bay have waited for 25 years for the object to reappear.

Salvage operations should not be complicated, for the bay is small in size and not more than thirty feet deep at any point. Waters along the south coast are usually clear, making visibility quite good during most of the year.

The goal of UFO Recovery '82 is to make discovery of the UFO public knowledge. While title to the craft/ob-

ject will be given to the investors that finance the \$250,000 salvage operation, UFO Recovery '82 will maintain all rights to the remains of the occupants, if any, and their personal effects.

Daemion noted that this was an operation unparalleled in UFO history. A private group of investors

were attempting to put together a truly scientific expedition, utilizing the latest technology in undersea search and mining operations. Their metal detecting equipment could find a nail under 18 feet of mud. Other devices could detect non-metallic materials in a similar fashion. With careful planning they might be able to significantly reduce the overall cost of the operation.

Up to this point Daemion was relying upon the information supplied by

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project head Noel Martin. Then, during early December 1982 the project team made their first visit to the Nowra-Wollongong area to finalize the planning for the expedition. Unfortunately, all the claims made by Martin could not be substantiated during this field trip.

The 100-meter-long flight path that

to this day will not support plant growth appeared to be little else than a clearing in the scrub trees caused by the extreme sandiness of the soil. It was not in a straight line. Rather, it was an irregular clearing not more than 10 meters wide and 20 meters long.

A fisherman named Eric Massey, reported to be one of the principal observers, said he had no memory whatsoever of the event. As proof of his ability to recall earlier events he told of something passing overhead as he fished in the bay in 1949. Project director Martin could not have experienced the 1949 event, as he was not yet born at that time.

Martin's oldest sister Margaret was 17 years old at the time and was taking care of young Noel and his brother and sister. She did not recall any adults being present, although Noel claims his parents were there. Margaret does remember "a great ball of light" which came towards their house. Margaret claimed she took the children inside after a "light" hovered over the house and then moved away. She has no memory of a crash in the bay.

A former school teacher, Mr. Roberts, said he remembered Noel and his family, but had no memory of the UFO event. Roberts was the local correspondent for the only newspaper to serve the area. And he remembers no unusual events occurring during the period in question.

It would appear that some very important issues must be resolved if UFO Recovery '82 plans to continue with the expedition. Martin needs to provide substantiating documentation for his claims. First he should produce the testimony of the "other" witnesses and relate how that testimony supports his story. Second, he needs to explain the discrepancies in the stories of the witnesses noted above. Mr. Massey remembers the overflight of a UFO in 1949, but no crash. Martin's sister Margaret remembers a great ball of light hovering over the house, probably in 1957; but no crash in the bay. Martin remembers the object flying over, maneuvering, and crashing in the bay.

A low-cost underwater investigation could be mounted, calling upon a local scuba club to scout the area. Unusual discontinuities in the floor of the bay, protrusions, or unusual debris could narrow the hunt with a minimum of expense. Metal detection equipment and underwater cameras would be useful in documenting the findings, if any.

It would appear that one or two UFO related events occurred in the Nowra-Wollongong area 25 to 35 years ago. Martin's memory of the event may have been colored by childhood experiences. The other witnesses may have the same sort of problem with the version of the event they can recall. For the usual UFO story this situation would not matter. However, whenever such a project seeks public funding a high level of integrity is necessary. Investors have the right to expect all the "facts" to be made available to them.

Mr. Daemion has done a real service by providing all the facts, both positive and negative. He has clearly identified the issues to be resolved in order for UFO Recovery '82 to proceed in a responsible manner.

INDEPENDENT, Perth, W.A., Australia - April 3, 1983 CR: P. Norman

# UFOs have a thing about WA

MANY extra-terrestrial life-forms are flying around WA skies and walking freely among us...

So many are being seen that the question "do they exist?" is hardly relevant any more...

People now ask: "What do they want from us?"

These are the firm views of a research physicist, amateur ufologists and WA people who have had a UFO experience. They all told me: — UFOs are a reality, and they seem distinctly interested in Western Australia.

UFO sightings are being carefully checked, analysed and

By LORRAINE BROWN

recorded by the Perth UFO Research Group. Hundreds in the last few years have been received from all over the State and "confirmed" as vehicles from beyond our Earth.

"The evidence shows clearly — extra-terrestrials are here, and they do contact people," said research group co-ordinator Michael Borley.

Five sightings have been reported in the last week — four from the metropolitan area and one from Busselton.

