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Ozark UFO Conference explores all things alien

By Kate Allen
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What's going on down there in Big Thicket, Texas, and the Louisiana bayou?

A lot of strange stuff, from UFOs to moving balls of light, to ghosts and wild men to something similar to the "Mothman" (yes, of *Mothman Prophecies* movie fame).

Rob Riggs, author of *In the Big Thicket - On the Trail of the Wild Man*, will be one of the new featured speakers at this year's 14th Annual Ozark UFO Conference at the Inn of the Ozarks in Eureka Springs April 12, 13 and 14.

The conference will be held at the new Best Western Inn of the Ozarks Conference Center on Highway 62 West, across from Eureka Springs High School.

Riggs, a journalist and former publisher of community newspapers in Texas, grew up in Sour Lake, Texas, in the heart of "Big Thicket" country.

His interest in strange phe-

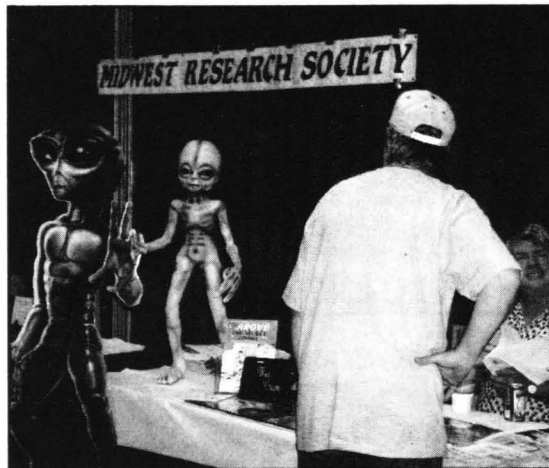
"I have seen things I can't identify. Lights and objects at a distance."

— Lucius Farish, Ozark UFO conference organizer

nomena associated with the Big Thicket area began as a child, and he has been researching and writing about the topic for more than 20 years. Riggs has been a guest on the popular Art Bell talk show. He has published other books on the subject, and will update conference-goers on current sightings.

Riggs says sightings of the "wild man" in various places are not rare.

"The Bigfoot/Sasquatch/Wild Man sightings consistently occur in the same places where mysterious or unusual light-forms, usually called ghost lights or spook lights, have been seen recurrently and with



regularity over long periods of time," Riggs says on his Web site, www.mysteriousdimensions.com.

"Such places are sometimes called window areas. The sightings of these paranormal phenomena are associated with strong fluxes in the earth's elec-

tromagnetic field and possibly with solar magnetic storms. The weird energy fields involved in the sightings have also been shown to have bizarre effects on the human mind.

"It is possible that they temporarily open up the mind's psychic dimension, thus

enhancing the perceptual range of observers, and allowing them to see things they would not normally see."

Riggs' Web site also has a guest book where people from many walks of life talk both about their experiences in the Big Thicket area and elsewhere.

Along with Riggs, eight other speakers will present material at the conference, said conference originator and organizer Lucius Farish.

Old standbys Linda Moulton Howe (who has appeared many times on Art Bell), Timothy Good, Antonio Huneeus, Wendelle Stevens, David Rudiak and Bob Pratt will be returning to give updates on their research areas.

Two other newcomers to the conference will be James Deardorff and Grant Cameron.

Deardorff, a former meteorological research scientist, became interested in the UFO phenomenon in the late 1970s and had five or six sightings in subsequent years.

He studied intensively the Eduard Albert "Billy" Meier UFO contact case, which led him to a study of the "Talmud of Immanuel."

Meier, a Swiss citizen, was traveling in Jerusalem in 1963 with a friend, an ex-Greek-Orthodox priest, Isa Rashid. While walking along a road, they discovered a hole in a slope of ground, and found in it several scrolls, along with some artifacts, encased in resin.

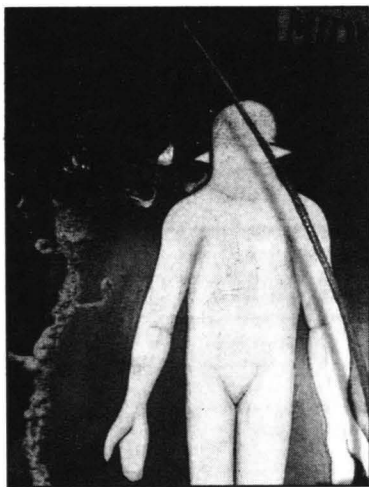
This was the "Immanuel Talmud," a text supposedly written by Judas Iscariot, Jesus' betrayer. "Immanuel" is the real name of Jesus, and tells a very different story, and perhaps a fuller story, than New Testament accounts.

It contains several heretical assertions, Deardorff says on his Web site, www.tjresearch.info/discovery.htm.

One is that Adam's father was named Semjasa and was a "celestial son," or "distant traveler," i.e., extraterrestrial.

Another is the implication that the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke are not independently written texts that prove the veracity of New Testament accounts of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, but that one account uses another to rehash the same story.

It is a story with many holes, Deardorff reports, such as Jesus' teachings on reincarnation, his time in India, his survival of the crucifixion, and his contact with extraterrestrials



ject of UFOs, he says he is not a "contactee" and has had no spectacular sightings.

"I have seen things I can't identify," he says. "Lights and objects at a distance."

Along with speakers, the conference features vendors with ET- and UFO-related merchandise from cards and books to art and T-shirts.

The conference schedule is set up so that people can attend all or part of it. Farish said that because many people want to attend only one day, he schedules most of the speakers on Saturday. The tentative schedule

is as follows:

Friday: Registration in the morning. The program begins at 1 p.m. There will be three speakers in the afternoon and one in the evening. **Saturday:** 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., with four speakers during the day and one at night. There will also be a speakers' panel.

Sunday: conference windup. Tickets are \$35 in advance through April 8 and \$40 at the door for all sessions. Reduced fees are available for partial attendance.

For more information on the conference, to reserve rooms or to reserve tickets, call Farish at (501) 354-2558; e-mail him at ozarkufo@webtv.net; visit the Web site at www.ozarkufo.iwarp.com; or write to Ozark UFO Conference, #2 Caney Valley Drive, Plumerville, AR 72127.

from the Pleiades.

Whatever your beliefs about the Bible, Deardorff will provide an interesting and controversial subject that will be sure to keep small-group discussions going far into the night.

Grant Cameron will present the research of a Canadian scientist, Wilbert Smith, who was affiliated with the Canadian government. Smith studied UFO sightings and propulsion systems, and claimed he had direct contact with aliens and their spacecraft.

The Ozark UFO conference was started in 1989, Farish said. It has always been held in Eureka Springs by popular demand. Anywhere from 350 to 450 people attend, from all over the United States, Canada and abroad.

Interestingly, although Farish has an avid interest in the sub-

UFO Conference Speaker Lineup

Timothy Good, author of several books on the UFO subject, including his latest, *Unearthly Disclosure*.

Linda Moulton Howe, author of *Mysterious Lights and Crop Circles*, award-winning documentary producer and radio science reporter, with an update on various kinds of unexplained phenomena.

Antonio Huneeus, New York-based science writer and columnist for *Fate Magazine*, updating UFO events from several parts of the world.

Wendelle Stevens, retired Air Force Lt. Colonel, presenting cases of claimed contact with extraterrestrial beings in various countries.

David Rudiak, long-time researcher of the UFO subject, discussing the famous and controversial Roswell, NM events of 1947.

Bob Pratt, author and investigative reporter, telling of his investigations of UFO cases in Brazil and other locations.

Rob Riggs, author of *In the Big Thicket*, detailing reports of UFOs and other strange phenomena in the Big Thicket region of East Texas.

James Deardorff, author of *Celestial Teachings: The Emergence of the True Testament of Immanuel (Jesus)*, will present information on scrolls found by UFO contactee Billy Meier that challenge the Biblical account of Jesus, his origins and the outcome of his life.

Grant Cameron, co-author of *UFOs, MJ-12 and the Government*, will speak on his research on Canadian scientist Wilbert Smith, who claimed to have studied alien propulsion systems.

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UFO Day Almost Breaks Even

UFO Day has now become an almost 15 year old tradition in Belleville. Almost dropped a few years ago the Belleville Chamber of Commerce has kept the event alive during the past six years as well as made it grow, keeping Belleville's unique claim to fame alive.

At the last chamber meeting it was reported that receipts for the event were \$1,630.30 and expenses \$1,857.74. There were donations from local businesses not included in the income- expense report, thus the deficit was somewhat over the slight loss reported. Considering that at least 3000 to 4000 people were attracted to Belleville the day surely was a success. The reported figures also don't include the monies raised by local groups some doing very well in their food sales etc.

Good or bad weather doesn't make that much difference in the events success. The event has turned into a unique community event that is fun for Belleville residents and those visiting for the day.

The growth of UFO Day during those past few years attests to this. Wouldn't it be fun to have a few more giant balloons and decorations to show case the community?

Journalist Goes From Skeptic To Believer

AFTER 2 DECADES CHASING UFOS, PRATT TO SPEAK IN EUREKA SPRINGS

By Becca Bacon Martin
THE MORNING NEWS • BMARTIN@NWAONLINE.NET

EUREKA SPRINGS — Bob Pratt says he was a skeptic until 1978. This weekend, he'll be a speaker at the Ozark UFO Conference in Eureka Springs.

A retired journalist, Pratt will discuss Carroll County's "delightful UFO," reported in 1977, along with what he calls "Brazil's dangerous UFOs." He'll also recount a few of his investigative adventures as a reporter for the National Enquirer, the job that made him believe that "somehow we're getting alien visitors — people that are alien to us, anyway."

During a phone interview from his home in Lakewood, Fla., Pratt chuckles when he recalls just how skeptical he was about phenomenon that would generally be described as "unexplained."

"I was so much of a skeptic that when I was managing editor of a daily paper in Charlottesville, Va., I would not allow any UFO stories or ghost stories — any of that nonsense — in my paper," he says.

That was in the 1960s. In 1973, Pratt went to work for the National Enquirer, first on the rewrite desk then, a couple of years later, as a reporter in the field. Among his first assignments was to check out the report of a UFO landing near Superior, Wis.

"I made a lot of phone calls, and it sounded like something promising, so my editor told me to go on up there and do the story," Pratt recounts.

During his weeklong stay, Pratt talked to "60 or 70 people who had seen UFOs or had an encounter."

"I went up there with the idea of finding out what this nonsense was all about," he says. "I was sure if I just asked the right questions, I would find the truth. I asked every one of those 60 or 70 people every question I could think of — but I still couldn't explain what any of them had seen. That was an amazing revelation to me!"

Pratt says he was "hooked."

"Almost overnight, I realized that it was a mystery of astounding proportions," he says of the phenomenon of UFO sightings.

Over the rest of his career, Pratt "spent about 75 percent of my time running down UFO reports from the United States to Canada, down into Mexico, South America and the Philippines, all expenses paid." To this day, he says, he has never seen a UFO — or, he clarifies, maybe only once.

The incident that might have been Pratt's only sighting took place in McDonald County, Mo.,

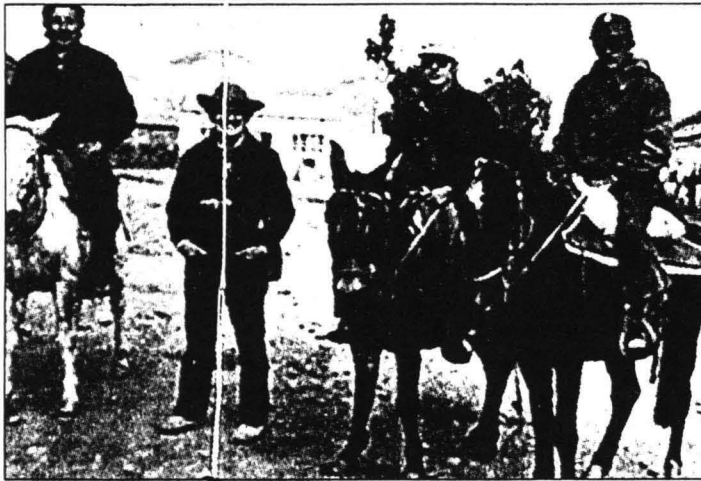


PHOTO COURTESY OF BOB PRATT

Journalist Bob Pratt, on foot, begins a hike deep into the Andes to look into reports that a UFO had crashed there. Pratt, who has spent the last two decades chasing UFOs, will speak this weekend at the Ozark UFO Conference in Eureka Springs.

not far from Pea Ridge, just after what he calls a "UFO flap" in 1977. "A lot of people had seen things," he says. "One of the people I talked to was Van Knobel, a husky, deep-voiced man who lived on a farm near Pineville. To him and others, the balls of orange light in the distance were so bright they lit up the dead limbs of trees and the leaves on the ground."

"I spent a week in McDonald County, staying at a Pineville motel. One evening Van offered to go looking for UFOs with me. We hopped in his pickup and a few minutes later parked on one of the higher ridges several miles away."

"We sat there for some time," Pratt recounts on his Web site. "As he was telling me about the 'fireballs' he and others had seen, a bright light less than a quarter of an inch in diameter in apparent size suddenly appeared in the sky ahead of us. It was slightly to our right and about forty-five degrees above the horizon. It was as if someone had turned on a light bulb up there."

"The light was absolutely stationary, perfectly round and very bright but not the least bit glaring. We were both startled and grabbed out binoculars."

"Just a second or two after I got my glasses focused on the light, it dimmed down to about a 20th of its original brightness but stayed

the same size, still a perfect circle, still sharply defined. Three or four seconds later, it simply blinked out. It was gone."

"We got out of the truck, and we couldn't hear anything or see anything. And that was it."

Asked what people are seeing when they report UFOs, Pratt says simply, "I don't know. I don't know what UFOs are. I believe they are visitors of some kind, but from where I have no idea. I'm 99-point-999 percent certain they're real — but I'd like to see one and clear up that tiny doubt."

This will be the fourth time Pratt has spoken at a UFO conference. Also on the program are:

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► Wendelle Stevens, retired Air Force lieutenant colonel.

► David Rudiak, longtime researcher of the UFO subject, who will discuss the controversial Roswell, N.M., incidents of 1947.

► Rob Riggs, author of "In the Big Thicket," detailing reports of UFOs in the Big Thicket region of eastern Texas.

Admission to the conference, which will be at the Inn of the Ozarks, is \$40 at the door for all three days. For information, call (501) 354-2558 or visit www.ozarkufo.iwarp.com on the Web.

MORNING NEWS, Springdale, AR - April 14, 2002

Object From Flying Saucer, Man Claims

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

REEDS SPRING, Mo. — Bob White's telephone hasn't stopped ringing since he placed a four-line ad in a southwest Missouri newspaper offering to sell what he is convinced is a piece of a flying saucer for \$10 million.

Most of the callers are just curious or simply poking fun at the listing under "Antiques & Collectibles" in the Springfield News-Leader.

White, 71, has the object on display at his Museum of the Unexplained in the tiny town of Reeds Spring. The story of how he came to own it is as curious as the silver object, which resembles an oversized pine cone with a rough, feathered exterior.

He and a female companion were driving on a remote road

near Grand Junction, Colo., at about 2 a.m. in the early 1980s when they spotted a light ahead.

"It was bright orange, like a full harvest moon," he said. "It got larger and brighter as we got closer."

White reached over and turned off the car lights and ignition, allowing the car to coast closer to the object, which had grown to the size of a large barn. Over the objections of his companion, White got out for closer look.

His companion became frightened and turned the headlights on. The object shot into the sky. As it did, "a piece of something" broke off from it and fell to the ground.

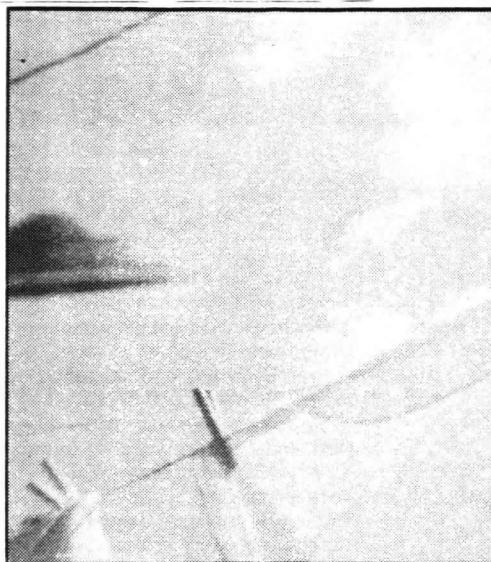
"Several friends have told what it isn't," White said. "No one has told me what it is."

White speculates, however it might have been part of the saucer's fuel system.

He has had the nearly 2-pound metal object analyzed by five different academic laboratories, which determined that it was 80 percent aluminum. Some of its other components could not be identified, White said.



UFO investigator, lecturer and writer George Fawcett, sits among his many awards in his Lincolnton home.



The now-famous, daylight photograph of a domed UFO over DeLand, Florida. A junior high school student, Billy Anderson, 13, photographed the UFO at 9am. Anderson had fallen down the back steps of his home in the excitement so he took the photo looking up with his knees on the ground, thus the clothesline, telephone wires and tree-tops in the photo. The UFO was copper colored and reflected the light of the overhead sun. Photo and information provided by George Fawcett.

UFO Expert Lives Among Us

The Truth Is Out There

By Kelly Campbell

June 24, 1947, Kenneth Arnold sighted what would be called the first UFO of modern times over the skies of Roswell, New Mexico. This June will mark 55 years of speculation by some, certain knowledge according to others and top-secrecy according to many about the sightings labeled "Unidentified Flying Objects."

March 22, 2002 was the 20% anniversary of our first visit from E.T. the extraterrestrial. There have been big celebrations and the much-expected Hollywood hyperbole, but the "real" E.T. came many years before according to George Fawcett of Lincolnton.

In both the "real" Roswell sighting and the Hollywood version, the truth is out there and Fawcett should know the truth. He is a UFO investigator, author and lecturer who has taught, researched and been printed around the world. Fawcett is an advisor to the International UFO Museum and Research Center in Roswell, New Mexico and has even been a consultant for Hollywood, but to George these E.T.s are not make believe.

Since George had his first encounter about 51 years ago as a college student, he has amassed a collection of UFO photographs, reports, technical data and official documentation that would have been enough to fill a museum. His collection did in fact help fill several museums.

The Smithsonian's National Air Museum accepted a Fawcett collection for permanent display in 1960. More recently the International UFO Museum and Research Center in Roswell accepted and will be displaying over 45,000 items collected by Fawcett and his friend E.R. Sabo of St. Petersburg Florida. Fawcett is on the board of directors and is one of four national advisors to the International Museum and Research Center in Roswell, New Mexico. He is also a field investigator for the Mutual UFO Network, Inc. also known as MUFON.

When Fawcett was a senior at Lynchburg College he had an encounter. A normal July 1951 morning for the psychology and physical education major turned out to be a life-changing day as he was crossing campus and saw the orange disk suspended in a clear sky over the campus' administration building.

According to a report in the Lynchburg News from September 28, 1951, a dashing young "collegiate-looking" George said, "The thing zig-zagged then settled down to a straight course and moved off toward the west."