Each report is carefully checked to eliminate explicable

causes and hoaxes. Up to 60 percent of reports are identified as meteors or aircraft.

But the rest — well over 300 in the past four years — represent spectacular grounds for suspecting there is "something out there."

For example: March 3, 1983, 7.30 pm: Two people driving towards Northam on the Great Eastern Highway see a round object with bright pulsating lights hovering about 1km from them.

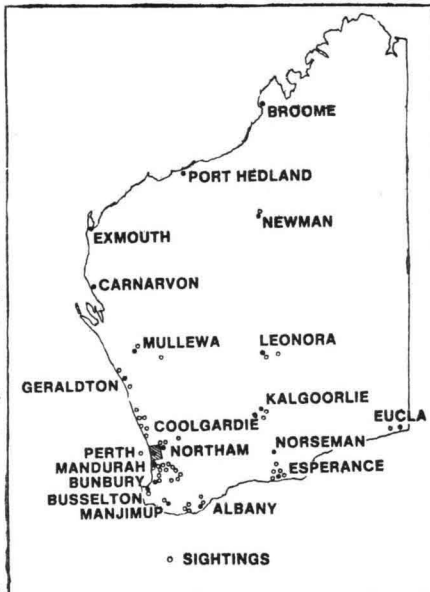
The car radio suddenly produces only static. They pull over and watch for three minutes before the object rapidly moves off.

Other cars also slowed to look at the object.

March 1, 1983, 2.30am: Mr R. of Yokine goes outside to close a banging shed door. He sees lights in the shape of a pyramid, flickering around a large object in the sky; he calls his wife and they both watch the phenomenon for about three minutes.

March 15, 1983, 3.40 am: Joy, of Bakers Hill, watches flashing blue and orange lights manoeuvre across the sky. Looking through binoculars the orange lights appear in the shape of a football.

March 18, 1983, Bakers Hill: Two young men report



seeing a white sheet of light.

A spectacular encounter occurred near Coolgardie on May 1979.

A man reported seeing lights close to his Norseman Road house, and the following morning he saw two submarine-shaped craft lying close to the railway embankment.

That evening and the next day he was visited by four men with whom he spoke for some time. The men "materialised" into the room, and demonstrated super-human abilities, he claims.

The Perth research group is collecting data on every aspect of the UFO phenomenon. Information is being stored in a computer.

Flying saucers hold no mystery for Perth-based research physicist

Stan Deyo, one of three WA people who say they know how the craft work, and can duplicate their activity.

They are developing the Lorentz O drive system — a method of phase-slipping electrical current around two right-angled coils to create a powerful tornado spiralling around two magnetic fields.

Last year they discovered new properties in the Lorentz O drive which is leading them to consider the possibility of parallel worlds co-existing in different "matter-wave frequencies."

This has led to speculation that UFOs are not all from outer space — they may be living right here, but hidden by magnetic fields, he said.

DAILY YOMIURI, Tokyo, Japan - May 2, 1983

## UFOs Seen Over Turkey

Ankara (AFP)—Unidentified flying objects, or UFOs, were observed Friday night in Kayseri, a central Anatolian province 300 kilometers east of Ankara, official sources reported Saturday.

Officials of the Kayseri Meteorological Center told the Turkish state news agency that citizens reported seeing interesting objects in the sky.

## UFO sighted

Whyalla may have been the subject of UFO observation last night.

Lacey street resident Mrs Mary Dempsey rang the "Whyalla News" this morning, asking if anyone had reported a UFO sighting yesterday.

Apparently she and her husband were driving along Cartledge avenue at about 6 pm when they noticed a small dark object moving from north to south across the twilight sky.

Mrs Dempsey said she alerted several people in the area, and together they watched the object — "pitch black, shaped like a pine tree with a basket or box underneath" — fly out of sight.

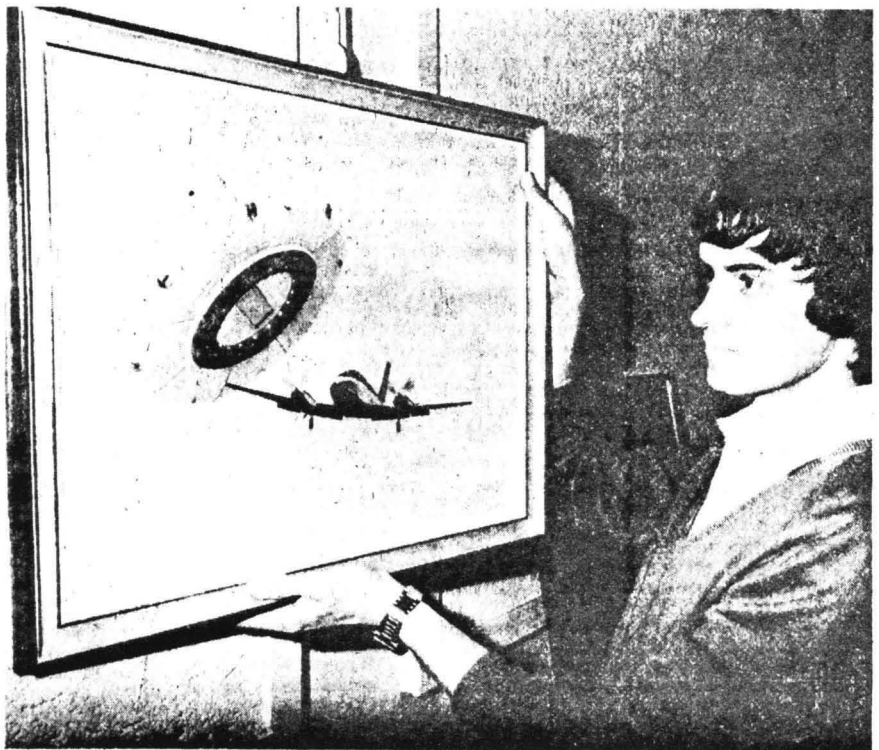
CR: J. Magee



## Weekend PEOPLE



The chairman of the Yorkshire UFO Society — Graham Birdsall, above — welcomed some of the country's top ufologists to an annual meeting at the weekend. JOHN WEBB identifies the enthusiasts, pictures by JACK TORDOFF



Above: Robert Cherry, of West Park, Leeds, with one of his paintings giving an impression of a UFO.

# A sighting of ufologists

HEAVENLY bodies were on the agenda, if not present, at a gathering of one particular set of seekers after truth on Saturday.

Saucers, flying or otherwise, failed to make much of an appearance in the hall, or in the canteen, where PEOPLE had its first close encounter with a ufologist.

In the interval between talks and slide shows on unexplained incidents throughout the world, there was a lecture to the media present to explain that after nearly 35 years of ufology, the wisecracks were wearing a bit thin.

"We are not cranks," said Graham Birdsall, local government officer and chairman of the Yorkshire UFO Society. Spain and France were treating the subject seriously and both had established full-time research establishments to investigate unexplained phenomena, commonly described as unidentified flying objects.

America almost certainly had a similar body and Britain, too. Except that with this nation's normal reserve, we have decided to keep quiet about it.

This was the first annual meeting of the Yorkshire UFO Society and, it was true, cranks did not appear to be very thick on the ground. The aim was to enrol members and increase the public's awareness of the society's work. To add spice, some of the country's top ufologists had made the trip from Oxford.

Slides of bright lights, mostly saucer-shaped, were shown to the impressed audience. "This is a fake," said Mr. Birdsall. "This next one is an actual UFO. We are an objective group of people and we try hard to sort fact from fiction."

The society holds regular group meetings where the ufology topics of the day are discussed and rival theories put forward: why had a Yorkshireman disappeared from his home in Pudsey only to be found dead with strange burns and a terrified expression in Todmorden — a place he had never visited?

What were the lights above Rylstone which an off-duty policeman photographed on a distant hill near his home. On a blown-up copy of the photograph the lights did indeed look distinctly saucer-shaped.

And what were the red and blue lights which followed a North Yorkshire woman on her way home one



Stephen Hart, left, who lectured the meeting on biblical UFOs, inspects a telescope belonging to John Walsh, right, chairman of Leeds Astro Club.

night? Many hours of hypnotic sessions with the woman had indicated beings from another planet.

It all added up to a fairly convincing list of unexplained activities. "There's something happening out there, but we don't know what it is," seemed to be the tone of the meeting, which was held at the society headquarters in Centenary House, Leeds.

Also on view were examples of sightings throughout the world, pictures and drawings and sketches by local artists.

"It is a bit niggling to be the butt of wisecracks all the time," said John Sears, chairman of the British branch of Contact International. "It is a serious organisation and there is plenty of documented evidence on our side. A man who 30 years ago might have said that men would walk on the moon would have been dismissed as a crank."

Sooner or later, no doubt, either the UFOs or ufologists will be brought back to earth. Who knows?