The newspaper article tells of the ribbing the young man took from his classmates but points out the sincerity in his story. George was indeed sincere. He still believes in the event of that day and the many others he has investigated over the years.

North Carolina ranks fourth in the nation for UFO reports. Fawcett has personally investigated reports from 244 towns and cities in the state. The investigator has volumes of documentation. Many first hand accounts of sightings, noises, smells, livestock responses, and actual encounters with occupants have filled his files. Although the sightings seem to arrive in waves over the decades, Fawcett has been diligent about keeping long-range studies. He can quickly pull out charts displaying the types of sightings that are predominant in certain areas from year to year.

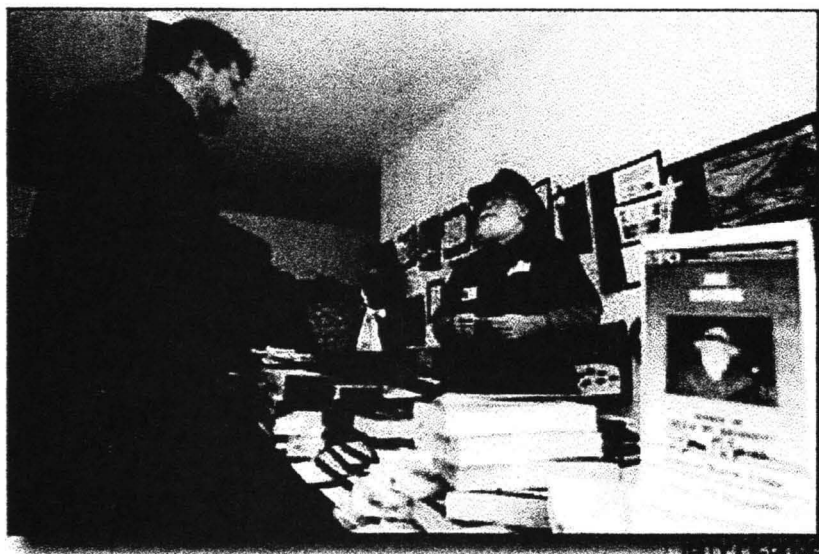
Beer drinking Bubbas are not the only ones to report UFOs. Through the federal government's "Freedom of Information Act," and a recent briefing at the Press Club in Washington, DC the investigator has scores of stories and reports from airline pilots, military personnel, police and other officials from institutions such as NASA and nuclear facilities that break the mold of the supermarket tabloid style witness. Talking about the credibility of such people, George says, "These are people that carry atomic bombs in their back pockets."

As with any good scientist, George is quick to try to explain a given phenomenon. Out of 3500 cases he has investigated he's been able to explain all but 22% of the sightings as weather balloons, aircraft, or natural phenomenon, but the others, are the ones that entice the investigator.

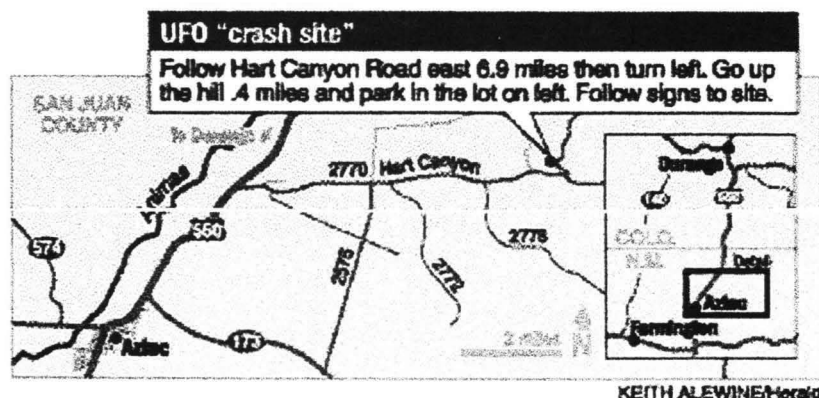
Fawcett's recent donation of his collection to the Roswell Museum and Research center has gained the investigator more celebrity. He has been talking to officials associated with the Art Bell show, a nationally broadcast radio show that deals with such unexplainable issues and Fawcett says that now, "People no longer call to ask if they're real. They call and say 'Tell us what's happening George.'"

Symposium bring all things UFO to the Four Corners

By Lewis McCool
Herald Technology Editor



Joel Salisbury, of Pecos, N.M., talks with Jim Marrs, author of many books, including *Rule by Secrecy*, on Saturday during the Aztec UFO Symposium in the old Aztec Theater. The symposium ends today.



AZTEC - The crowd at this weekend's UFO symposium was typical for a Four Corners gathering - nothing too unusual or weird, no "little green men." But perhaps there was a bit more paranoia than normal.

Master of ceremonies Dennis Balthaser, a UFO researcher and former investigator for the International UFO Museum in Roswell, N.M., hinted that there might be federal agents lurking in the audience, which numbered more than 100 Saturday.

His presentation Friday, entitled "The Interception," recounted an incident in 1997 when the Roswell Museum received a phone call from a man in Stillwater, Okla., claiming to be the son of a former military policeman who was on hand in 1947 to witness the Roswell Incident, a famous, alleged UFO Crash. The man said his father has seen one live and three dead aliens and had a piece of strange metal from the crash site. The man agreed to meet with Balthaser.

But when Balthaser arrived at the appointed site, a Denny's restaurant in Stillwater, he was met by a man and a woman who told him, "We are not who you were expecting." They said they were from the Air Force Office of Special Investigations. The agents told him his home and museum phones had been tapped. He felt intimidated, if not directly threatened.

"I was scared," he said.

Although he said he's no longer scared, he remains "concerned" about his safety.

"I think it's safe to assume I was onto something important about the Roswell Incident," Balthaser said. "I don't believe I was set up. I believe it was real."

Though the trail has gone cold, he is still investigating the case and numerous other events related to the Roswell Incident, the secret base known as "Area 51" and reports of secret underground bases.

Presenter Jim Marrs, a former military and aerospace reporter for the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, takes UFO reports seriously.

"If you look at the whole thing, it becomes clear that there is something going on that is being ignored by the mass media and, hence, the general public," he said in an interview Friday. "We ignore it at our peril. What you don't know can hurt you."

Marrs is familiar with mysteries and conspiracy theories. His 1989 book, *Crossfire: The Plot That Killed Kennedy*, was the basis of the movie "JFK."

Part of the problem facing serious ufologists, said Karl Pflock, is that "the field ... attracts all kinds of loony tunes, true believers, nonbelievers and saucer fiends" in addition to serious researchers.

Pflock, a former assistant secretary of defense and CIA employee, is now an author and UFO researcher. He takes issue with some renowned ufologists, including presenter Stanton Friedman, over the Roswell Incident. Pflock says the evidence points to a classified military experiment, not a crashed UFO.

Friedman, a nuclear physicist and the original civilian investigator of Roswell, has written and spoken extensively on the incident and is convinced it involved an alien craft and bodies. The extraterrestrial visits and subsequent cover-ups - "cosmic Watergates" - are, Friedman maintains, "the biggest story of the millennium." There's less evidence available to convince Friedman that the Aztec Incident wasn't a hoax.

"I don't have enough data to say 'yea' or 'nay'," he said, "I'm beginning to believe something happened out there. It's in my gray basket."

Asked about reports of a massive underground alien base near Dulce, N.M., a small community east of Aztec and south of Pagosa Springs, Friedman and Pflock agreed: not a chance.

Stan Gordon, a UFO investigator since 1965, recounted an event that year near Kecksburg, Pa., that piqued his interest. It involved a large, acorn-shaped object that landed in a remote wooded area and, according to reports, was quickly secured by military troops and hauled to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

Gordon told of numerous interviews with witnesses. "I definitely believe there was a cover-up," he said. "What it may have been, we don't know. I keep an open mind."

He was also intrigued by a rash of reports in 1973 that linked sightings of Bigfoot and UFOs. "We have hundreds of unexplained cases that stand out," he said.

John Schuessler, director of MUFON, the Mutual UFO Network, discussed UFO technology. If it exists, he said, "technology from other worlds is worth chasing."

Schuessler is a former Boeing engineer who worked with NASA's manned space programs beginning with Project Gemini in the early '60s. Retired from Boeing, Schuessler is a consultant promoting space tourism and commercialization.

MUFON, Schuessler said, has 28 cabinets full of information related to UFO sightings.

"We still don't have an answer, but we have a lot of data," he said. "We like to dwell on high credibility and high strangeness."

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Theories abound at UFO meeting

By Lewis McCool
Herald Technology Editor

AZTEC - The final day of the Aztec UFO 2002 Symposium got down to the nitty-gritty Sunday beginning with Linda Moulton Howe's discussion of the Aztec saucer crash and the "Farmington Armada" sightings.

Despite published reports that an alien craft crashed in Hart Canyon in March 1948, Howe says evidence suggests the crash occurred a year later. She played segments of a taped interview with Glen Pace, who lived with his family in the area in 1949 and remembers discussions about the crash and a newspaper headline and story recounting it. Howe has searched archives for the newspaper but has come up empty. She fears government agents "sanitized" as many credible accounts as possible.

The *Farmington Daily-Times* - in those days the weekly *Farmington Hustler* - has no issue with the headline or story. Perhaps it was from another paper in the region.

"If that headline exists, it's something of a 'smoking gun,'" Howe said, and asked for help in searching for it.

The Farmington Armada event was more clearly documented. A banner headline in the March 18, 1950, *Daily-Times* announced, "Huge 'Saucer' Armada Jolts Farmington."

The accompanying article quotes several witnesses who said they saw numerous objects in the sky appearing to "play tag" at unbelievable speeds, changing directions instantaneously.

Johnny Eaton, a real estate and insurance salesman, was 29 at the time. He was one of the witnesses quoted in the 1950 article.

Now a resident of Blanding, Utah, he recounted the event in person Sunday.

"I've never seen anything like it in my life," he said. "There were five red objects. They would hover then immediately change directions ... but stay in a group. That was the amazing thing." A few minutes later, a much larger, "cigar-shaped machine" moved rapidly across the sky. The red objects flew toward it, then disappeared. "It looked like they went right into the front part."

Eaton said that a few days later military people came to town to interview witnesses. They told him it was probably a weather balloon.

"I'm not stupid," he said. "I know dang well they weren't balloons."

"They told me to forget it. Forget it? You can't forget something that happens once in a lifetime."

Howe told the Aztec crowd that the Aztec and Farmington events were "history that is so relevant to where we are sitting. ... We are not alone. Our government has known that for so long."



Johnny Eaton, 81, and his wife, Erva, take a break between presentations at the Aztec UFO 2002 Symposium Sunday at the Old Aztec Theater. Mr. Eaton was one of numerous witnesses of a UFO "armada" that appeared over Farmington in March 1950.

The concealment is no surprise to Jim Marrs.

With an East Texas drawl, Marrs charmed - and cautioned - the audience of more than 100. "There's something going on in the skies above us. We're here trying to find out what it is," he said to open his presentation that would delve into cover-up conspiracies involving far more than UFOs.

Marrs is the author of *Crossfire: The Plot That Killed Kennedy*. His book, *Alien Agenda*, published in 1997, is a compilation of his UFO investigations.

Two months before his assassination, President Kennedy pressured the CIA to turn over its UFO files to the White House. That may have played a role in his death, Marrs said.

He outlined conspiracies ranging from the assassination and Marilyn Monroe's death to the war on terrorism, and from fluoridation to high-altitude chemical dosing of the population ("chemtrails").

Marrs warned that the conspiracies, national and international, could have dire consequences for freedoms Americans have taken for granted since independence.

"Folks, we are being scammed," he said. "We are the 'mushroom people' - kept in the dark and covered with crap."

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FOREIGN NEWS

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NEW ASTOUNDING CASES FROM CANADA REVEALED WHICH DEFY ALL REASONING

REAL ALIEN ABDUCTIONS!

THE above title has probably got your eyeballs delving into this text hoping to hit something really HOT!

Well you're right! A new video documentary I have just received from Canada has revealed some astounding cases that defy all reasoning:

The date: March 10th, 1999 The Place: New Jersey - just off the Brooklyn Bridge. 28-storey building. An apartment on the 27th floor.

Mrs. Steben is sound asleep beside her snoring husband. It's 3:30am.

Down below, the city that never sleeps is alive with traffic and pedestrians. Few people notice the incredibly bright light hovering near the Steben apartment bedroom window.

In a place where bright lights, flashing signs and police helicopter searchlights that regularly illuminate parts of the city form part and parcel of the landscape, this glowing orb "floats" near the building with no one paying any particular attention.

Mrs. Steben hazily opens her eyes at the presence of an unusual "buzzing" sound. To her shock and amazement, she sees three "beings" literally OOOZE through the walls and door into her bedroom! She bolts upright, screaming at the top of her lungs. She pounds on her dormant husbands back to wake him up. He doesn't move, doesn't react.

Mrs Steben returns to lie flat on her pillow, "pushed" by some invisible force. An ugly being with pale white skin, huge black eyes, and an expressionless mouth leans over the bed and places his eyes only centimetres from the eyes of the woman. The screaming and shrieks stop.

With husband totally immobilised beside her, she feels her whole body become almost weightless. she rises above the bed, pulling all of the covers on to the floor. Slowly and gently she FLOATS OUT THE WINDOW!

Down below, 2 "G-Men" return home in two new Lincoln Town cars after escorting an important foreign political figure to his hotel from a UN

meeting.

Without warning. BOTH cars stop - both engines cease to function.

Fortunately, they were able to coast the cars safely to the side of the road. As they were both opening the hoods to see what was the problem, Darren looked up to see a bright light in front of this building. He pointed it out to his colleague Barry who looked up, and to their amazement, they saw "A WOMAN FIGURE FLOATING OUT OF A WINDOW TOWARDS THIS LIGHT." G-Men are US government security agents well trained to cope with unexpected circumstances, but NOTHING prepared them for this. Like any normal person, they were shocked and could not believe their eyes. They were numb. They did not know what to do, who to call? What could the police or the military DO in this case...then their cars...what to do?

It seemed like an eternity that they were mesmerised by this highly unorthodox scene.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Steben described the experience as "absolutely incredible" her body was "frozen in time", she could not move her limbs, yet from head to toe she felt an exhilarating "tingling" feeling all over. It was very similar to the feeling you get when you stick two fingers into a 220v socket! She was torn between the ecstasies of the moment--feeling of weightlessness--feeling of being able to FLY...yet thoughts of TERROR seeped in as she realised what was happening. She was OUTSIDE OF HER WINDOW, half naked, floating 27 storeys above the street!

Soon afterwards she became aware of an ice-cold feeling on her back.

Looking around she discovered that she was now in a horizontal position, lying on a silver slab of polished steel. The fright almost stopped her heart. Ugly big bug-eyed beings hovered over her with an array of metallic shiny "instruments", one "alien" held a brilliant steel ball at the

weekly the stars at night

by Roberto Gourlay

end and was passing it carefully over her forehead again and again for minutes on end.

Blackness. Her memory could not complete the story. She had no idea of the rest of the sequence of events that brought her back to her bedroom, lying there on her back beside her sleeping husband.

Quickly she got up and darted to the bathroom. Dropping her flimsy dressing gown, she saw bright red marks in various places over her body, arms and legs. She felt no pain. The marks were very similar to the effect produced when you rub vigorously an area of your skin. Do it hard and long enough and you will see a red patch form, but one that will soon disappear.

By the time the police arrived, the G-Men had nothing to show the officers. The light had vanished, their cars started flawlessly. Deeply embarrassed, they dropped the conversation, made their apologies and drove off.

Many months later

when an investigator had interviewed Mrs. Steben, the G-Men recognised that they were actually WITNESSES to this very remarkable, unbelievable event.

They came forward under the promise of total anonymity, and the names used here are in keeping with their demands - fictitious!

It took several sessions of hypnosis and psychiatric therapy to extract the events of the above story from Mrs. Steben.

This is the FIRST case in ALIEN ABDUCTION HISTORY that not one but TWO witnesses support the declaration of a "victim"!

Can it be true? ARE "Aliens" carrying out "experiments" on "us"? One woman who lives close to Washington DC states, and I quote: "I was and AM a good "mother" for "them".

IF this episode were TRUE, WHY would "they" want us to help them, supposedly "procreate", when surely a race with such technology

would have dominated genetic engineering literally centuries ago! No need for "human guinea pigs..." they could literally "grow their own"!

Apart from this testimony from both the G-Men and Mrs. Steben, no other evidence to back up the statements exists. Mrs. Steben has no physical marks on her body anywhere that could be researched to reveal something that might back up her tale. No one else but the G-Men saw what happened. Their cars' engines bear no faults or defects that might corroborate their story of how both new cars stopped functioning at the SAME time.

Once again we are confronted with an extraordinary declaration WITHOUT any extraordinary proof.

Today there are over 6,000 people in the USA and several hundred in the UK, along with an unknown number of cases in other countries who SWEAR they have been victims of abductions, rape, "medical examinations" and other "mischiefs" from supposed "Aliens" who transported them against their will to "laboratories on board

their ships!"

You may laugh at those people and dismiss the whole mess as a fantastic load of malarkey, vivid dreams, desires to become "famous", sexual frustrations covered up by fantastic stories, or pure and simple mental illness.

Well, from the documentation I have, a lot of those people are not only university graduates and in many cases very upstanding figures in their communities, but some have even SWORN UNDER OATH in court that what happened was and is true. Many have lost their jobs, economic stability, suffered divorce and separations, and even more painful, the loss of all or most of their past friendships. The social cost is obvious - broken families, children without a stable home and upbringing, economic loss in man/woman hours of lost labour, companies once owned by these people now bankrupt...in fact, for every sincere case, there is a trail of people and professions that have also been adversely affected. HOW can we SOLVE this problem, which, today, is still spreading?

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MATLOCK MERCURY, Derbyshire, England - Jan. 10, 2002

More proof of Matlock as a UFO hotspot.....

Expert's focus on the Dales area

A LEADING figure in a national UFO organisation with 7,000 members is "intrigued" about unexplained activity in the Dales' skies.

Kevin Smith, from Bufora (British UFO Research Association) wants to hear about sightings in the Peak and Dales.

Mr Smith (23) will become Bufora's Bedfordshire sky watch coordinator.

He said: "I have been intrigued by the multiple sightings of UFOs in the Matlock area, indeed a UFO flap which has been going on for some time now.

By **Matt Barlow**

"At the moment your area is one of the main points of investigation.

"People do not know who to tell about their sightings, some people go and tell the police and do not know we exist."

Last month Mr Smith visited the Dales with binoculars and a camera for a sky watch to see if he could spot any UFO activity.

Unfortunately there was no visible alien life but he plans to return in a few months.

Just days after Mr Smith approached the Mercury, Farley Hill

guest house owner John Andrew saw a bizarre mass of white lights.

While working on one of his bedrooms, at about 10.40pm, he looked out the window overlooking the valley towards Winster and saw a UFO.

Mr Andrew said: "It was not the usual saucer shape, but it started moving up the hillside.

"From the size of the light I can not imagine it being a vehicle shedding that amount of light.

"I study the hillside because it is such a lovely view, so I knew it was out of the ordinary."

To get in touch with Mr Smith from Bufora write to 44 Gemini Close, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire.

DOVER & DEAL EXTRA, Kent, England - Jan. 18, 2002

Report of UFO over castle

AN UNIDENTIFIED flying object has been reported over Dover.

A man contacted the Folkestone-based UFO Monitors East Kent organisation about an object he saw over Dover Castle on December 20.

The man, who has not been named, was in Albert Road when he saw what he described as three very bright white lights in a triangular formation attached to a dark triangular-shaped object near Dover

Castle. It was travelling in a northerly direction.

After a few seconds, the object banked to the west and headed towards where the man was standing, and then seemed to nose dive from its original height of between 2,000 and 3,000 feet.

The man said he thought it was going to crash. He lost sight of it as it went behind some houses. It made no noise and appeared to be black.

Investigating UFOs in Yukon skies

Ed. note: this new column, prepared by Whitehorse residents, will be published monthly in the *Star*.

By JULIUS DEBUSCHEWITZ

Whitehorse hosted the first Yukon UFO conference on Oct. 14, 2000.

Arranged by Martin Jasek and sponsored by the Yukon government Millennium Program, it was attended by 304 Yukoners, there to listen to experts and Yukon eyewitnesses.

Several attendees wished to exchange ideas and discuss their experiences. Some wanted to get involved in UFO investigations.

Last December, Martin Jasek organized a meeting at the Whitehorse Public Library, and a local group was formed to investigate Yukon UFO sightings.

On Jan. 12, 2001, the UFO Yukon Research Society became a registered non-profit organization. Its purpose is to gather and research Yukon UFO sightings, investigate and analyze them as fully as possible and provide information to the public.

It also needs your help. If you are interested and have either a scientific background, investigative skills, interviewing expertise, or a combination thereof, please contact the society.

Also needed are members with computer and administrative skills. Above all, you must be able to interact well with others and deal with witnesses in a sensitive and compassionate manner.

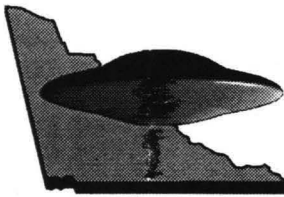
Sighting reports are encouraged, and two dedicated telephone lines were established. Outside of Whitehorse, the toll-free number is 1-866-SEE-UFOS (1-866-733-8367); the local Whitehorse number is 456-2468. These numbers will be listed in the new telephone book.

Names of individuals reporting sightings will be kept confidential, unless release has been permitted.

Should the RCMP receive a report, the society's phone number will be provided to the caller. Once a report has been investigated, it is documented and also posted at <http://www.ufobc.ca/yukon>.

Are all UFOs alien craft? No. Upon

closer investigation, some are revealed as identifiable flying objects or natural phenomena; others are unidentifiable due to a lack of sufficient data.



Nonetheless, some UFOs are certainly not the product of human engineering. It behooves us to find out what they are and why they are appearing.

Some scientists ignore facts and are busy debunking UFO sightings, while others believe the phenomenon worth investigating but are afraid to express their interest publicly.

As lecturer and nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman pointed out at the UFO Conference, "It's time to stop being an apologist ufologist."

Whatever their explanation may be, the Yukon has an abundance of strange accounts. The UFO Yukon Research Society looks forward to sharing these with the readers of the *Whitehorse Star* in the coming months. The following report should serve as an appetizer.

Woman observes frisbee-sized UFO near Whitehorse

This sighting occurred in the Mary Lake subdivision during the first week of June, 1997, at about 11:20 p.m.

The sun had set, but it was still light enough outside to read.

A woman let her dog out onto the deck of her house. A moment later, the dog scratched frantically at the door, trying to get back inside.

She opened the door and noticed that the dog "was really spooked"; its hair standing on end.

Closing the door behind the dog, her attention was caught by an object flying from right to left at the speed of a thrown frisbee, just beyond the deck railing. Suspecting a reflection in the glass door, she repeatedly opened and closed the door but could not detect one.

Stepping outdoors to look around, she observed an object the diameter of a frisbee hovering above her septic field 50 metres away. It was about 10 cm thick and roughly one to two meters off the ground, very pale green in colour and glowing brightly.

She watched it hover back and forth over the septic field for about 20

minutes, then went inside to wake her husband. Unable to rouse him, she went back outside.

It was unusually cool, and heavy dew covered the deck. Yet, although she was just wearing a housecoat, the woman felt very warm while observing the object.

It seemed to radiate a compassionate, comforting feeling. She watched for another 20 minutes before going back inside.

A skeptic regarding extraterrestrial explanations for UFOs, she felt the object was of earthly origin. She called everyone she could think of for a rational explanation, including the Yukon Electrical Co. Ltd., Department of Renewable Resources, and Environment Canada. Ruled out were electrical discharge from power lines, bioluminescence, and swamp gas.

Unsatisfied, she contacted various North American native shaman. One told her she was fortunate. What she had seen are called "grandfather and grandmother lights" and are actually the souls of their departed ancestors, commonly observed around places of healing.

During investigation, the shaman in question was contacted. He explained that the frisbee shape was unique, since "grandfather and grandmother lights" are usually spherical, the size of a basketball, and often red in colour.

Sights were reported from all over Canada, not just the Yukon, but the green colour is uncommon.

(Investigated by Martin Jasek.)

CANNOCK CHASE POST, Wolverhampton, England - Feb. 28, 2002

Unidentified aircraft spotted in Cannock

Reports of a strange triangular-shaped object flying over Cannock have sparked further interest about UFO activity in the area.

The airborne craft had two very bright lights at the front and tapered to a single red rear light.

A Cannock woman, who did not wish to be named, spotted the strange image flying low over the A5 between

Brownhills and Churchbridge.

"I was driving along and suddenly these two bright lights appeared in the sky. I could see a small red light behind them.

"At first I thought it was a light aircraft flying too low, but the huge lamps on the front did not belong to any plane."

A Rugeley man sighted a similar object the following night in Wolseley Road.

"I saw something like this a

few years ago over Wolseley Road," said the man. "On that occasion the street lights went out and the speed cameras were put out of action.

"On the Saturday neither the lights or the cameras were working.

Graham Allen of the Chase UFO Group, said: "Around 80 per cent of the sightings reported in the area over the last six years have had similar triangular shapes."

If you spotted the UFO, call The Post on 01543 501700.

Investigating UFOs in Yukon skies

By JULIUS DEBUSCHEWITZ

This month: Close encounter with giant UFO near Tagish Lake.

The last name of the witness reporting the following sighting was withheld upon request.



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At the time of the sighting, Cindy resided in Juneau, Alaska. She worked as the legislative liaison for the governor of Alaska and spent a lot of time in Whitehorse, where she had friends. Cindy is well-educated and does not suffer from a wild imagination.

One day in November 1996, Cindy travelled from Juneau to Atlin. Although she normally flew from Juneau to Whitehorse, this time, she had planned to drive because she planned to stay a few weeks in Atlin.

She left the ferry in Skagway at around 6:30 p.m. After she drove a few miles, she was delayed by an angry bull moose on the highway.

When she resumed driving, there was not another car to be seen on the road.

Cindy had never driven to Atlin by herself before and was worried about getting lost. Moreover, after she left the Carcross Road and turned onto the Tagish Road, the highway became very slippery.

Her maximum speed was reduced to about 25 km/h, and it was totally dark. After driving for several hours, she came around a bend near the Six-Mile-River, and right in front of her

in the sky was a massive UFO. Stunned by the sight, she stopped the car.

The next thing she remembered was getting into the car again, although she had no recollection of ever leaving it.

She also remembered being told to follow a little light that was hovering about 30 metres in front of the car and about 10 metres off the ground. She did as she had been told, and the light guided her like a beacon all the way to Atlin.

She arrived in Atlin at 3 a.m. The trip had taken her nearly nine hours, much longer than she had anticipated.

She was thankful to find the building she was staying at unlocked. All the lights were on, and even her bed had been turned down. Totally exhausted, she went to sleep.

The next day, she thanked the caretaker of the building for unlocking the building, switching the lights on and turning down her bed. He told her he had not done that.

Puzzled, she mentioned this to Don Branigan, who owned the building. Dr. Branigan was just as puzzled, because he had forgotten to tell the caretaker that Cindy was coming and that he wanted him to give her the key upon her arrival or leave it outside for her.

Thus, when Branigan and the caretaker left the building the previous day, it was locked and the lights were turned off. To this day, nobody seems to know who unlocked the building and ensured that the lights were on and the bed was turned down.

It was later that Cindy read the widely-publicized report of a Japan Airlines pilot who had encountered a huge UFO north of Anchorage, Alaska on Nov. 16, 1986, a few days after Cindy's sighting. The pilot estimated that the UFO was the size of a

battleship.

This was not the first UFO Cindy had ever seen. About one year prior to the Tagish Lake incident, she had observed one near Juneau, Alaska.

At that time, she was living in a waterfront home in Juneau. Looking out the window across the channel towards Douglas Island one night, she noticed what looked like ski run lights on one of the mountain peaks.

Since she knew she could not see the ski resort from her window (it was behind the mountain), she thought that she was seeing car headlights - until she realized that there was no road in that area.

The lights were arranged down the mountain in a vaguely circular pattern, similar to Christmas lights strung in a tree. Cindy witnessed these lights only this one time. But a more intriguing sight was yet to come.

For several nights in a row, she noticed a light perched on top of Mount Jumbo on Douglas Island. It would appear around 6 p.m. and disappear between 9 and 10 p.m. after shrinking to pinpoint size.

At first, Cindy thought it was a star. Then she realized that the light appeared below the clouds.

Moreover, it began to appear at random, being there some nights and not on other nights. The light seemed to wobble in its location but did not move with the constellations.

Indeed, the only time it moved was when Cindy drove her car; then it seemed to follow the vehicle around.

Cindy's daughter and her daughter's best friend also witnessed these sightings.

(Investigated by Martin Jasek.)

To report a sighting or for more information, call 456-2468. Outside Whitehorse call toll-free 1-866-733-8367.

A helping of chips with your UFOs

by JIM JACK

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profile of the whole UFO subject."

The 43-year-old, from Menston, is convinced that Ilkley Moor and the US 'listening station' at Menwith Hill are genuine hotbeds of inexplicable phenomena.

Other 'UFOlogists' seem to agree - and around 15 years ago Mr Mortimer started giving guided tours due to popular demand.

In 1987 the most compelling evidence to date of something unworldly appearing in the area arose when a policeman claimed to have come face to face with a 'little green man' on the moor.

The photograph he took of the 'Ilkley Entity', as it is now referred to in hushed tones by those who believe the story, has become famous in the UFO global community.

Mr Mortimer is in no doubt the image is genuine - but admits that introducing fish suppers should add some fun to what can seem an over-earnest hobby.

"Even though we take it seriously you have to have a sense of humour," he said, "and we don't mind when the odd prank's played on us."

"Having chips while checking the skies is just another way of adding to the fun."

For more details of UFO events visit www.nigel3.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk.

UFO enthusiasts who like salt and vinegar with their extra-terrestrials will be able to combine both pleasures on Ilkley Moor this summer.

UFO Mysteries of Ilkley Moor 2002 tour organiser Nigel Mortimer has set up three 'spotting' evenings where fish and chips, as well as flying saucers, will be on the menu.

Skywatch 2002 is offering the unlikely combination, with participants tucking into their meals while armed with telescopes high up on the moor, on June 1, July 13, and August 10.

Mr Mortimer, who has been fascinated by UFOs ever since he spotted an orange ball of light moving over the moor in 1980, explained the thinking behind the idea.

He said: "Last year we did a deal with Harry Ramsden's to lay on fish and chips for a couple of coach-loads of American tourists who were in Ilkley as part of a tour of mysterious sites."

"It went very well so I thought let's try and expand it for this summer's Skywatch evenings, which will basically consist of groups going up the moor to watch the skies over the Wharfe Valley for anything unusual."

"I'll be nipping down to a local chippie during the events, which will run until midnight, and bring up a big order of fish suppers for everyone. It's just trying to use a different kind of angle to help Ilkley get promoted and raise the

Probing strange lights near Pelly Crossing

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By JULIUS DEBUSCHEWITZ

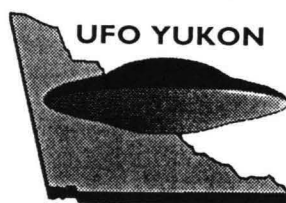
On Aug. 22, 2000, at about 11:40 p.m., two men in a pickup truck (witnesses 1 and 2) approached the

Klondike Highway on Acorn Road, approximately 4.5 kilometres north-east of the village of Pelly Crossing. It was overcast and very dark.

About to enter the highway, the men noticed a long row of white lights directly ahead. The lights appeared to

be at ground level behind the poplar forest on the west side of the highway, nowhere close to the nearby airstrip.

Familiar with the area, the men realized that behind these trees is the Willow Creek Valley, devoid of any houses, roads or developments. Evenly



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branches. Witness 2 walked to the edge of the highway and towards the lights to see if he could spot his buddy but noticed in amazement that he could feel an electrical charge in his feet.

After he returned to the truck, he and witness 1, worried about their friend, called out to him, urging him to come back to the truck.

Unable to penetrate deeper into the bush and hearing the calls of his friends, witness 2 went back to the truck a short time later. By now, it was about 12:30 a.m. on Aug. 23.

Estimating that they had been near the lights for about 15 minutes, the men returned to Pelly. There, they picked up the wife of witness 3 and a Polaroid camera, after which they all drove back to Acorn Road. The lights had disappeared.

Witness 2 visited the same area at about the same time for the following two nights. He wanted to see if there was anything beyond the trees that might account for the lights. He found nothing.

The three men were interviewed in November 2000; the sighting had a profound effect on them. Witness 3 accompanied the investigator to the sighting location. The span of lights specified by him was extensive, covering some 80 degrees of horizontal arc.

Using triangulation, a fixed location was established. Though the geometry is less than ideal due to the fact that a small error would produce a large variation in the location of the fixed point, it nonetheless shows that the row of lights was at least 200 metres long.

Since the lights seemed to curve away from the highway, it is reasonable to assume a circular object. Calculations show that circle to have a diameter of about 470 metres, or nearly half a kilometre. Moving the intersection of the viewing angles farther out over Willow Creek would result in an even larger circle of lights.

It is interesting to note that a giant UFO was spotted by at least eight witnesses in the same area almost four years earlier on Dec. 11, 1996. This UFO was triangulated to be between one and two kilometres long.

(Investigated by Martin Jasek.)

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AIR MARSHAL SIR PETER HORSLEY

Strange encounters in the RAF

WHEN Peter Horsley published his autobiography, *Sounds from Another Room*, in 1997, there was some consternation at the Ministry of Defence. That a former Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Strike Command should have confessed to meeting a visitor from outer space was naturally disconcerting.

However, Horsley was by then long retired, and was regarded as being entitled to his eccentric opinions, after a career in which he had been a crack wartime Mosquito intruder pilot and had commanded one of the early jet nightfighter squadrons. The encounter he described in his autobiography had apparently taken place more than 40 years earlier, when he was serving as Equerry to the Duke of Edinburgh.

Berford Peter Torrington Horsley was born in 1921 and educated at Wellington, from where he went into the Merchant Navy. He never saw this as a permanent career, and when war came he fulfilled an ambition to fly in the RAF. He gained his wings and a commission, but did so well that he was posted as a flying instructor, first at Cranwell and later in Canada, where intensive pilot training was conducted. Although he chafed at this, he stuck it out, and had his reward when in 1943 he was sent to a Mosquito conversion unit.

He was soon on his way back to England, where in the summer of 1943 he joined 21 Squadron, an intruder unit then based at Hunsdon in Hertfordshire. Soon he was involved in night bombing of enemy airfields and attacks on German nightfighters as they returned to base. To these duties, when the menace of the V1 reared its head, were added low-level attacks on the "ski sites" from which the flying bombs were launched.

When D-Day came, the squadron, by now moved to Thorney Island in Hampshire, flew night sorties over the beachhead, suppressing enemy air and ground activity. On one of these Horsley's Mosquito was hit by anti-aircraft fire and he was forced to bale out into the sea off Cherbourg. He spent three days and nights in the tiny rubber dinghy which he had managed to inflate. At the end of this he was picked up by an air-sea rescue launch and taken back to England to recover. From this period dated the first of his experiences of the paranormal. In particular, as he recovered, he was haunted by the vision of his navigator, who had failed to bale out.

Returning to health, Horsley tried to get back to 140 Wing, but his request was denied. Instead he obtained a posting to a communications squadron in France, where he served until the end of the war, winning the AFC.

After periods as the Central Flying School and as adjutant of the Oxford University Air Squadron, he was appointed Equerry to Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh in 1949. He was to spend seven years as a courtier. When Princess Elizabeth became

Queen in 1952, he was her Equerry for a year, and from 1953 to 1956 he was Equerry to the Duke of Edinburgh.

At the end of his service to the Royal Household he was appointed LVO and returned to full-time general service. Among his later appointments were command of an airbase in Cyprus and a stint as deputy commandant of the Joint Warfare Establishment at RAF Old Sarum in 1966.

With his appointment as Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Operations) in 1968 he had his first taste of work in Whitehall. He was not sorry to get back to an operational post as AOC No 1 (Bomber) Group in 1970, at the spearhead of the RAF's nuclear deterrent. From there he moved in 1973 to his final appointment, as Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Strike Command. He retired from the RAF in 1975. Besides being appointed CBE (1964) and KBE (1974) he held the French Croix de Guerre and decorations from Sweden, Portugal and Ethiopia.

A keen philatelist, he had developed a special interest in court mail during his royal service, and his collection of stamps had been exhibited at the National Postal Museum. In 1973 he was awarded the British Philatelists' Gold Medal for his paper *The Skill and Artistry of Early British Stamp Designers*. Thus he was a natural candidate for chairman of the stamp auction house Robson Lowe, and he was also managing director of Stanley Gibbons. His *Journal of a Stamp Collector* (written as Peter Beresford) had been published in 1973.

Sounds from Another Room (1997) was in a very different vein. Horsley was not the first senior Service officer to have expressed a belief in extraterrestrial life forms, but no one of such standing had previously laid serious claim to a meeting with an alien such as Horsley described as taking place at a London flat in the winter of 1954. The book also dealt with many other aspects of Horsley's life and service.

Horsley was twice married. In 1943 he married Phyllis Conrad Phinney. The marriage was dissolved in 1976. He then married Ann Mackinnon, née Crwys-Williams. He had a son and daughter from his first marriage and two stepsons and two stepdaughters from the second.



Air Marshal Sir Peter Horsley, KCB, CBE, LVO, AFC, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, Strike Command, 1973-75, was born on March 26, 1921. He died on December 20, 2001, aged 80.

Investigating UFOs in Yukon skies

By JULIUS DEBUSCHEWITZ

This month: a UFO explosion near Swift River.

Mrs. McCreedy looked out of her kitchen window one February night in 1965.