RAND DAILY MAIL, Johannesburg (?), South Africa

April 21, 1983 CR: C. Hind

## UFO stuns early risers

By Chris Marais

A MYSTERY flying object swooshed down over Johannesburg before dawn yesterday — leaving night-shifters and dogwalkers agog — and within 20 minutes a fast-moving fireball was sighted throughout the country.

Unbelievers in Unidentified Flying Objects all, the eyewitnesses were amazed at how low the object — probably a burning slab of space debris — careened over their homes and highways at about 4.30am.

Some of their accounts:

● Deryck Clifford of Randburg had let his dogs out and was waiting on the patio.

"I was looking down at the dogs when the ground began to glow pink. I glanced up and saw a stream of lights, an incredible display of space fireworks."

● Another man who lives in

Birnam saw it. He won't let us identify him.

"At exactly 4.37am I saw this fast-moving orange ball lighting up the sky. It trailed fiery fragments and cast a shadow large as the Carlton on my place."

"My dogs began to bark at this thing. I saw it for seven seconds then it went south."

● Johan Swanepoel, of Sino-ville, Pretoria, saw the object.

"I'm a shift worker, that's why I was up yesterday morning. The air lit up and I knew there was no moon. A strip of sky was on fire, leaving flaming balls in its wake. I heard no sound."

● Anthony Thomas from Boksburg was on his way to Pretoria, trying to switch on the radio at about 4.30am.

"This ball of flame seemed to rise up from behind warehouses near Jan Smuts Airport. It was lit at the front

and seemed to trail a long flare."

● Flat-dwellers in Hillbrow, who normally keep late hours, saw a brilliant light shining into their bedrooms.

Someone from Groblersdal in the Free State said the bright object moved just above the tree tops.

Another "bright, shining object" was seen passing over Maritzburg "at one helluva speed" between 4am and 5am yesterday.

All eyewitnesses agreed on the times and the direction — north to south.

Tom Geery of the Johannesburg Planetarium said it appeared from the accounts the object was a meteorite flying relatively low over the surface of the earth.

He added: "I have had reports of this sighting from as far afield as the Karoo and Cape Town."

WESTERN MAIL, Cardiff, Wales - April 29, 1983

## Why UFOs visit us

SIR, — I refer to your Westgate item "Now It's The Brawdy Chronicles" (Western Mail, April 8). In effect, and in spite of what the unbelievers, the detractors, the cynics, and the sceptics might feel, the phenomenon of the UFO exists because the threat of nuclear annihilation exists.

Indeed, the current scenario for Homo sapiens is only too real. Nuclear warheads, a place called Armageddon, a world-wide political climate of hatred, fear, suspicion, plus famine, natural calamities in the form of volcanic activity, earthquakes, floods, disease, and so on, must ultimately build up into a crescendo of world-wide devastation.

However, Mrs A M Lockett's contention that the bizarre happenings

which took place in 1977 in West Wales might in some way be connected with presumed nuclear activities at the United States base at Brawdy might find some credence in a report I received at that time from a local man who described what he thought were "rockets rising from the waters around Stack Rocks."

Conversely, the occultic nature of the phenomenon is shown by the lady who described in detail how she had seen "an airship which she could see through, moving slowly around the bay (St Brides)."

More eloquent, however, to my own way of thinking is the totally unsolicited report which my late co-author and I acquired from a lady and her husband in 1978 and which we have no real reason whatsoever to disbelieve. Their experience, a quite frightening one, culminated in what the lady (Mrs R) feels was a spiritually-induced telepathic state of conscious-

ness in which she recalls hearing the words "... atomic war, but before it gets out of hand Christ will return."

These are the testimonies, briefly, of people who have had no interest whatsoever in the UFO prodigy, and because of the mass of evidence now available for those who have eyes to see, I can only reiterate my profound conviction that the flying saucer exists because the threat of nuclear annihilation exists.

As the evangelist Billy Graham states in one of his books, "The revelation of what the Bible says about events past, present and future has become more prominent in the themes of books, sermons and conferences. The Second Coming of Christ is becoming a closer and closer reality for those of us who study the Bible and the world scene."

R JONES PUGH  
Roch, Haverfordwest.



## UFO reports gather dust

# Are we being watched?

By TERRY COLLINS

OTTAWA — UFOs? Visitations from other planets? Bunk.

That's Ottawa's response to hundreds of people who put their credibility on the line to report a variety of strange and unexplained phenomena to authorities.