Facing the mountains, she noticed a reddish-orange glow travelling slowly across the sky in a southwesterly direction. Intrigued, she alerted her husband and two friends, and they all watched the object through binoculars.

They could not identify what they were seeing; it was too bright to be an aircraft light and much larger than a satellite.

It did not fit the description of any aircraft or natural phenomenon they knew of. As they watched, the object disappeared behind a round-topped mountain to the southwest.

That same evening, Mrs. Radford was returning home from curling. She, too, noticed the reddish-orange glow above that same mountain. However, after she watched it for a few seconds, there appeared to be an explosion, with flashes going off in all directions. With that, the orange glow vanished.

Some nights later, Mrs. Radford

again noticed a similar reddish-orange glow above the same mountain. This glow darted around, moving extremely fast but never straying far from the mountain before suddenly disappearing. This movement made Mrs. Radford think that the object was searching for something.

These occurrences puzzled and intrigued the residents of Swift River enough that some of them organized a snowmobile expedition to the top of the mountain to investigate. By then, however, heavy snow had fallen; the party was unable to find anything unusual, and no further searches were attempted.

It is often difficult for UFO investigators to piece together the information given by sighting witnesses in order to rule out known flying objects and natural phenomena.

When trained observers witness a sighting, that task becomes easier. Mrs. McCreedy was such a witness. A member of the Ground Observation Corps until its disbandment, it was her job to report and describe any aircraft straying from designated flying routes.

Accustomed to scanning the skies, she did so often at night. At least half a dozen times, though not since 1966,

she saw objects that did not match the description of any aircraft she knew.

Except for one, the objects observed were similar in size and appearance to satellites, which can be seen frequently in Yukon skies, but they moved either much quicker or much slower than satellites.



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Her daughter Marina alerted her to one of these objects. Marina, playing outside with friends, came running into the house to get her mother. When she got outside, Mrs. McCreedy saw a star-like object racing across the sky.

It suddenly stopped moving, then resumed its tremendous speed and flew back in the exact opposite direction. A number of witnesses watched this performance and saw the object disappear over the mountains.

Her husband was not at home dur-

ing this occurrence but later recalled that the night sky was heavily clouded and not fit for flying. It follows, then, that the observed object performed its maneuvers below the clouds at fairly low altitude.

Marina, age 13, reported two additional sightings. On the first occasion, she and other children were playing outside when they noticed a strange star in the middle of the Big Dipper.

The star began to move as the children watched, and Marina called her mother. By the time Mrs. McCreedy came outside, the object had disappeared.

After the children resumed their play, they noticed the object coming slowly into sight again. It stopped in its exact previous position in the middle of the Big Dipper before suddenly disappearing.

Marina's second sighting also occurred when she was playing with other children. This time, she noticed an object similar to a satellite travelling through the sky.

It moved in the direction of a microwave tower on a nearby hill, where it slowed a bit and "sort of shot off flashes or sparks" before continuing on its way. The microwave tower

was part of the relay system maintained by Canadian National Telecommunications, linking communications between the northwest and the rest of the continent and playing a vital role in the defence complex of North America.

The sightings reported here have an interesting common denominator. With the exception of the object that exploded and the reversal of direction described in the second-last sighting by Marina McCreedy, all objects observed moved from southwest to northeast.

Moreover, they flew an almost identical course above the Cassiar Mountains bordering the Alaska Highway at Swift River. Hence, it cannot be confused with the commercial flying route between Whitehorse and Vancouver which, in any case, cannot be seen from Swift River.

The question is, why does this particular area attract so many UFOs?

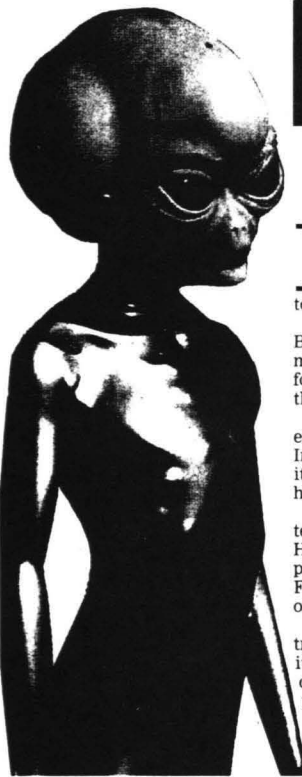
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To report a sighting or for more information, call 456-2468. Outside of Whitehorse, call toll-free 1-866-733-8367.

It's tourism Jim...

By Michael Litchfield

...but not as we know it



VISITING: The Roswell alien

BOURNEMOUTH'S promoters of tourism could be doing their job a little too well in selling the town as a tourist hot spot.

If eyes can be believed, Bournemouth could be this summer's holiday destination not just for out-of-town sunseekers but also those from outer space.

According to one of the country's experts on UFOs - ex-RAF Intelligence officer David Kingston - it's "perfectly feasible" that aliens have taken a shine to Bournemouth.

This follows reports of a large mystery craft hovering over Hengistbury Head by different people on two dates - at 10.05pm on February 22 and just after midnight on February 28.

Described as about 100ft in length, triangular in shape, red lights down its right side, blue lights the length of the left side, and a large glowing purple light in the centre underneath, the UFO lit up the night sky.

On the second occasion, 12 independent witnesses - one a Coastguard employee - made emer-

gency calls, which were referred by the police to Mr Kingston, 64, at his home in Martinstown, near Dorchester.

Mr Kingston, who is listed on police computers as the first port of call when UFOs are reported, said: "Two of the witnesses were in Bournemouth. The others were at different points along the south-west coast, between Portland and Cornwall."

"Every one gave an almost identical description. The highest it was flying was 3,000ft. When spotted by the Coastguard, it was down to 1,500ft. Very low and very visible."

"Others who saw it were fishermen off Portland. Those kinds of people and Coastguard officials aren't easily hoodwinked. They know exactly what all kind of conventional aircraft look like and they're also aware of weather phenomena and how it can play tricks. So when they're sure of what they saw, you take note."

David's immediate action was to check all movement of civilian and military aircraft. Because of his sta-

tus, he has access to this information. Nothing had been picked up on the screen of any air-traffic controller for the material times and locations.

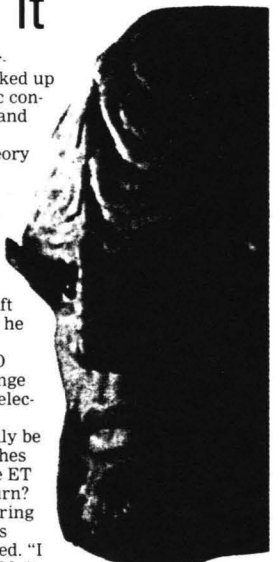
David also dismissed the theory that it could have been a new prototype RAF aircraft undergoing secret night tests.

"As a former RAF Intelligence officer, I can tell you that in such circumstances the lights are always switched off so the craft is invisible from the ground," he said.

The only noise from the UFO over Hengistbury was "a strange crackling sound, like hissing electric pylons".

Could little green aliens really be sizing up Dorset's lovely beaches in the same year that loveable ET is making a long overdue return?

"I first came across UFOs during the nuclear tests on Christmas Island in 1957," David answered. "I have an open mind, but I wouldn't be the least surprised if this planet was under observation from afar."



BEACH BUM: A Klingon

Strange lights turn on radio during the night

BEDTIME will never be the same again for residents in Colehill who experienced some unusual night-time phenomena last week.

Christina Hunt, who recently moved to Cutlers Place, was spooked after she was woken during last Monday's stormy night by her bedside clock radio suddenly blaring followed by intense flashes of light outside her window.

After discussing the events with her parents, who live nearby, she found they too had witnessed strange lights. She said: "I never use the radio on

my alarm clock but I was woken suddenly at 4am by it blaring very loudly. Seconds later I saw two intense flashes outside the bedroom window but it didn't seem like lightning because the flashes only came half way across the curtains."

"When I turned back to the clock, the display had started blinking like there had been a power cut but the next morning I noticed no other electric clock in the house was affected."

Mrs Hunt added: "I looked out of the window for a few minutes and saw another electric blue flash of light in

the sky but again it didn't seem like lightning."

The following day Mrs Hunt contacted her parents who said they had also been woken by two bright flashes. Mrs Hunt said: "My father jumped out of bed and looked outside and said he saw a red glow very low down as though the street was on fire. They also found that only one of their clocks in the house had been affected. "Neighbours say things like this have happened before in this area."

Mrs Hunt reported the night's activities to the Met Office, which passed

it on to the Tornado Research Organisation, which investigates lightning phenomena.

Spokesman Dr David Reynolds said: "These conditions can occur at night when there happens to be lightning upwind of residents so they hear little or no thunder as in this case."

"A lightning strike at night is always extremely bright and situations occur where only a few appliances rather than all can be affected, particularly if they are on the end of a circuit or the lightning is a little distance away."

ILKLEY GAZETTE, Yorkshire, England - Jan. 10, 2002

Reputation for strange phenomena could boost tourism

UFO tours begin with new hopes of sightings

RIGHT: Now foot and mouth restrictions have been lifted, will there be an increase in claimed sightings above Ilkley Moor, which has a reputation as an 'alien hotspot'?



AN expert on extra-terrestrial phenomena is hoping that the return of walkers to Ilkley Moor will see a corresponding increase in the sightings of UFOs.

Nigel Mortimer's popular UFO tours around the moor had to be suspended last year because footpaths were closed due to foot and mouth disease.

And Mr Mortimer is hoping that Ilkley's hard-pressed tourist industry might receive a boost from people on the lookout for evidence of alien visitations to the area.

He said that the regular tours of the areas of the moors where strange phenomena have been

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observed had to lapse last year because of foot and mouth restrictions and his own absence from the area.

"I am now back and I will be running the UFO tours this year. Everyone is welcome on the tours which will be held on most Saturdays during the summer months," Mr Mortimer said.

Ilkley Moor has a long history of strange happenings and is (apparently) a favourite hunting ground for aliens from another planet.

During the tours visitors will be

able to follow in the footsteps of a policeman who claimed he was abducted by aliens in the 1980s and where a 'little green man' was spotted.

There are also well documented hot-spots where unidentified flying objects have been sighted regularly.

A book published in 1993 claimed that 'little green goblin-like entities' were found sampling the water at White Wells in 1878.

Mr Mortimer said: "I am particularly interested in running two special walks during the year in support of Cancer Research, with all the proceeds going to the charity in question."

During the recent months Mr

Mortimer said that the number of possible UFO sightings had diminished.

"It has been very quiet lately, but it will go quiet for a couple of years then we will get a spate of them."

"When sightings have been reported, more people come forward - it is just getting the people to come forward," said Mr Mortimer.

Mr Mortimer's organisation, Connect UFO Investigations UK, has a web site which goes all over the world and he said he was happy to offer free web space advertisements for businesses willing to sponsor the Ilkley UFO tours.

He said: "It might bring in more visitors to Ilkley. We are not just in this business to make money we are also in it to educate people as well."

Anyone interested in going on one of the UFO tours should contact Mr Mortimer on (01943) 874077, or visit his web site at (www.nigel3.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk).

Mr Mortimer said: "Whether you are a believer of Alien visitations or not, judge for yourself by taking part in this fascinating tour package."

It's ideal for those willing to expand their minds, knowledge and expectations." Tours cost £6 for adults and £3 for children.

Attack of the rugby football with legs

This year there has been a rash of sightings of unidentified flying objects in Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, Colombia, and Chile, amounting to what investigators call a UFO flap. As often happens, these sightings have been accompanied by a number of encounters with surreal and frightening entities of unknown provenance; are they from distant worlds, parallel universes – or fevered imaginations?

Shortly before midnight on Saturday, January 12, Jean F, a young teenager from Villa San Rafael in Calama, Chile, noticed that his pet snake had escaped from its cage. He went looking for it with his friend Nelson C on nearby wasteland. The boys recalled that, half an hour earlier, their two dogs had been howling, but it hadn't seemed important at the time. Suddenly, they saw what appeared to be a stray dog about 100ft away.

They threw stones, but it didn't run away like an ordinary dog. The creature started to hop towards them like a rabbit. It stopped and stood up on two legs and the boys felt a kind of electric shock in

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

PAUL SIEVEKING

the stomach. Then it resumed hopping towards them, upright, making a loud dragging noise, and moving only one of its legs. They thought that it might have been hurt by their stone-throwing. It had a weird shape "like a rugby football with legs", as one of them put it.

Jean retreated, while Nelson felt a strange urge to get closer. From six feet away, the animal appeared to glow in the dark. It had a canine head with a flat nose like a bulldog, large flat round ears, legs like a goat's, and "hands" with three fingers. The feet also had three digits and a membrane like a duck's. Its grey hair was like that of a wild pig, and the very thick two inch tail was tipped in white.

On its curved back, thick hair, "pointing downwards", sprouted in clumps down the spine. Its eyes, slanted and pale red, could be seen only when it turned its head from side to side like a lizard. As he stood there, Nelson heard a

voice in his head saying: "Don't stare, just run away." He felt an inexplicable bone-chilling cold and fled in terror. Although the teenagers were interviewed separately, their accounts concurred entirely.

Around February 17, strange sonic booms were heard over Corguinho, in the Pantanal region of Mato Grosso do Sul in south-western Brazil, where there had been a series of UFO sightings for a fortnight. A disc was seen over a farm belonging to Bena Bernardino, where insects and plants with an unexplained yellow pigmentation had been collected.

In the first two weeks of February, 20 people in the countryside around Corguinho had five sightings of a human-like creature about 4ft tall, which walked "with a strange fluctuating motion". In Rochedo, six miles to the south, five Cebu cattle were found dead and exsanguinated with a single incision in the throat.

Meanwhile in northern Argentina, an allegedly mythical character called El Petizo, a shadow that attacks lone travellers at night, has been appearing in Salta province. Six people have recently been wounded by it and treated in the local hospital. The latest victim was a youth who was toppled from his bicycle at El Duraznito and found a black shadow facing him. As he was on his way to go hunting, he had a shotgun and a facon (a Gaucho's knife).

He fired two shots, but these had no effect, so he drew his facon and stabbed at the shadow, again without effect. He tried to run, but El Petizo knocked him down and began dragging him by the hair. His cries were heard by a local man who ran to his aid, whereupon El Petizo vanished. This happened about half a mile from La Cueva de los Negros (Cave of the Black Ones), which had been occupied 800 years ago by people of the Candelaria culture.

Paul Sieveking is the editor of Fortean Times

50-year-old documents shed light on probe by Admiralty

by Richard Hargreaves

Defence correspondent

BOFFINS spent the 1950s investigating UFO sightings over Portsmouth Hill for Churchill.

Secret documents show the government was alarmed by the appearance of flying saucers – and called on the top brains in the forces to investigate.

The Admiralty research centre on top of Portsmouth Hill was one of the country's chief sites for sightings of saucers, bright lights and other strange phenomena during the '50s and '60s.

The MoD secretly set up a team – the Directorate of Scientific Intelligence, which had the ear of Churchill – to investigate the explosion of sightings which ushered in the 1950s.

The investigation is revealed as the files are released for public inspection after 50 years under wraps.

The experts dismissed reports of UFOs, saying eyewitnesses were hoaxers, mad, or tricked by light.

Local UFO watcher Ernest Sears – whose interest

NOTHING OUT THERE - OFFICIAL

THE Directorate for Scientific Intelligence was formed in October 1950.

It picked the best technical experts of the navy, army and air force and met in a former hotel near Trafalgar Square.

The directorate spent eight months sifting through reports from across the land, including one by a pilot at RAF Tangmere near Chichester whose jet fighter was overtaken by a saucer. The experts presented their findings in a six-page report in June 1951, then stamped the file secret and shuffled it away in government archives.

Even prime minister Winston Churchill asked



Portsmouth UFO watcher Ernest Sears

'What does all this stuff about flying saucers amount to?' only to be told 'Nothing' as the forces closed ranks and ruled out the possibility of UFOs.

in flying saucers was prompted by a sighting over Portsmouth Hill 40 years ago – says it's no surprise Whitehall was worried about extra-terrestrial goings on.

'The government tried to play down any news about UFOs,' the 77-year-old said. 'But privately it was worried that these things could confuse their defences, get mixed up with a Russian at-

tack and prompt a false war,' he added.

'Portsmouth Hill was – and remains – a hotbed for UFO activity. It's no surprise there were people looking into flying objects.

'The good thing is that the MoD has been slowly opening the doors over the years. People have uncovered documents about all sorts of pursuits over the Solent with jets chasing

UFOs.'

The intelligence directorate was very quickly wound down by Whitehall, according to official papers released after 50 years at the Public Record Office.

The experts decided the scale of studying UFOs was simply too great – and fruitless – requiring a nationwide team of skywatchers, whose eyewitness reports would be questionable at any rate.

The directorate closed the book on the affair in 1951 'as a singularly profitless enterprise' and said no more investigations should be carried out 'unless and until some material evidence becomes available'.

Let your imagination take flight in the world of UFOs

BRITAIN'S original Men in Black were light years away, it seems, from Mulder and Scully of X-Files fame.

An investigation team, working under the comical title of the Flying Saucer Working Party, was set up from Ministry of Defence officials following a spate of UFO sightings in post-war Britain.

Earlier this month the lid was lifted on the group when the Public Record Office released documents under its 50-year rule. DSI/JTIC Report No 7 Unidentified Flying Objects revealed that one of the group's most curious assignments was to look into a sighting in the skies over Farnborough.

In 1951 an experienced test pilot reported a low-level, fast flying aircraft over the town and the men from the ministry came out to investigate.

RAF Flight Lieutenant Hubbard claimed he had seen "a flat disc, light pearl in colour, about 50ft in diameter" flying

low at speeds of 800 to 1,000mph over Farnborough.

Two weeks later Flt Lt Hubbard came forward again to say he had seen another disc-shaped object low in the sky in the direction of Farnham and this time it had been seen by five other senior RAF officers.

All six were interrogated by the MoD team and banned from discussing their experience in public.

When the team produced their report on the Farnborough UFOs they concluded the pilot's first sighting was an optical illusion because — they reasoned — the object could not have flown so low and fast without other people spotting it.

The testimony of the five officers was undermined by the MoD saying they had already been influenced by Hubbard's original report. The working party concluded it was probably a normal aircraft that seemed unusual because it was seen manoeuvring in the distance.

by Lisa Millar

The revelation of the existence of the working party has caused a stir in the world of UFO enthusiasts. It has added to the conspiracy theories and demonstrated just how seriously the government took the spate of flying saucer sightings on both sides of the Atlantic after the war.

But UFO experts said news of the Farnborough flying saucer was no surprise, because Hampshire alone is still subject to 'up to 30 unexplained sightings every year.

The Southampton UFO Group, which covers the whole of Hampshire, has been collating information from reported sightings for more than ten years.

Its founder and chairman Steve Gerrard said: "We normally receive between 20 and 30 sighting reports a year. The activity is not as much as in

the Yorkshire area but that could be because there's not as many groups collating information in the south as in other areas. There's a lack of co-ordination which leads to missed information."

He described the types of sighting reports the group receive.

"There can be a range of reports from lights in the sky to physical craft, to people being taken aboard craft as in the case at the Basingstoke Canal and Alfred Burtoo in 1983."

Mr Gerrard went on to explain the way SUFog investigated sightings.

"Wherever the sighting is we go. We contact a lot of people who may be able to prove or invalidate a report — military police, search and rescue teams, we make appeals through the local newspaper for other witnesses. A good one to use is

star-charts — to see if there is anything happening that might explain sightings. We follow every angle we can."

Graham Birdsall, editor of *UFO Magazine*, was critical of the official investigation into the Farnborough sightings in the Fifties.

He said: "Essentially, they undermined the officers at Farnborough. They are trained observers and they would not risk ridicule by saying they had seen something like this if they hadn't."

"They undermine the report of Hubbard saying that other people should have seen the craft too."

"But when five other officers make statements on the second sighting they say they were influenced by Hubbard's original report."

"How many witnesses did they want before taking it seriously?"

Mr Birdsall added: "An important point to make is that,

at that time, we hadn't been to the moon yet. Space travel was still thought of as impossible — and if we couldn't do it, how could anything else?"

"The people in Farnborough must have seen something so unusual that they risked ridicule, possibly their future career even. It was very brave and well done to them for coming forward."

Mr Gerrard believes the officers must have seen something unusual.

He said: "People like pilots and police officers are trained to observe so they knew what they were looking at."

"As investigators there is a lot more credence given to their reports precisely because they are trained."

The problem with sightings is that they leave nothing behind but the memory of the witness and perhaps a few tongue-in-cheek newspaper reports.

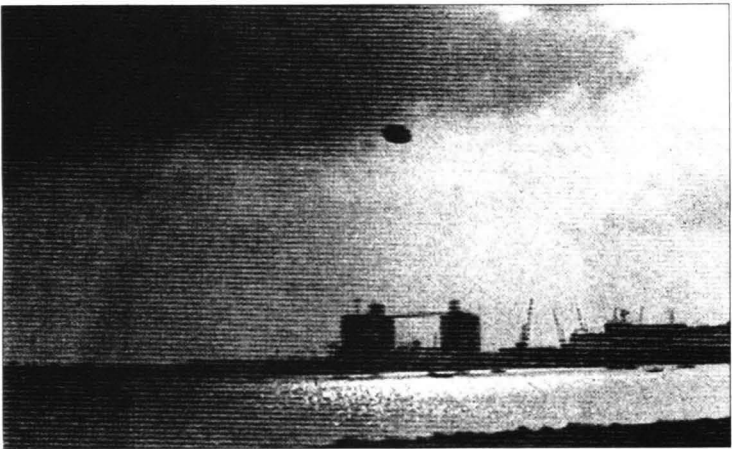
Until a physical item provides tangible evidence that even the most ardent cynic can't argue with, alternative explanations will always be put forward.

In this area, with its military links, it has been easy to dismiss any peculiar sightings as connected with the Army, RAF or Royal Air Establishment, especially amid the paranoia of the early Cold War.

However, by looking into the *News* archives, it becomes clear that many sightings over many years are still awaiting an explanation.

More information on UFOs can be found on the Southampton UFO Group website at www.sufog.freemove.co.uk and *UFO Magazine's* website at www.ufomag.co.uk.

X-Files has nothing on these events...



AFTER news broke of the investigation into the sightings at Farnborough, we delved into our archives and found an X-File of our own:

November 11, 1969

Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena announces it has investigated 171 unidentified flying object reports since its formation in 1967.

SIGAP claims more than a quarter of them remain unexplained.

The group's chairman, Omar Fowler, said that SIGAP treated all sightings impartially and adopted a scientific attitude in its investigations.

He said: "We cannot say from the evidence we have examined whether or not the genuine UFOs were from another world. But our research does show that the whole subject is worthy of international scientific investigation."

February 5, 1971

Fifteen ambulances, two fire engines and five police cars rush to Farnham's Folly Hill after reports of a crashed aircraft — but no wreckage was ever found.

Close encounters in the skies — a number of sightings have been recorded in and around the area



Graham Birdsall, editor of *UFO Magazine*

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, Denver, CO - March 9, 2002 UFO sightings skyrocket

UFO sightings over Canada have nearly doubled in the past year, and officials haven't a clue why. "We're thinking that perhaps more people are seeing something that's really there, or perhaps more people are aware of how or whether they should report things," researcher Chris Rutkowski told the *Canoe Web* site. Rutkowski, who works at the University of Manitoba, said most of the 374 sightings in 2001 had scientific explanations. But about 15 percent were left unexplained, including the sighting of six orange objects flying in a V formation over Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, a luminous object that hung in the sky over Hull, Quebec, for two nights before appearing to explode.

Source: Ananova News Service

Art Student James Rawlence, 21, made the emergency call. "I saw an orange light in the sky. I thought it was sparking the electricity pylons. It was lighting up the clouds."

"It went down over the horizon very fast. Five minutes later there was a flash and a slight bang."

But after checking with the RAE, the Army, RAF Odiham and Blackbushe Airport it was confirmed there were no aircraft in the area at 7.10pm on that evening.

April 4, 1978

Doris Luke, of Park Row, Farnham, has a close encounter with a flying saucer. She said at the time of the sighting: "It was just like a spinning top, dull black on the bottom and brilliant silver, like moonlight, on the top. It came at an angle from the north and seemed to float at a terrific speed."

April 11, 1978

Eight people reported sightings of an unidentified flying object in the skies above Farnborough and Ash.

Peter Inwood, a former wartime Royal Observer Corps member, alerted police to an electric blue UFO that changed rapidly through red, white, green, orange and gold.

Pc Alan Cragg said the object was not an aircraft and watched it for 25 minutes before it moved off.

October 14, 1983

Pensioner Alfred Burtoo, of Aldershot, claims he was taken on board a UFO while on a fishing trip at the Basingstoke Canal.

Mr Burtoo said the flying saucer settled on the bank and two forms came towards him. They were dressed in pale green suits, were about 4ft tall and had dark visors covering faces.

One of the little green men spoke to Mr Burtoo in "a kind of sing-song voice, with an accent something between Russian and Chinese."

He later said: "They asked me how old I was and I said 78 next birthday."

"Then they said I could go because I was too old and infirm for their purpose."

July 27, 1984

A SPATE of mysterious, unexplained noises are heard by several people in Aldershot late at night.

The sounds seemed to cut through the atmosphere, filling the air with a loud humming.

Aldershot police said they were not aware of any problem of unexplained night-time noises of the type described.

An Army spokesman said the military had received many inquiries but could not offer any explanation about the sounds.

January 12, 1988

Sixteen-year-old Andrew Findlay joined the ranks of people who claim to have had a close encounter after seeing a UFO over Bagshot.

Andrew said: "There was a gap in the clouds and out of it came a flying saucer shaped thing. It was bright white with green lights in the middle of it."

November 1, 1994
A former policeman and his wife report seeing a mystery aircraft flying silently over Farnborough.

Mrs Bos, of Austen Road, Farnborough, said: "It was silent, had no lights and just moved along in the sky."

Truth is out there

But can it be found in the Stockport skies?

by Aisling McVeigh

FORGET alien activity in Roswell or curious crop circles across England – the real hotbed of unexplained UFOs is in Stockport according to paranormal investigators.

The skies over Bredbury, Romiley and Marple are being watched by husband and wife Bredbury couple Carl and Debbi Walker – qualified paranormal investigators with Manchester Association of Paranormal Investigators and Training.

And although they investigate all over Greater Manchester, they say a high proportion of paranormal phenomenon are seen and reported from these areas.

Carl and Debbi, both 28, of Higson Avenue, qualified as 'basic investigators' and monitor suspected paranormal activity scientifically, with closed-circuit TV, temperature gauges and other 'ghost-buster' equipment.

The association has a saying that "when all rationality is exhausted only the paranormal remains."

Debbi, an assistant accountant, said: "We always try to prove things rationally but when we can't then you have



OUT of this world: Founding member of the Manchester Association of Paranormal Investigators and Training Stephen Mera on the look out. (39-2462)

to wonder what else is there?" In the latest Stockport "incident" 30 people across the area claimed to have witnessed something strange.

Association founder member Stephen Mera explained: "People reported seeing a brightly burning orange glow in the sky around the same

time at night. What they probably saw was a bolide meteor – a bright star burning out, but it can look very odd."

But what the team found more interesting was the fact that there were other reports of something else that night – a green glow was spotted by people in Bredbury, Romiley

and Marple! A new course in paranormal investigation starts next month.

Topics studied include aerial phenomenon, ESP, hauntings, alien big cats and crop circles.

For more information call Stephen Mera on 374 2978.

ESSEX CHRONICLE, Chelmsford, England - Jan. 25, 2002

Eerie happening in the sky

Night I saw a UFO

By Fred Hammerton

AS documents just released from the Public Record Office under the 50-year rule reveal that, at 4pm on November 16, 1950, discs were seen hovering over Essex and an RAF pilot saw a UFO hurtling past his Meteor jet, what did I see on a summer evening 18 months ago?



EXCLUSIVE REPORT: Journalist Fred Hammerton who believes he has seen a UFO over Essex.

I was cycling along the Wethersfield Road, just outside Braintree, perfectly relaxed and not under any sort of stress.

I slowly became aware of a large, noiseless, something which I shall describe as a craft, approaching about 100 feet above the tree line.

I was so astonished, not frightened, that I braked hard and stood with both feet astride the crossbar.

The object flew silently past me, to my left. It was a silvery grey colour, elliptical, and appeared to be pulsing underneath.

It appeared to have a conical structure on top and was about 60 metres long and 20 metres wide.

As I literally gawped it flew silently away travelling at no more than 50mph before it disappeared from sight.

Completely alien

There was no sudden burst of power. It definitely wasn't a weather balloon, nor anything I can describe as natural.

In my 44 years as a journalist it was something completely alien to me.

I cannot say why I was not exceedingly scared. But it did cross my mind that I may be beamed up. As far as I know I wasn't. Nor was I examined by any light sources.

So what did I experience? I honestly don't know, I wish I did.

I told office colleagues at the time but decided not to write about it because of the shoals of calls I would undoubtedly receive from UFOlogists.

I wrote a story some years ago about a Woodham Walter farm labourer who disappeared in the early morning from a milking parlour.

I was besieged with callers asking if there were any scorch marks on the earth near the site.

Unfortunately the poor man had walked down to the canal at Ulting and was found drowned some time later.

But, over the years, I have written dozens of stories about UFO sightings.

Bright light

One of the most remarkable concerned, among others, a police dog handler from South London who was on an early morning search when he was bathed in a bright light which disappeared in the direction of the Essex coast.

There were later sightings in mid Essex and eventually in Southend.

I thought it might be early flights in this country of the Stealth aircraft and asked the nearest MP, Teddy Taylor, if he would ask a question in the House about it.

The reply was that the Stealth was not then being flown in this country – or was it?

Ufologists say that above the River Thames at Southend is a "window in the sky" for UFOs. They both enter and leave Essex from this site.

Shall we ever know what these sightings are?

I am unable to explain mine. And there are curious glances at me whenever I repeat my sighting at Wethersfield, which I am happy to say is not a hoax on my part, nor a January Fool story.

Have you ever seen anything inexplicable?
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GUARDIAN, Lancaster, England - March 15, 2002

Author explores the theories behind UFOs

The truth is up there

A METEOR display over Lancaster city centre is just one of the weird and wonderful subjects included in a new book by a Lancaster author.

In his book 'On the Trail of the Flatwoods Monster' Lancaster author Peter Ford examines the theories and pseudo scientific myths behind sightings of UFOs and extra terrestrial life.

All the money made from the book is being given to the Macmillan Unit at the Royal Lancaster Infirmary.

"Everyone enjoys a mystery, I've been fascinated by UFOs since childhood," said Mr Ford, a supply teacher in design technology and English.

"People seem to be more interested in these things than they were."

"The book is a result of

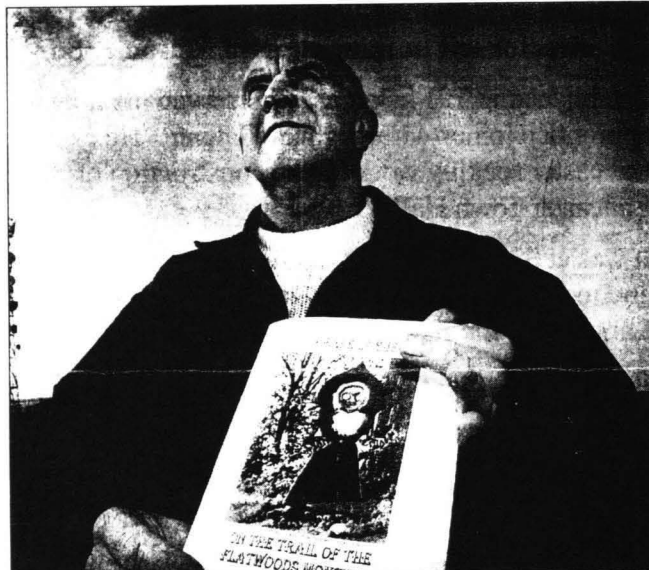
by James Reader

a lot of research about the incidents and speculation and comment about people's reasons for seeing these things."

The book, which is available from Atticus Books in King Street, tries to place sightings of UFOs and aliens in the general hysteria of the Cold War.

"The main thing is for people to enjoy it. It may help people to understand the Cold War era of the 1950s," said Mr Ford, 60. "I grew up with the shadow of nuclear terror over me. There was the nuclear shadow and I think the flying saucer apprehension might have been part of this."

"I don't go for the alien explanation at all. I'm very interested in the development of urban legends and the way these stories develop."



Lancaster writer Peter Ford with his new book. One theory for UFO sightings he looks at is the effect of microwave energy from transmitters. Picture: RICHARD LEE

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From Lancaster Guardian May 2, 1969 Meteor Gives City and Seaside a Big Surprise

PEOPLE in Lancaster and District were shaken and startled last Friday night when a fiercely burning object with sparks emitting from its tail flew at great speed over the area and out to sea over Morecambe Bay.

Some time later it was described by experts as a meteorite but before this was established people were telephoning the police and air force control centres.

The switchboard at the Barton Hall Air Traffic Control Centre near Preston was jammed and the Lancaster Police Headquarters was inundated with telephone

callers. So Lancaster Guardian

Police officers themselves had seen the phenomena from the Marton Street headquarters. The meteor was variously described as an arrow-shaped burning fire, a ball of fire with a trail of sparks and a rocket-like blazing object.

'Guardian' editorial staff member Norman Hoyle said he was standing at the bus station at Euston Road, Morecambe about 9.15 pm on Friday. He was looking towards Heysham when he saw a small glowing object emitting a trail of sparks

were

travelling at speed across a clear sky from left to right until it went behind dark clouds.

Eleven-year-old Karen Broomhead of Craggs Hill, Over Kellet, called her parents to the window when she saw the light. 'We were watching television and had the curtains open,' said her mother, Mrs. K. Broomhead.

'Karen called us, "Quick, look at this. It's like a rocket." We went to the window, which looks out over Morecambe Bay, and saw what looked like an enormous green arrow streaking across the sky going over the bay.'

Jayne Wassell delves into a phenomena that has puzzled mankind for decades

Taking shape in the fields

Crop circles are shapes imprinted with in fields where the crop is swirled flat with the stalks bent and not broken.

They have been seen and photographed in all manner of shapes and sizes, including boxes, triangles, keys, Celtic crosses and even a DNA double helix!

In 1996, the crop circles became noticeably bigger. The largest to date was a 4,100-foot formation in Wiltshire, found that year.

There is evidence of crop circles being in existence in 1678 in Hertfordshire.

The first modern formation was seen in 1966 in Tully.

An abundance of small, simple circles were seen in Hampshire and Wiltshire in the early 1970s.

In 1976 a foreign farmer saw seven silver dome shaped objects hovering in the sky above his field and crop circles appeared.

In the 1980s, a vast amount of circles were reported in the south. Meteorologist Terrence Meaden said they were caused by an unusual

weather phenomenon called 'plasma vortex'.

Others said they were created by intelligent beings, or alien crafts landing in fields. The first Celtic cross appeared, leading to the belief they were a way of these beings contacting humans.

Claimed

In 1991, circles were spotted all over the world, in countries including Germany, USA, Canada, Brazil, Romania, Hungary and Japan.

In September of this year, Doug and Dave came forward and claimed to have made all the crop circles so far. But when they were asked to demonstrate some of the more intricate designs, they were forced to admit they hadn't done those.

Some believed Doug and Dave had been sent by intelligent beings to quash the growing publicity around the phenomenon.

Going round in circles to solve the mystery

Most of us have heard of crop circles - but how much do we actually know about them?

The truth is no-one actually knows the reason behind these 'freak' geometric patterns turning up in fields all over the world.

What the experts do know is that in some instances we can believe the media hype. Many of those interested in crop circles know that a large percentage of them are 'man made' - created by hoaxers for whatever reason.

Human

But people like Ray Cox also believe that a certain number of these crop circles are real - mysteriously appearing without any human intervention.

Ray, of Cradley, has been studying crop circles for around 15 years. Having always been interested in unusual phenomena such as UFOs, he was intrigued by a crop circle he saw in Wiltshire.

After learning of the national body

The truth is out there

The Centre for Crop Circle Studies (CCCS), Ray decided to set up a West Midlands branch - of which he is still co-ordinator.

The 25-strong group meets in Birmingham, and has two members from Stourbridge. They watch videos, slide shows and host talks on crop circles and related phenomena.

When a crop circle is reported to have been seen in the area, the group also visits the site to take ground samples and investigate.

Ray said: "In 1990 the CCCS was set up, a national body with various branches around the country."

"It carries out scientific research into circles, but hoaxing has clouded the scientific work."

"A lot of circles are man-made, there's no question about that, it's

known. They have got clever at it and there's no 100 per cent scientific way to tell the hoaxed ones from the real."

Indeed, in 1991 two men called Doug and Dave basked in fame after coming forward and alleging they had made every crop circle ever seen.

Although this was quite unbelievable as the circles had been spotted all over the world, the duo did demonstrate their ability to create crude crop circles using rope and a plank of wood.

Yet Ray and his CCCS co-members are still convinced that there is more to this. Several word-of-mouth stories claim crop circles have

appeared in fields within 45 minutes, and people have claimed to see these intricate designs being formed in fields of corn, grass, maize and rape-seed.

There are several theories as to what makes 'natural' crop circles appear, broadly split into the scientific, meteorological, New Age and paranormal fields.

Alien

Some people believe crop circles are messages from alien intelligence, others think they are due to unusual weather conditions or energies and some think they are simply signs from 'another level'.

So what does Ray think of it all?

"There's not any answer to it. I suppose I think it's an unusual form of natural energy. It can be put down to certain meteorological conditions, but there's more to it than that."

"There could be something in it. Some think it's due to alien intelligence, and although I don't necessarily subscribe to that I wouldn't rule it out."

In short - simply no one knows. What they have discovered is the following: People who have visited crop circles have reported physical effects, such as headaches and other ailments. Animals have been observed and dogs have refused to go into the circles, whilst flocks of birds avoid flying over them.