According to officials at the National Research Council, there's no denying that sober, reasonable people make unusual sightings and have strange experiences while sky-watching. But flying saucers? Nonsense.

Reports that file into the Ottawa headquarters of the NRC simply collect dust — no action is taken — but are kept at hand nonetheless.

And they chronicle the experiences of people like Winnipeg bookkeeper Sherry Stewner.

At 12:20 a.m., April 21, she and a friend, Theresa Klym, 20, a waitress, had an experience that still haunts them both.

According to an Armed Forces report at NRC headquarters, Stewner and Klym were driving on a country road near a Winnipeg subdivision when they spotted a diamond-shaped, metallic-colored object high in the Manitoba sky.

The object sported two bright, white lights — like headlights, Stewner said — and a series of smaller red lights around the perimeter.

Both women watched it curiously for three minutes. Then it descended quickly, the bright, white lights silently hovering above and in front of their truck for two minutes.

Klym began crying in panic and ducked. Stewner braked and threw the truck into reverse because she feared the object would hit them.

It then "disappeared" toward the horizon.

Whatever it was, it was very real to both women.

"All you had to do was blink and it was right in front of us," Stewner said this week.

"It lit up the whole truck. My dad and I went out to look at the truck later to see if there were any burns or melted paint but there was nothing.

"If I was sitting on the front of the truck, I could have touched it," said Klym.

"I swear we weren't drinking and we weren't taking drugs. I don't know what it was. It wasn't a plane and it wasn't another car.

"I had nightmares about it for the first while. It scared me a lot," Klym said.

When Stewner telephoned police, the call was switched to the Canadian Forces Base at Winnipeg airport and a sergeant took her report according to a form included in government handbooks.

They told her there were no aircraft or weather balloons in the area and offered no explanation for what had happened.

But, as if to help Stewner's credibility, the sergeant noted

on his report to Ottawa: "Lady was coherent."

There was no investigation or action taken and the report will end up, along with 147 from last year, 200 in 1980 and all others since 1952, at Ottawa's Public Archives.

"I think that's too bad," Stewner said when told about the process.

"I never believed in UFOs before but now I do. Nobody believes me except my family."

Dr. Peter Millman, a researcher at the NRC, was chairman of a secret committee of 10 military and government experts who studied 25 unexplained sightings in 1952-53.

The committee, dubbed Project Second Storey, was formed by the Defence Research Board to see if UFOs posed a threat to Canadian security.

Millman later wrote: "I fail to find any pattern of physical events which suggests that our atmosphere has been visited by an alien and intelligent life culture.

"I have the distinct impression that if or when this event does occur, it will be much more self-evident than the cases now classified as UFOs."

However, one member of Second Storey, a department of transport engineer named W.B. Smith, came to an opposite conclusion and undertook Project Magnet in the 1960s.

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## Space age fears

### BOYS' UFO TALE TO GO ON TV

AN evening walk for three Bo'ness boys was interrupted by strange flashing lights in the sky.

And when Colin Rowley, Derek Grant and Norman Hogg looked more closely they were sure the dome-shaped object which gave a yellow-orange glow was a UFO.

After running excitedly back to Colin's house at 2 Howieson Avenue, and recalling the incident to Colin's parents, who listened in disbelief, they decided to write a letter to a TV programme on mysterious happenings.



Reflecting on their UFO sighting are Colin Rowley and Norman Hogg.

And now a film crew from the TV-AM programme Data Run are coming to Bo'ness to interview the boys about their experience and talk to pupils from a local school.

#### TERRIFIED

Colin (10), told the Journal and Gazette what happened: "We were going swimming at the Recreation Centre when Derek and I spotted

something in the sky just above the houses at Shafto Place.

"We thought it must have been an airplane but it didn't make any noise. It must have been about 20 m. long and was quite low in the sky. One light at the front of the object flashed and then one at the back went on. It gave a kind of orange-yellow glow.

"We were all terrified. I've never seen anything like it before. We ran back and I told my Dad but he didn't believe us."

Colin's Dad, Arthur, said: "They were making a terrible racket outside and when they came in and told us what had happened I thought it must have been a helicopter but I was later told by the producer of the programme that a few sightings had been reported over the Lothian area that night so I began to have second thoughts."

Derek (10) of 10 Shafto Place, said: "We saw the object on Tuesday, February 22, and the following Saturday watched Data Run to get the address of the programme so we could write a letter saying what we had seen. We were really surprised when the producer rang up and said they'd like to interview us. We're all really excited about it but I expect we'll be a bit nervous about going on television."