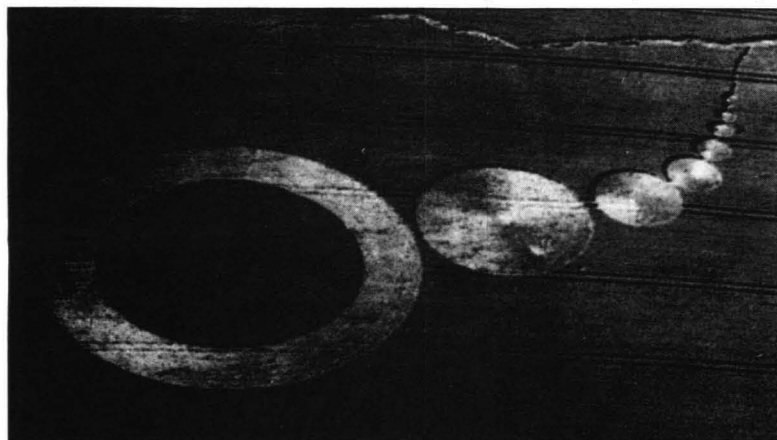
Fully charged camera batteries have been known to drain within the circle, and flashlights have failed though they work in other areas of the field. Photographs have been taken showing white specks of light within the circle - thought to be energy, and strange sounds have been reported.

The nearest circles to this area appeared in Lapworth, Sutton Coldfield, Longbridge and Hartlebury.

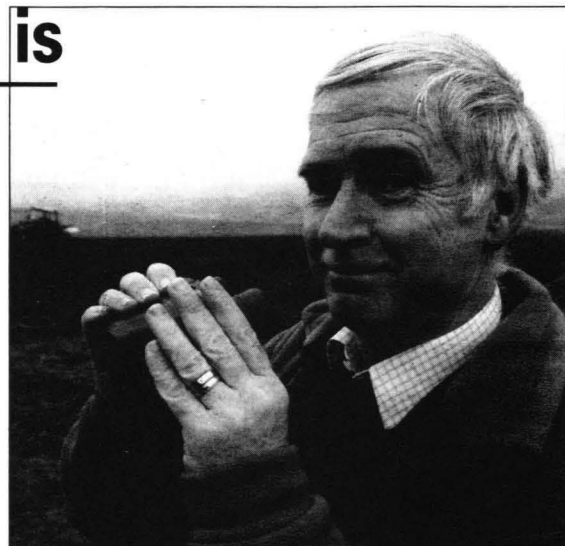
Yet strangely around 90 per cent of all circles in this country are situated within a five-mile radius of Wiltshire.

So make of it what you will. It seems either aliens are strangely attracted to the West Country, Wiltshire breeds a lot of jokers or the area is full of natural energy.

The mystery may never be solved.



Top right: Cradley man Ray Cox who has devoted the last 15 years to studying crop circles. Pic ref: 0202281. Above: a 460ft long crop circle at Ipsden, Oxfordshire that appeared on July 17 1994 and was photographed by the Centre for Crop Circle Studies.



UFO tours from the Barley Mow

Bonsall map on walls of Pentagon?

ALAN Webster's tours of Bonsall are famed across the country for their depth of information about the local area.

When he began taking people out six years ago, subjects ranged from environmental to farming issues, and as interest grew so did the scope of his strolls.

And the latest phenomenon

By

Gareth Davis

has increased Bonsall's reputation as a hot-bed of activity so much that Mr Webster (50) has had to alter his route to cater for national interest.

"The walks began as environmental tours but recently more people have been coming because of the stories about aliens and UFOs," said the landlord of village pub the Barley Mow.

"People don't often see things on the guided walks but when I've sent people off on their own they have often come back and told me what they have seen."

Some 3,500 visitors from far and wide have taken the stroll, which takes people around Bonsall Moor, Masson and Ible.

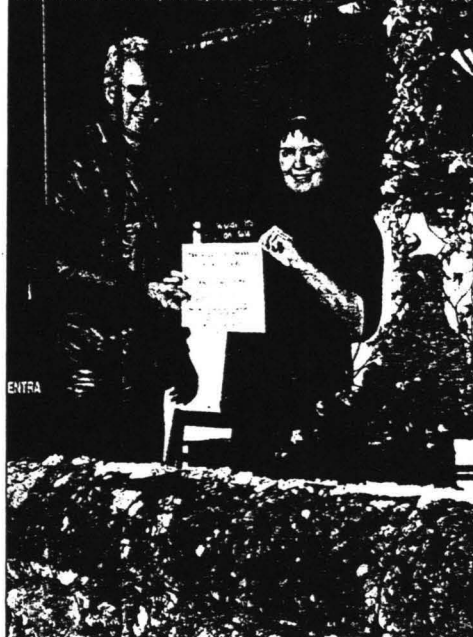
Many are guided by the famous Bonsall Map, a copy of which is rumoured to hang on the walls of the Pentagon in Washington DC.

"We have had US Government officials, come over here to try and find out what's going on," Mr Webster continued.

"I said on the Central Weekend Live programme a few weeks ago that I think they are building something, and I still stand by that."

"Sometimes people will come into the pub and just strike up a conversation about what

● CLOCKING UP NUMBERS: Alan Webster and Anne Falconer, the 3,500th visitor



they have seen or start asking questions, and it's only afterwards when you talk to other people you find out who they were."

Whilst the Derbyshire Dales is becoming known as a hotspot for UFO activity, Bonsall is widely recognised as the epicentre.

In September 2000, housewife Sharon Rowlands captured on video six-and-a-half minutes of a disc-shaped

object hovering over Bonsall Moor.

American network giants Fox TV have since paid her for the rights to the tape, after some experts hailed it as the "best UFO footage ever".

And Mr Webster is so keen to hear about what people have seen that he has a sign outside his pub which reads: "ATTENTION! Please report all UFO sightings to the land-lord."



The UFO detective

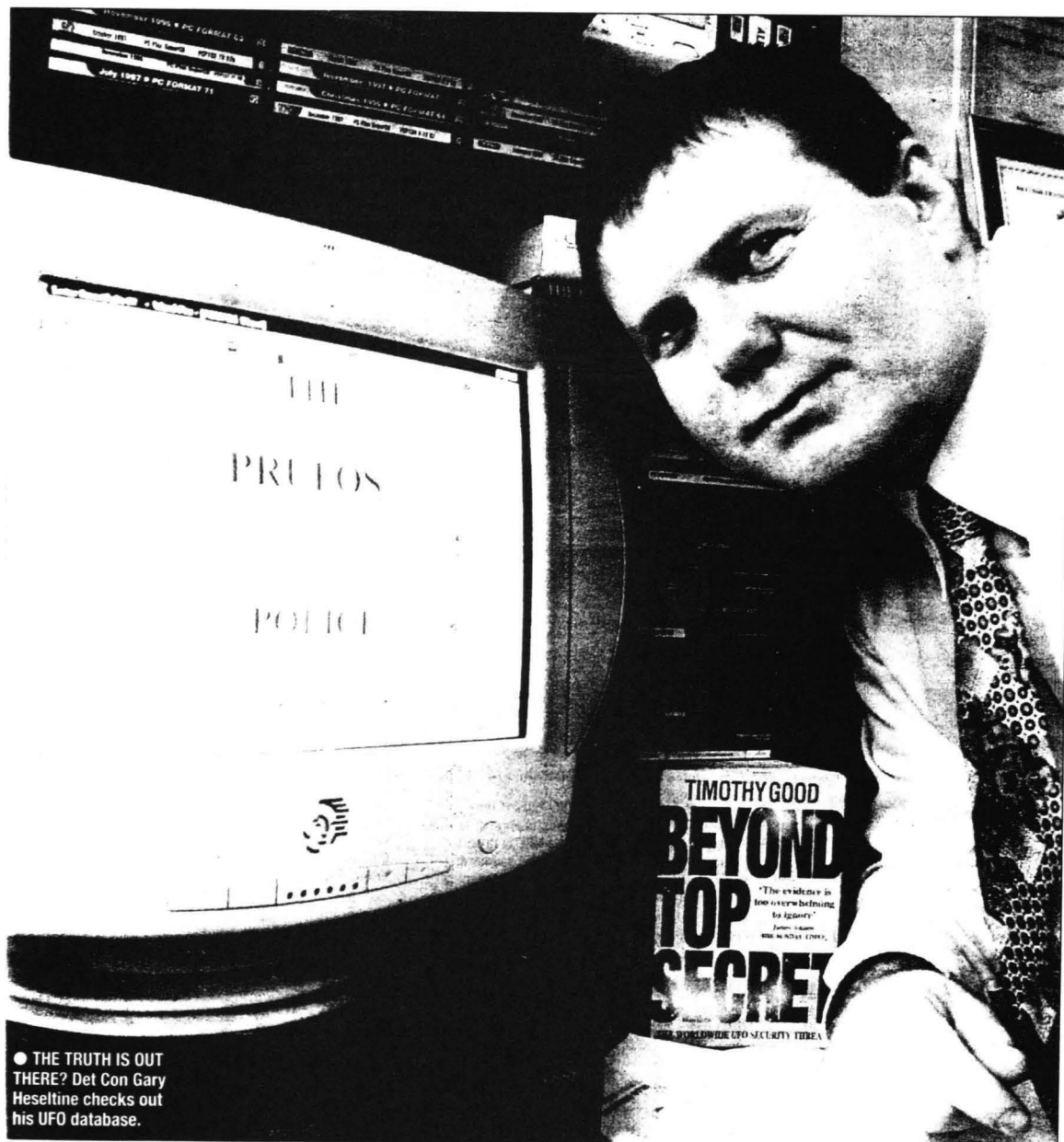


A Yorkshire police officer, convinced it is time to stop ridiculing UFO sightings, tells **Bruce Smith** about his work to bring evidence of widespread sightings out into the open.



LIKE most police officers Gary Heseltine chooses not to switch his powers of observation on and off. He sees what he sees.

Now 26 years after he saw personal "proof" of the existence of UFOs, he has launched a computer database for serving and retired police to record their own sightings.



● THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE? Det Con Gary Heseltine checks out his UFO database.

Daylight sighting that left three officers baffled

SOME of the most intriguing reports in Gary Heseltine's database were sent in recently and involve UFO sightings by a retired Gloucestershire police officer. The officer wished not to be named for fear of ridicule. He had never publicly aired his experiences before, not even to his wife. He had served with the Gloucestershire force for 30 years and his first sighting dated back to the summer of 1975. He had been on duty at around noon when he was sent to investigate a report of an unusual light above a police radio mast near Evesham. As the officer made his way up a hill

towards the mast, he was astonished to see that there was a large white light hovering silently to the right of the mast, said Mr Heseltine. He watched the object as it slowly began to move away from him following the line of a ridge. The officer got into his police car and tried to follow it. At one point the object passed directly in front of his car and for some unknown reason, he felt compelled to flash his lights at it. As he did so, it suddenly shot up into the sky at great speed just as two other police

officers joined him to see it move away into the distance. "The sighting was reported in police logs at the time. This was witnessed in part by three police officers in broad daylight. I do not believe that the officer is deluded or that this is a hoax report. "Given the time of day, I think this object could well and truly be labelled unknown," said Mr Heseltine. "This officer also had three off-duty sightings between 1976 and 1980 which are extraordinary in themselves and will be published in full in a forthcoming edition of UFO magazine," he added.

The Police Reporting UFO Sightings (PRUFOS) database has already been contacted by retired officers who have never before spoken about their sightings. PRUFOS offers a telephone line and e-mail address where police officers can contact Mr Heseltine - a Leeds-based British Transport Police detective constable - in confidence. Other professionals, who, like some police officers, have previously not disclosed their experiences for fear of ridicule, have contacted Mr Heseltine wanting to record their sightings. Their reports will be recorded in confidence on a separate file, not on the database.

Experience

Mr Heseltine, who has been with the transport police for 12 years, had his personal experience of a UFO sighting while walking a girlfriend home in Bottesford, near Scunthorpe, as a teenager. He saw a brilliant white object travelling across a starlit sky. "The object passed from our right to left. My girlfriend was visibly frightened when suddenly power cuts appeared behind the flightpath of the object. We immediately linked the object with the power cuts. It appeared to trigger a grid failure as it moved over the landscape," said Mr Heseltine. "As it was travelling in the direction of my home, I estimated that if I dropped my girlfriend home quickly, I could race back on my cycle in time for the object to be passing over my home." "I rode home and told my parents and predicted a power cut. They didn't believe me and I rushed out into the garden just in time to see the object passing overhead. No sooner had it passed over the top of the house than there was a 30-minute power cut," he said.

Officers

"I don't know that the object was but I do know it wasn't a plane, helicopter, balloon or meteor." Mr Heseltine has often wondered how many officers have seen UFOs on duty and estimates only one in ten reports them. He recalled the case of North Yorkshire Police Sergeant Tony Dodd, who in 1978 reported his first UFO at Skipton and subsequently told of witnessing several other sightings both on and off duty. In 1980 a West Yorkshire officer, PC Alan Godfrey reported encountering a diamond-

When an officer states that he went round a bend in his patrol car and saw a diamond-shaped object hovering silently above the road, I tend to believe him
- Gary Heseltine

shaped UFO in Todmorden. He "established a period of missing time" and during hypnosis an alien abduction scenario unfolded which is now regarded as one of the most convincing cases of its type in Britain, said Mr Heseltine. He has also studied film taken by the Sussex police helicopter of a possible UFO sighting in the Brighton area last August. "I want to create conditions where police can confidentially contact me with their accounts. As a result the database offers a telephone number and e-mail address where they can contact me safe in the knowledge that their details will not be divulged," said Mr Heseltine. "If I can help highlight important sightings then the database will prove its worth, after all police officers are trained observers and should be credible witnesses," he said. "When an officer states that he went round a bend in his patrol car and saw a diamond shaped object 5ft off the ground and 14ft in diameter hovering silently above the road, I tend to believe him. Experience of my colleagues tends to be that they are very down-to-earth people."

Colleagues

"There appears to be a wealth of experience that suggests that UFOs are indeed real and of an extraterrestrial origin," he said. "To date more than 3,500 commercial, private and military pilots have reported UFO encounters whilst in the air. "Many are highly respected pilots with thousands of logged flying hours and their accounts are corroborated by cockpit and ground instrumentation. They are well used to seeing aerial phenomena," said Mr Heseltine. "We regularly entrust our lives to them when we go on holiday. Why is it then that we dismiss their testimonies so easily. It doesn't make any sense to me at all. "It's as if people cannot literally accept what they are being told by very credible witnesses purely because it is of an incredible nature." ● Any serving or retired police officer can ring Mr Heseltine on 01924 864614 or email him at: heseltinegary@hotmail.com. His website can be found at: <http://www.hometown.aol.co.uk/prufos/myhomepage/ufos/html>

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Facts that are stranger than fiction

A UFO crashes to earth on a lonely Northumberland moor. A ghost sled appears in County Durham. A father and daughter are terrified by a huge light above their car on a dark, northern road.

No, it's not a new science fiction film set up here. It's strange incidents like these that come under the scrutiny of Newcastle-based paranormal researcher Gloria Dixon. It was in late December, 1968, that it was claimed an alien craft had crashed alongside the Roman Wall, near Haltwhistle. A man saw a silvery disc hurtle to earth and nosedive into the marshes roughly 12 miles away to the north. He said he later trekked to the spot and found the disc sticking half out of a bog. He reckoned it was at least 100ft in diameter and it resembled a huge spinning top. Noticing a doorway, he entered and saw a mass of equipment

Last year was the weirdest one of all

and flashing lights. He jumped out as the craft began to sink further and he watched it until only two feet of the craft remained above ground. A representative of the Air Ministry, whose job it was to investigate reports like this, called Haltwhistle Police Station and asked them to interview the man. He later retracted his claim to have been inside the craft or to have seen the crash site at all but still insisted he saw the strange, flying object come down to earth. In 1976, a woman and her grand-daughter were walking along a quiet path in Co Durham when they both saw a translucent object, which they described as being like a sledge, moving alongside them. The little girl

ALL In all, 2001 was a strange year.

Every year the magazine The Fortean Times, which catalogues bizarre happenings, produces a Weirddness Index and last year was, apparently, the weirdest on record. Residents of New Delhi

complained about attacks by a creature with a short, human body, monkey head and metal claws, which they called Monkey Man.

A police operation found nothing and the case was dismissed as being due to mass delusion.

British UFO Research Association (BUFORA) and editor of Strange Times magazine, which focuses on extraordinary human experiences.

Heavily involved in the study and discussion of UFOs since 1989, she was interested in all aspects of the paranormal from an early age.

"I have always been extremely captivated by the idea of something beyond the physical, things that people can't explain. "I used to live in the United States, where my father was an aeronautical engineer involved in the space programme in the 1960s working on the parachutes they



Leicester when they were suddenly aware of a huge, glowing object about 100ft above their car. Terrified, they screeched to a halt and sat clinging to each other as searchlight-like beams swept over them. The daughter just managed to make out porthole-style windows in the object before it shot off at a staggering speed towards the North Sea. All strange. But true? Gloria Dixon is Director of Investigations for the

used when coming back down to earth. I was mainly involved in secretarial work and was the personal assistant to Republican congressman Tom Evans.

When I was over there I read Project Blue Book on the United States Air Force official investigations into UFOs and during the first part of the 1970s heard a couple of unusual stories, which reinforced my interest further."

Gloria came back over to England and settled in the North East. Later, in 1990, she became a member of The British UFO Research Association and the IUN (Independent UFO

Network)

and began to attend UFO and paranormal conferences.

She started dealing with investigations back in 1996. She has, she says, to keep an open but critical mind when dealing with reports of UFOs.

"I'm very sceptical. There are a lot of considerations, including mental health issues, hoaxes and attention-seeking, which you have to take into account but there are very genuine, ordinary people who have undergone extraordinary experiences, there's no doubt about that."

In some cases, witnesses have actually only seen unusual lights but will go on to talk about objects as well as lights. Careful questioning will

establish that they have not actually observed a

structured

object but only lights in the sky. A frequent, mundane cause of mysterious lights are laser light displays. These can be seen for many miles around and often draw circles in the sky which can be mistaken for solid objects.

The vast majority of reports can be explained as air traffic, atmospheric conditions or astronomical phenomena like meteors, the Northern Lights or comets but Gloria insists that there is a very small percentage of cases where there appears to be some kind of unexplained external force.

Reports have changed slightly over the last three years, with more and more cases of High Strangeness, incidents of time slips, apparitions and near death experiences.

When strange things happen to us we interpret them by using some of the images and ideas that are popular at the time, explains Gloria. This information is all around us and influences us whether we think it does or not.

A strange presence in your bedroom when you wake suddenly would have been thought of as a ghost in the past, now it would probably be seen as an alien, Gloria says. As well as being a paranormal researcher, Gloria has been the editor of Strange Times for two years. It started life as Strange Daze, which was dedicated to UFOs and astronomy, in 1993. It now has subscribers as far afield as USA, Sweden, France, Australia, Italy and Cyprus. The magazine covers topics as varied as ghosts, conspiracies, beliefs and, of course, UFOs.

A recent issue was delayed due to the cover and main article being about terrorism. The cover showed a bomb going off in an American street.

The article focused on the threat of ultra terrorism, mentioning Osama Bin Laden and the Taliban, and it finished with the prophetic line

"Eventually something really unpleasant will come and stand the world on its head".

Although the piece was written by the magazine's managing editor Bill Rose four months before, the issue it was due to be in was at the printers on September 11. Gloria was not comfortable running it and hurriedly changed the issue.

The year 2001 has been officially dubbed the weirdest on record. The North East has had its fair share of bizarre phenomena down the years. As **STUART FERROL** has been finding out, the truth is out there

A shower of koi carp and goldfish fell on a golf course in Wiltshire in April. The theory is that they were whisked from their home by a small tornado. In February cars all over Britain were covered by a layer of sand from the Sahara. And the weather in this country was all over the place.

STRANGE VOCATION:
Gloria Dixon



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Gloria finds her work both fascinating and enriching. After meeting and talking to so many people who claim to have been touched by these strange encounters, she says she's seen the positive effect some have had on their lives. People suddenly become creative and artistic, their

whole view on life and the world changed.

"In my opinion at the centre of all this lies the human drama and our desire to reach out for something more from those other worlds in order to explain this one."

● Anyone wanting to know more about Strange Times or BUFORA can e-mail Gloria Dixon at HeatherD77@aol.com, fax 0191 276 4437 or write to: The Editor, Strange Times Magazine, Unit 2A, East Cheap, Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 5UA.

The BUFORA website is www.bufoa.org.uk and the Strange Times site is www.strangetimes.org

Skies buzz with UFOs

YOUR report of UFOs over Hengistbury Head recalls a similar sighting by another coastguard some years ago by your own reporter, the late Carl Whiteley. I was then also working as a reporter on the weekly paper and remember interviewing an enthusiastic Carl about the mystery craft he sighted through his binoculars from the now-defunct coastguard look-out station atop the Head. Carl had much mocking from his colleagues and fellow Priory churchgoers but he never wavered about what he saw and it sparked off a considerable interest in him about the UFO phenomenon. The UFO Carl spotted was, if I recall correctly, the older type of a saucer with a dome, rather like the mock-up in your Wednesday edition photograph. Nowadays our skies seem to be buzzing more with the triangular shaped craft - obviously the latest "saucer

show" models! I know the researcher referred to in the article, David Kingston, well and I, too, have been involved with the UFO mystery for many years. Despite my little joke about the latest models, it's high time the subject was taken off the loony list although I admit the real answers still seem as far away as ever. I often think that in this subject - and others related to the paranormal - I know less and less about more and more! Finally I'll know nothing about everything! Anyone interested in UFOs locally is welcome to give me a call on 01202 528685.

DAVID HAITH,
Kinson Road,
Bournemouth

WIDNES WEEKLY NEWS, Cheshire, England - Feb. 21, 2002

Author looks at space ship voyager

REMEMBER the story of James Cooke, the Runcorn man who claimed to have spent two days travelling in a spacecraft which he said took off from Runcorn Hill? The story made headlines in the *Weekly News* and other publications in October 1957 when the then 48-years-old Cooke, who lived in Westfield Road and ran a newsagents business in Lowland Road, went missing for two days the previous month and returned home to say he had received a telepathic message to meet space people on Runcorn Hill. He had claimed many previous UFO sightings but nothing, he said, had prepared him for what was to follow.

He claimed that when he was on Runcorn Hill at 2.15am on September 6, 1957, he saw a blindingly illuminated spacecraft hovering a few inches above the ground 20 yards in front of him.

The spacecraft came to rest within a couple of feet of him and when a railed ramp descended from the craft he was told to jump on to the ramp. Eventually, he maintained, he boarded another larger spacecraft that had landed nearby and there encountered about 20 aliens who communicated with him telepathically. He was taken to the alien's home planet, Zomdic.

Cooke himself disappeared one December afternoon in 1969, after

which he was never seen again. Why am I telling you all this now? Well, dear reader, Yorkshireman Andy Roberts, a specialist in UFO research, popped into the office a few days ago to ask if readers can help with anything at all they know about the said James Cooke.

Currently preparing a book on UFOs, he would like anyone who knew Cooke to contact him and he is also particularly interested in any information he can obtain about the two churches Cooke started.

Andy Roberts can be contacted at 30 Clifton Common, Clifton, Brighouse, West Yorks HDG 1QW, tel: 01484 711129 or email, aj.roberts blueyonder.co.uk



SPACE MAN: James Cooke claimed he was whisked off to an 'unknown' planet in another solar system.

EVENING TELEGRAPH, Derby, England - Feb. 22, 2002

Local books with Maxwell Craven

Strange lights in the sky



Are We Being Watched? True Mysteries of Triangles and Hidden Lights - Margaret Anne Harvey (published by Arthur H. Stockwell, Ilfracombe at £6.99).

Do you see strange lights materialising and de-materialising in the night sky when looking out of your windows after dark, I wonder?

I suppose this entirely rhetorical question is unfair, really, for if, like me you live in an urban environment, the only lights visible will be street lights and those of the houses opposite, and lights that materialise and de-materialise will be passing aircraft, motor cars and our only satellite, Luna.

Even during my childhood in the very depths of the countryside, I never, ever, saw anything as remarkable as Mrs Harvey sees with daunting regularity from the windows of her residence in rural Linton.

Furthermore, I have never been much of a

conspiracy theorist, nor have I ever had the slightest interest in Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), although in the late 1960s I met and chatted to the late Brinsley Clancarty (the eccentric Irish peer, the 8th Earl of Clancarty) who was, I suppose, Britain's most dedicated Ufologist.

He was also, for many years, editor of *Flying Saucer Review* and once launched on his subject was, by turn, strangely convincing and bizarre but never dull.

I wish he was still with us (he died in 1995) to give me a 'professional's' opinion on this extraordinary book, for having read it, I find myself utterly unconvinced.

One problem is that the book really accompanied two videotapes, made by the author, who, not initially believing what she was seeing (a happenstance echoed by her entire acquaintanceship, I imagine), thought that recording it all would support her claims.

As it turned out, however, her camera only recorded some of the phenomena she claims to have observed. Nevertheless, the book itself would be far more meaningful, I am sure, if accompanied by the videos (a pleasure I was denied by the publisher).

This slim volume consists of a brief introduction, which makes it clear that it is a sequel to *Strange Lights in the Night*, True Unexplained Mysteries.

This is followed by nothing more or less than a succession of more than 100 diary entries describing the phenomena, in places accompanied by drawings.

A typical short entry (there are plenty of longer ones) reads: 7-12-99 (6.15 am):

Three bright Jupiter-type triangles, about five metres apart, in the form of a triangle, began to flash and then moved off in an easterly direction - one I have on tape.

Margaret Anne Harvey writes in her introduction: "These strange triangular brilliant huge lights, [sic] are being sighted all around Britain, besides worldwide, by so many people."

"I watched these lights over many months, beginning on October 8, 1997 ... and have seen so many huge white triangles measuring from 20 to 30 inches in diameter. As some come over this way, they just disappear without any trace, even on a clear evening. Where do they go to, I wondered?"

Indeed, one does, one does.

Our author, perhaps sensibly, does not attempt to explain all these things, and I take the point.

But I can only say that to get the best out of this oddball tome, you do need to have a real interest in the subject, for this bald journal of the downright extraordinary can only really appeal to the most dedicated specialist.

NORTHERN ECHO, Darlington, England - Jan. 18, 2002

Police baffled by reports of blazing plane

POLICE admitted they were baffled last night after a search following reports of a blazing plane failed to turn up any wreckage.

Witnesses saw what they thought was a stricken aircraft flying low and then plunge to the ground in fields to the west of York.

But despite a full day of searches, both from the ground and from the air, not a trace of the wreckage or the occupants was found - prompting speculation that the aircraft may have been a UFO.

As the searches were called off at dusk yesterday, police were left scratching their heads over the plane crash that apparently never was.

The alert was sounded at about 8.20pm on Wednesday by two people who were dri-

By MARK FOSTER

ving along-the B1224 Rufforth to York road.

They saw what appeared to be a light aircraft on fire and flying in a southerly direction towards the village of Askham Richard.

Police were on the scene within minutes, but could find no trace of an aircraft crash, while neither the civil nor military aviation authorities had any report of a lost plane.

At first light yesterday, searches in the area were resumed and local landowners were also urged to check their land for any sign of aircraft debris.

A pilot from nearby Rufforth airfield also took to the air in a microlite to scour the area from above.

As the search continued

further calls came in. One reported seeing an aircraft with its lights on, flying low overhead at the time, and another man said he had seen a red flare in the Rufforth area.

However as evening fell the search was called off with police none the wiser.

"We think the eye-witnesses made a genuine report, but it must have been something else," said a spokesman last night.

"It's a large area but no aircraft have been reported missing and no trace of anything was found."

"Some interesting suggestions have been made but we just don't know what it was."

The strange reports will go down as a UFO - an unidentified flying object - but not necessarily one of the extraterrestrial variety.



OVERHUNG by trees with twisting black paths and dark shadows, the disused munitions dump near the town of Point Pleasant in West Virginia was a sinister place at midnight.

But the two young couples in the old Chevy felt safe. After all, they knew the area well and "TNT", as the locals called it, was a popular courting spot.

Roger Scarberry, 18, was driving on this late November night in 1966. His wife Linda was beside him with two of their friends in the back.

The group were laughing and chatting when suddenly Linda let out a scream.

Roger slammed on the brakes. Two bright red eyes, about two inches wide and six inches apart, were staring malevolently at them through the window. The youngsters sat frozen in their seats.

Through the gloom, they saw a huge animal, about seven feet tall, greyish in colour, with sturdy human-like legs and two massive bat-like wings.

As Roger spun the car round, the creature spread its wings and took off after them.

The traumatised youngsters were being pursued by a creature that came to be known as the Mothman, now a subject of a terrifying new film starring Richard Gere, based on the experiences of the people of Point Pleasant, as investigated in John Keel's book *The Mothman Prophecies*, published today.

For more than a year, this little town endured the predations of the Mothman and a series of frightening phenomena, ghostly manifestations and inexplicable glowing objects in the sky.

Keel saw and experienced much of this personally and like the inhabitants became gripped by a dark terror, culminating in a terrible tragedy which was to make headlines throughout the world.

The TNT munitions dump was just seven miles from Point Pleasant — but it must have seemed for ever for Roger Scarberry and his friends as they tore along the narrow country roads, with the Mothman in pursuit. They were convinced they were going to die.

THEN, as they approached the city limits, the Mothman suddenly disappeared. Still terrified, the youngsters went straight to the police station, where Deputy Millard Halstead was on duty.

Halstead was an experienced, level-headed cop. Later, he told Keel: "I'd known these kids for years. They'd never been in any trouble and they were really scared that night. I took them seriously."

Halstead jumped into a patrol car and headed to the dump. There was no sign of the red-eyed spectre. He switched on his police radio, but a deafening signal blasted an incomprehensible garble out of the speaker.

He was, however, convinced that the young people had seen something sinister, and the next morning called a press conference.

Local reporters interviewed the four witnesses and that evening the Mothman — so christened by a local journalist because of its huge wings and enormous glowing eyes — was the chief topic at supper tables throughout the Ohio Valley.

Then a local farmer, Newell Partridge, came forward to report his own experience of the Mothman. He had lost Bandit, his German Shepherd, in terrifying circumstances the night before the creature's pursuit of the youngsters.

Partridge had been watching TV at 10.30pm when suddenly the screen went blank. The set made an excruciating noise and he could hear Bandit whining outside.

"The dog was sitting on the porch, howling down towards the hay barn in the bottom," he said later. "I shined the light in that direction and it picked up two red circles which looked like bicycle reflectors."

Bandit snarled and ran towards them. Partridge said that a "cold chill" swept over him which kept him from following the dog. He hadn't seen Bandit since.

There wasn't much to do in Point Pleasant, a town of 6,000 people, 22



by
David Leafe

churches and no bars, so the Mothman was a welcome diversion.

The night after the press conference, Marcella Bennet, with her baby daughter Teena and her friends Mr and Mrs Raymond Wamsley, was passing near the dump. Suddenly Mrs Bennett saw a large red light moving around in the sky directly above TNT. "It wasn't an airplane. We couldn't figure out what it was," she said.

Later, as they left a friend's house and headed back to their car, they saw a figure in the darkness.

"It rose up slowly from the ground," Mrs Bennett said. "A big grey thing. Bigger than a man, with terrible glowing red eyes."

Mrs Bennett was so frightened she dropped her baby and stood transfixed. Suddenly, the great wings began to unfold.

Raymond Wamsley grabbed the woman and child and ran back into the house, bolting the door. The two red eyes peered in through the window. The women and children became hysterical while Wamsley phoned the police.

It was 9pm. By the time police arrived, the creature was gone.

Altogether, more than 100 people saw the Mothman in 1966 and 67. A housewife encountered it on her lawn. A National Guardsman saw it crouching in a tree. Different circumstances but remarkably consistent descriptions: not only of the Mothman's appearance but of the terrible fear it induced.

News of the Mothman began to spread and attracted the interest of John Keel, a 37-year-old radio reporter and UFO writer from New York. Keel prided himself on his objective, scientific approach and arrived in Point Pleasant in December 1966.

He visited TNT one night with Roger Scarberry, who had been the first to report the Mothman, and others who claimed to have seen it. But they saw nothing — until they were about to leave. A young girl called Connie glanced over her shoulder and let out a gasp. "Those eyes," she screamed. "He's there."

She began crying uncontrollably. Keel saw nothing, but the whole group was in a total panic and fled.

Keel was convinced that some UFO-type phenomena were present in the TNT area. Within days, he had tracked down dozens of UFO witnesses throughout the Ohio Valley.

HE DISCOVERED that at 2am on the morning he was prowling the TNT site, two elderly couples on the opposite side of the Ohio river had watched as a series of red and orange lights flashed on and off before an object disappeared up into the sky above TNT.

A young couple making love in the back of their car at night were interrupted by a blinding ball of blueish fire, hovering above the ground.

The next morning, they woke up to find themselves "sunburned" from head to foot. The boy's eyes were swollen shut with "Kleig conjunctivitis", a common symptom in people who claim to have seen UFOs.

Keel's reports generated national interest and people flocked into Point Pleasant and its environs in search of UFOs and the Mothman. It was the height of the Cold War and many Americans believed in such things, whether from Outer Space or the Soviet Union.

Scores of people reported strange noises and interference on their phones and TVs, and there were other, more sinister phenomena. Throughout the Ohio Valley, dogs, cows and horses were dying suddenly and mysteriously, usually from incisions in their throats. Such deaths, Keel knew, went hand in hand with UFO sightings.

The people of Point Pleasant tried to get on with their lives and Keel didn't return to the town until November 1967, the anniversary of the Mothman's first visit. He was immediately aware of a new sense of foreboding.

The Mothman, he was told, had suddenly reappeared near the TNT site. Keel's friend, local journalist Mary Hyre, confided in him that she'd had a terrible nightmare: "There were a lot of people drowning in the river and Christmas packages floating everywhere. Something awful is going to happen."

Weeks later, back in New York, Keel sat down to watch the traditional lighting of the White House Christmas tree on TV. President Johnson reached for the switch and the Christmas tree blazed with light. Suddenly, an announcer's voice broke in. "We interrupt this programme," he announced flatly, "for a special bulletin."

The news was terrible. The 700ft Silver Bridge at Point Pleasant had collapsed, plunging 50 cars into the icy Ohio River. Forty-six people

died and, as predicted in Mary Hyre's dream, soggy, gaily wrapped Christmas packages littered the river surface.

Two miles north of the bridge, a teenager was watching the special news bulletins. He glanced out of the living room window and gasped. There was a flashing red light over the trees. Soon it was joined by another, and another until there were 12 red lights rising up from the TNT area and moving towards the town.

Metal fatigue was the official explanation for the tragedy. But the townsfolk blamed the Mothman for the bridge collapse.

FORTY years on, it is hard to take the Mothman and UFO sightings in small-town America seriously. But that is not to doubt the sincerity of the witnesses.

Mass hysteria is one possible explanation. Or perhaps John Keel had the answer. He believed that UFOs and other apparitions are hallucinations, caused by momentary materialisations of energy from entities in an existence parallel to our own.

These take different forms, from devils to spacemen, depending on the beliefs and culture of those they affect.

If true, this might help explain why sightings of strange apparitions and UFOs across the world continue to this day — intimations of life in dimensions beyond our understanding. We can never know when the Mothman might visit again.

■ *The Mothman Prophecies* by John A. Keel is published by The New English Library at £6.99.

Researcher devises system to prove time travel possible

By MIKE PRATT
The Herald

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About two weeks ago, Marshall Barnes of Columbus asked me to consider writing an article about time — more accurately, about manipulating time, which could be closely related to his theory that time travel is possible.

Barnes, who makes regular visits to *The Herald* to pick up locally-printed copies of his publication, *Transdimensional Times*, said he has developed what he calls a Space-Time Dilator Transmitter System (STDTS), which enables an automobile to travel from one point to another quicker than it should have, considering its speed.

He calls it "chrono travel." "Really good watches are called chronographs, so instead of calling it time traveling, which reminds people of H.G. Wells types of stuff, we'll call it chrono travel because it relates to the watch," Barnes said.

To prove his invention, Barnes took me with him on an experiment, along state Route 104, from state Route 56 to the Columbus corporation limit. The speed limit is 55 mph, except for a short 45-mph stretch near Columbus, with one traffic light near the southern edge of the city.

"This isn't exactly scientific," he said. "But we will eventually do testing at a real testing facility. That will settle this question once and for all."

We made the trip in Barnes' 1988 Olds Cutlass, without the STDTS turned on, in 24 minutes.

Coming back, he turned his machine on, and I watched the speedometer closely. I quietly wondered if the slow car in front of us might affect our results.

Back at Route 56, Barnes cheered when we checked our watches.

We did it in 22 minutes. "Don't forget, that guy back there slowed us down about a minute and I didn't speed to make up for it," Barnes said, laughing all the while. "I hate these (demonstrations) until the end and then it's like, 'Yes. It works.'"

"You have been the first man from Circleville to chrono travel," he told me.

The secret is in the software he plays in a tape deck that has an amplifier built into it.

"I put a signal on a tape and it goes through the antennae cables, which are attached to the hood of the car," he said. "When the signal hits the hood it resonates and creates a specially modulated electromagnetic field, consisting of a close-adhering cloud of electrons. The field floats about a quarter inch off the surface, around the front of the car."

"I'm using this process to cut through space faster. ... We're getting there sooner than we should have but we're traveling at the same speed. We're causing a warp and that's what's so radical about it."

— Marshall Barnes

"So we're actually traveling inside an electromagnetic field," he said.

The electromagnetic field appears to cause fluctuations in space-time itself at the quantum level, he said. Tiny, micro time warps accumulate. So the longer the vehicle travels, the more time is warped.