The boys agreed that they believed in UFOs. Said Colin: "I'm really interested in science fiction."

The boys are pupils of Kinneil Primary. Norman Hogg (8) lives at 18 Howieson Avenue.

The TV-AM crew are coming to Bo'ness in mid-April to interview the boys. The crew will also interview 15 children about their earliest memory, most embarrassing moment and curious dream.

PIX-PEOPLE, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia - April 11, 1983

## The Pinkney Report

INVESTIGATING THE INCREDIBLE

By JOHN PINKNEY

### When not seeing is believing

AT THREE O'CLOCK one summer morning in 1980, a persistent back pain prompted Mrs. Audrey Gaillard of Menzies Creek, Vic. to leave her bed and go outside for a breath of air. The moment she stepped into the moonlit garden she saw something extraordinary.

"We were... 450 metres above sea level," she told me. "When I looked down toward the Cardinia Dam, I saw an immense, apple-green haze sparkling in the clear night sky."

"The haze was elliptically shaped — and seemed to have an orb hanging in its centre. I simply stood there staring at it, more frightened than I've ever been in my life."

"I knew no commonplace explanation would fit the thing. My flesh tingled and I felt I'd had the worst shock of my life."

"Then, as I stood there, literally transfixed, the haze suddenly winked out, like a light being turned off. I don't know if you'd describe what I saw as a UFO. But I do know it was extremely strange."

• Some observers believe that

when a UFO "winks out" in this way, it is moving into another space-time dimension. There's also a theory (which I share) that when a witness's flesh tingles, some kind of psychic contact is occurring. Which reminds me of a personal experience I'm still puzzling over: last year, while walking with a friend through a Melbourne beachside suburb, I bemoaned the fact that I'd never seen a UFO — jokingly adding that it seemed unfair, considering all the publicity I gave them.

The next evening, my friend (who is sceptical about flying saucers) described a baffling incident.

She was sitting on the beach while her children swam. Suddenly she noticed a bright, golden object, hanging in the clear sky above the sea.

"The sun was flashing off it — and obviously it wasn't a plane, a cloud, or a helicopter," she said.

"As I stared, wondering what the hell it could be, it just snapped off, like an electric bulb."

"In the light of our conversation the previous day, it seemed an oddly coincidental thing to happen."

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## UFO puts on a show

An unusual aerial sighting greeted three people as they left a Tallygaroopna store last night.

Robert Weston, 10, of Tallygaroopna contacted The News this morning to tell of the strange lights his father Mr Ray Weston, a friend, nine-year-old Darren Johnson, and himself had seen about 6.05 pm.

"There was a big glowing thing in the sky and it was changing colors:

"Then little things came out of the side of it and started circling it and when it went green or red or blue or purple or whatever color, the smaller objects did too. Robert said.

No other sightings were reported to police stations in the district but people are encouraged to contact The News if they saw anything similar.

HARLOW STAR, Essex, England - April 14, 1983

## More strangers in the sky

IS HARLOW a landmark for alien spacecraft?

Following reports of unidentified flying objects over the town last month, another was seen in the evening sky over Hook Field last week.

Twelve-year-olds Sharon Poulter and Samantha Mott, who both live in Hook Field, spotted the strange craft as they returned home from the local chip shop.

"It was cigar shaped with a lot of bright lights, and you could see a silver outline," Samantha told the STAR.

The UFO hovered for a short time and then quickly disappeared from view, she added.



# Matat UFO was my lover's, claims woman

by Hal Williams

FORMER Natalian Mrs Elizabeth Klarer, who claims to have travelled extensively in flying saucers, says the UFO sighted in Matatiele on Easter Monday was that of her extra-terrestrial lover, Akon.

She says she saw Akon last Thursday on Flying Saucer Hill in the Drakensberg.

Mrs Klarer, who now lives in Johannesburg, was interviewed while she was in the City yesterday.

On the middle finger of her left hand, Mrs Klarer



BROMLEY TIMES, Kent, England - May 5, 1983

## Could it be return of the UFO?

THE STRANGE, hovering lights that Mr John Newcomb saw may mark the return of a UFO.

Mr Newcomb, of St Michael's Close, Bickley, was driving up Summer Hill, Chislehurst, and described what he and his passenger saw. "There were two bright orange lights one hovering above the other. They descended slowly above the trees — too slowly to be a meteorite and they were silent so it could not have been a plane."

They watched for several



