"This has worked every time I've tested it," Barnes said. "But it seems to work better in the rain. That's probably because it hits the metal body and acts as a conductor."

He demonstrated the STDTS once for the Sterling Show on WTVN Radio. On that run, however, the motor on his tape deck failed.

"It still worked but the best we could dilate was 15 seconds," he said.

His most amazing test to date was accomplished in a stainless steel DeLorean, owned by his friend, Bob Fittrakis. He made the trip from Columbus to Route 56 in 18 minutes.

"That's six minutes less," Barnes said. "The more metal in a car the better."

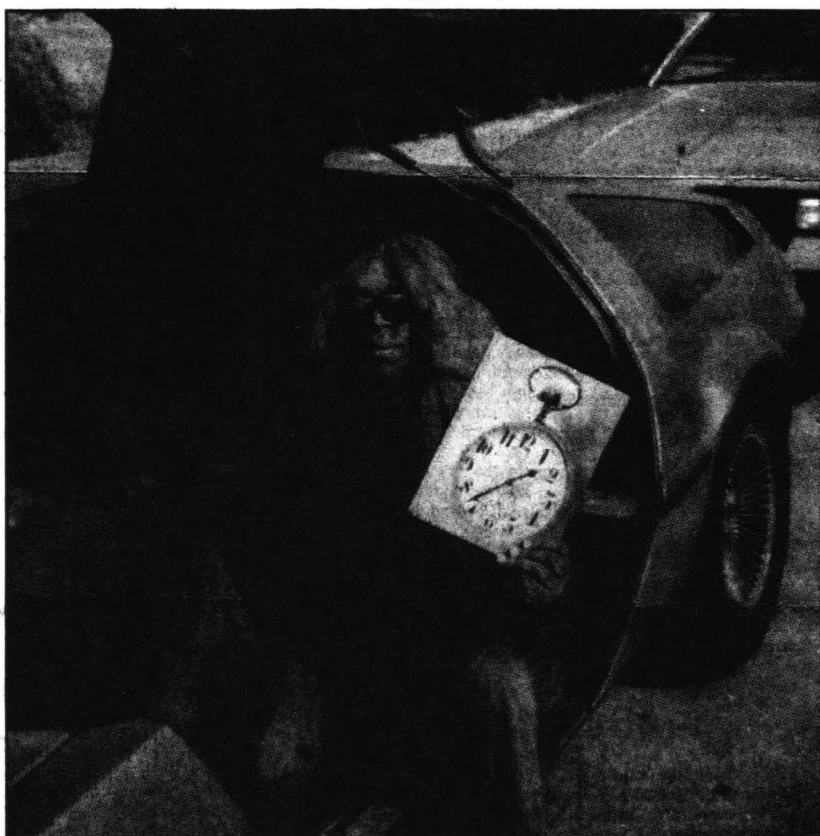
It was because the DeLorean did so well that he installed the amplifier in the tape deck to make up for the lack of strong metal in most cars.

"I was just looking to make some sort of electromagnetic thing that would mess with time," Barnes said. "That would imply that time might have some sort of mass."

"The reason I mention time and mass is that there are some people who believe there is such a thing as time particles. For example, in relativity theory, there's space-time, which is time as a dimension with three dimensions of space."

"I believe there's more to time than just that side of it," he said. "It's a neat way to describe time and it works when you do the math, but it's not as complete as it should be."

He said some people think time



Submitted photo

MARSHALL BARNES SITS in a DeLorean owned by his friend, Bob Fittrakis. He said he is close to marketing a device that will manipulate time, allowing an automobile to go from one point to another faster than expected, considering its speed.

is a construct of mass.

"But that's not true either," he said. "Time is the measurements that take place between two separate events."

That's where the STDTS comes in.

"First, I had to prove an electromagnetic field could be produced in the body of the car," he said. "I imagined that you have to create a shell that affects time as you go along. My theory is that we can make the vehicle like a giant electron if we have the right kind of field in front of it. It appears to be a warp in time but in actuality we might be warping space a little bit too."

He referred to a photograph of a girl tossing a baton into the air. With the aid of stop-motion photography, you see the baton intermittently until it returns to the girl.

"Each baton represents a different point in space and a different point in time," he said. "We're doing the same thing as we go down the road. With this device, it nudges the time factor. So we're



almost a little bit into the next time frame than we would be without the machine."

"But the difference is so small you have to travel about 20 minutes to start to see dilation."

Barnes said there are many other researchers who describe their work on the Internet. They are working on the same theories, with some differences.

"I'm using this process to cut through space faster," he said. "That's the paradox. We're getting there sooner than we should have but we're traveling at the same speed. We're causing a warp and that's what's so radical about it."

Barnes said he believes his invention will dramatically impact the future.

"Try to imagine two truck drivers, 12 hours from the same destination," he said. "Some truck drivers aren't allowed to drive more than 10 hours. So the guy without my machine won't make it. But the guy with my machine should make it in 10 hours."

He knows some people won't believe in his invention.

"That won't bother me because there are people who do understand this stuff," he said. "As we test it more, talk to the media, do demonstrations and start to sell the thing, then the acceptance of it will grow because they will see it works."

"I have people who want to buy it now," he said. "And believers will have an edge."

"When people see it work, my machine will become a necessity," he said.

"In the future, it will be like comparing conventional trucking to a horse and wagon."

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Speaker presents evidence of Bigfoot

By Kelton Hatch
Journal Outdoors Editor

POCATELLO — They're big and hairy, most likely a primate and Idaho State University Professor Jeffrey Meldrum believes that they exist.

According to Meldrum, Sasquatch, Bigfoot or Bukwas, which is the name used by the American Indians, makes his home in the mountains and forests of the Pacific Northwest and part of Canada.

Meldrum's 20-minute lecture on Bigfoot was part of the ISU Centennial Science and Society Symposium Friday morning.

"Scientists are beginning to take a more public position on them," he said. "When, wherever there have been travelers, ex-

"I have examined hundreds of footprints attributed to this animal and the inescapable bottom line is this: Something is leaving these tracks."

— Jeffrey Meldrum,
Idaho State University professor

plorers of new lands, there have been accounts of exotic and fanciful animals — either encountered or heard tell of.

"I think we will find one. It's just going to take a lot of time in the field and the chance for people to observe it. It's going to be just a matter of time and funding."

But funding has been scarce for research into the existence of

the so-called North American ape.

"It is not too difficult to imagine the attitude that prompted Baron de Cuvier, 'the father of paleontology,' to make the rash assertion in 1812 that he doubted that any new large animals remained to be discovered."

Meldrum's rebuts Cuvier's view, pointing out that more than 200 new animals have been

discovered in the last 100 years by researchers.

Meldrum's research into the existence of Sasquatch has led him to dozens of sites to gather tracks, photos of scat, hair samples and photos of the primate. He also has discovered skin ridge detail in nearly a half dozen of the print casts he has taken.

"I have examined hundreds of footprints attributed to this animal and the inescapable bottom line is this: Something is leaving these tracks," said Meldrum. "It seems reasonable that it might be determined that something (exists) through careful and objective evaluation of the evidence, be it a hoaxter or unidentified animal."

Puzzling prints

What caused tracks on Whipple Creek Road?

By LEILA KHEIRY
Daily News Staff Writer

Lillian Jaehnig first thought the tracks were made by a grizzly bear when she noticed them in the snow Sunday morning while bouncing down Whipple Creek Road in her truck. But when she got out and looked more closely, she said, she realized they were no bear prints.

The tracks — about a foot and a half long and 8 inches wide with what appear to be four toes — belong to a two-legged creature, she said.

Jaehnig, who works in road security for the private Whipple Creek and White River roads, led the way to the tracks Monday morning. They start near her home on Whipple Creek, said Jaehnig, and continue for about two miles along the middle of the road. Rain on Sunday and Monday had melted the tracks somewhat from the day before, she said, but they were still identifiable as footprints.

On Monday morning, the main part of the prints looked very similar in size and shape to a human foot, but surrounding that were less-obvious indentations that could have been made by toes. The stride — which

'Here's a toe. And here.'

— Lillian Jaehnig

Jaehnig estimated at three feet — was a big stretch, but reachable for a 6-foot tall person.

Jaehnig and Robert Alley — a local Sasquatch enthusiast who is working on a book about sightings in the area — made a plaster cast Sunday afternoon of one print that showed particularly clear markings. The cast is of a large footprint with four splayed toes. Jaehnig carried it with her as she pointed out the markings on the road.

"Here's a toe. And here," she said, indicating indentations on one of many tracks in the ribbon of snow leading up the road.

"This is my first footprint," Jaehnig said, carrying the plaster cast back to her truck. "It's pretty exciting."

Alley, who has been looking into bigfoot sightings for years, said that when Jaehnig called him about the prints, he assumed they were made by a large bear that had come out of hibernation early. But when he went out to look, he said, "It was immediately obvious they were biped, made by a hominid."

From his observations, Alley said, whatever made the prints was in a hurry. He said there are recent wolf prints along the same path, which could be connected with the mysterious tracks.

He said it is unlikely the tracks were made by someone in fake feet. The placement of the toes was not regular, said Alley, and the number of toe prints varied "as though the maker of the tracks had some kind of digital dexterity."



Lillian Jaehnig, a watchwoman for Cape Fox Corp.'s Whipple Creek and White River private lands, holds a plaster cast Monday along a Whipple Creek logging road. The cast was made Sunday of a print she found in the snow.
Staff photo by Hall Anderson

'We have not had any evidence that suggested there were really critters (like that) out there.'

—Boyd Porter, wildlife biologist

Alley said the tracks found Sunday are comparable to prints he has seen before. This isn't the first discovery in that area, either, he said: Last year and several years ago, tracks were seen along Whipple Creek, located north of town.

Alley said there are many stories about bigfoot in the Ketchikan area. This year, he said, there has been "non-stop" activity, with a number of reports this past summer in the Herring Cove area, which is located south of downtown Ketchikan.

Boyd Porter, wildlife biologist at the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Ketchikan, said Monday that he periodically hears about Sasquatch sightings in the area.

"We've had hair brought in, pictures of different things that people thought were bigfoot beds or nests," he said.

Porter said he had not been contacted about the Whipple Creek prints, and likely will not go inspect them. He said that if he hears a report about fresh prints, he would be willing to look at them. However, once

the prints start to wash out and melt, he said, it's difficult to determine whether it's a bear or snowshoes or — maybe — bigfoot.

At this point, said Porter, "We have

not had any evidence that suggested there were really critters (like that) out there."

However, he added, "that doesn't mean they're not there."

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Those innocent looking wisps in the sky may not be innocent

Look up into the sky. Notice any white, semi-transparent stuff?

I don't mean little puff clouds. I'm talking about airplane trails; those long, thin, white lines that airplane jets leave as they fly across the sky. Or, to use their proper name, contrails.

They're up there almost every day. Surprisingly, the trails are more visible on cloudy days than clear ones, according to my mom, who has lately become obsessed with the phenomena. And, lately, they do seem to be a phenomenon. A phenomenon that's apparently been going on for several years, but with few taking notice.

Although you can still detect an ordinary contrail from time to time, they are quickly being replaced by streams that are similar, yet extremely differ-

ent: vapor trails heavily laden with chemicals, better known as chemtrails.

Chemtrail analysis has shown that the stuff is made up of quite an assortment of chemicals — mainly aluminum oxide particles and ethylene dibromide, (EDB), a highly hazardous pesticide that was banned by the EPA in 1983, but put back into jet fuel in 1991. The chemtrails stay visible in the sky for hours on end. In contrast, genuine contrails dissipate between 10 seconds and an hour, and are made up of water vapor and a tiny amount of the burned remains of jet fuel.

U.S. military tanker aircraft and some private planes, usually painted solid white, silver, or black with no visible markings, produce the chemtrails, according to Internet sources. Despite the assumption that the chemtrails are a United States project, they have been sighted all across North America and in at least 14 other countries, according to William Thomas, a Cana-

dian investigative reporter who is the main researcher of the — until recently — unexplored subject.

No one, though, really knows what the purpose of the chemtrails is, as the nation's government is keeping mum about the issue and air traffic controllers flat-out deny the existence of any chemtrail-spewing aircraft on their radar screens. There are multiple ideas floating around on what the chemtrails are for, including the hypothesis that they are part of climate modification experiments, attempts to neutralize global warming.

Another theory is that the sprayings are test methods for chemical or biological warfare. Almost everywhere the chemtrails have appeared, community-wide illnesses such as severe headaches, respiratory infections, aching muscles, excessive tiredness, and other flu-like symptoms, have followed, in too many places to be deemed coincidental. Also, repeated exposure to low levels of EDB has been proven to cause all the ailments that have occurred among residents of areas that are sprayed.

Oregon is not immune to chemtrails. Everyone in our family has seen the oily air formations, which usually appear in circular or crossing patterns, making them look like giant checkerboards or spider webs. Usually, the stuff remains in the sky, presumably melting into clouds, but sometimes it does fall to earth, as it did in nearby Wal-lawa County in December 2000. The stuff closely resembles actual spider webs, sticking to whatever it touches, but it quickly disintegrates when handled.

Although none have fallen in our neighborhood, I can remember looking at what I now know were chemtrails clear back in elementary school. The chemtrails remind me a bit of kindergarten and its unforgettable mantra, "Look but don't touch." But, unlike elementary school, the lesson is kept secret from the pupils. When one finds out and is brave enough to ask, those who know the answers deny the problem's very existence.

But keep looking up into the sky. Sooner or later, the answers will start falling

down.

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Sara Phinney

Another Perspective on Cattle Mutilations

I have received a lot of calls from various locations around the U.S. since we ran the articles on cattle mutilations. Everyone seems to have a theory on it. I have been contacted by Roy Timm in Pendleton, Oregon, who has (he says) the facts on the mutilations. I have had several conversations with Mr. Timm over the phone, and found him to be very down to earth, and convincing. He has sent video tapes, audio tapes of interviews from various people and the article he wrote in the local paper there in Pendleton. I told him I would publish his article to get his viewpoint out to the public. He has written a book on the subject also, and plans to write another. He is interested in hearing from anyone who has been involved with cattle mutilations or E.T.'s. He used to be a rancher before losing his sight, and now is retelling his experiences of the cattle mutilations he has had on his own ranch and E.T sightings. He asked me also to mention a young man who he thought was working in the Cut Bank area who was abducted by aliens a few years back to get in contact with him. He is very interested in talking to anyone who has had any strange sightings. Mr. Timm's address is at the bottom of the article for those interested in contacting him. Following is the article Mr. Timm wrote for The Valerian.

I have the facts, and have had them for over 40 years!, since we first noticed cattle mutilations in this area. They are being done by our off-planet visitors, for a very special reason. Contamination from our nuclear materials. Silos like you have there in Montana, and the nuclear plant at Hanford seventy miles from Pendleton. They are some of the reasons tests are being done on our livestock.

The E.T.'s are highly afraid for us, that we will destroy ourselves and our planet!

Did you know there are over 100 different species of E.T.'s, and over 50 different

types of space ships? This was related to me by military retirees, many as old or older than I am.

There is much material out there, including a book titled "Death Stalks The Prairie" by Keith Wolverton and Roberta Donavan. Keith Wolverton is a retired law enforcement officer from the Montana area.

Dr. Stanje McGough is an 81 year old veterinarian from Spray, Oregon, who is still practicing full time. Dr. McGough has been my veterinarian, and is 100 percent behind my efforts to open the door on this secrecy and government coverup.

Four of my cousins were abducted the last week of August 1947, on a trip to our ranch in Pendleton. This occurred two months after we saw three flying saucers fly over in the early afternoon. They flew so low we could see the windows.

Also, four people were abducted August 1975, while examining and taking pictures of four head of cows that had been mutilated 8 miles from Meacham, Oregon. This same family was abducted again in 1979. At that time the youngest daughter was not zapped out, and told her parents of things that happened aboard the craft.

Also a young lady of 18 was abducted in 1969, four miles south of our ranch. She sang at my wedding in 1973.

None of these people have come forward before. We feel it is time to uncover the secrecy.

You may check for more information on these websites: nwhistoryofsaucers.com and thedisclosureproject.org by Dr. Steven Grier, M.D.

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NATIVES IN TWO NATIONS SPEAR OGOPOGO

MOVIE BENDS TO DEMANDS

BY JOSEPH BREAN

The producers of a Hollywood movie about Ogo-pogo, a prehistoric monster said to inhabit Lake Okanagan in British Columbia, have agreed to drop all references to the legendary creature in deference to a local Indian band.

Barry Authors, the film's Canadian-born writer and executive producer, had already been forced to move shooting of the movie to New Zealand, but even there, controversy caught up with the project. It was stopped in its tracks when New Zealand's Maori natives refused the crew permission to film on their land, to express their solidarity with the B.C. Indians.

The Penticton Indian Band has objected to the film since learning of it two years ago on the grounds that it appropriated a sacred part of their culture and spirituality.

Ogo-pogo is a legendary lake monster — like Scotland's Loch Ness monster — said to lurk in the depths of Lake Okanagan in south-central British Columbia.

The band argues that any film about the creature — thought to be akin to the prehistoric plesiosaur, if it actually exists — must remove all reference to the Okanagan, not use the name Ogo-pogo and fictionalize the creature's history.

"It's an international concern among indigenous people about the exploitation of spiritual entities and being and whatnot for commercial purposes. This is not an isolated incident," said Chief Stewart Phillip of the Penticton band.

Mr. Authors, who works out of England, had asked the Maori for permission to film at about 10 sites in New Zealand's scenic Lakes District, and wants to set off a series of explosions on Lake Wakatipu for special effects.

These effects will involve a mechanical mock-up of Ogo-pogo, built at a cost of \$3-million by Jim Henson's Creature Shop.

But the Ngai Tahu Maori tribe said it refused the request, saying it supported the position of the Penticton band.

According to Chief Phillip, Mr. Authors has agreed to change the script and remove the name Ogo-pogo. If this is the case, he said, he expects the Maori to drop their protest. "In the event that [the producers] change the name and make no reference whatsoever to Ogo-pogo, that is something that we would support," he said.

Mr. Authors, who was travelling to New Zealand for negotiations with Maori leaders, could not be reached for comment yesterday.

The movie was originally to have been filmed in B.C.'s Okanagan Valley, but bad timing, an actors strike and production costs made that difficult.

Kim Todd, who was the producer of the movie when it briefly started shooting in Manitoba two years ago and who has produced films in New Zealand, said the producers of the Ogo-pogo film would do well to agree to the Penticton band's request. "The very specific thing you are given is the right to walk on [Maori] land," she said. "That is a sacred right, and woe betide the American producers who have ignored this custom, because they have not been allowed back."

Arlene Gall, who has written books on Ogo-pogo and served as a consultant on the movie, said the producers should have filmed in the Okanagan Valley.

To the natives of the area, she said, the creature has always been known as Niataka or N'ha-aik, both of which mean "sacred creature of the water." The name Ogo-pogo is not a native word, she said, but was made up in jest at a meeting of the Vernon, B.C., board of trade in 1926.

A settlement is expected today.

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