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Reports put UFO near airport

A Chetek family driving on Hwy. 53 near Hwy. 8 about 9:40 on Monday evening is convinced they had an encounter with a UFO. Sheriff's dispatch logs have reports from Chetek and Cameron at about the same time.

But Rice Lake airport manager Jerry Stites said he reviewed the surveillance tapes from the airport, which could have recorded activity along Hwy. 53, and found nothing unusual. He did say, however, that the tape showed an aircraft doing touch-and-go landings at the airport from about 9:20-10:35 p.m.

The family that reported the incident was Julie Hauser and her children, Christina, 20, Mariah, 16, and Josh, 13, all of Chetek. They first saw the object when they were driving northbound on Hwy. 53, taking Christina to her job at Wal-Mart.

"Christina said 'What is that?'" said Julie.

"I thought it might be some new-fangled helicopter, then it turned on all those lights," she said.

Julie said the UFO, which was larger than a semi, seemed to come directly to their pickup truck from the area of the airport. She said it hovered above the truck, only about 15-20 feet away. She said there was also a semi and another

car on the road, and that the semi was swerving, possibly trying to get a look at what was going on.

"It was just the scariest thing," she said.

She said the object looked like a "sideways teardrop," and had blue, green and white lights, and had a purple flashing light at the pointed end.

Stites said airport runway lights will cause strange sightings, particularly in cloudy or hazy weather, but Hauser said the UFO was definitely not a result of airport lights.

"There were lights on it that were lit. They were on the thing. I don't know anything that has purple lights on it," she said. She said the object quickly darted off.

"It turned and switched directions so fast," she said.

Christina said she always has a cell phone, with a camera with her, but that night she was in a hurry and left her phone at home, which she never does.

Julie said they dropped Christina off at Wal-Mart and that they had another encounter on the way back home. She said the object again launched from the airport and came toward their truck.

Josh said for a bit it looked like the craft landed, and that it had a red laserlike light when it went

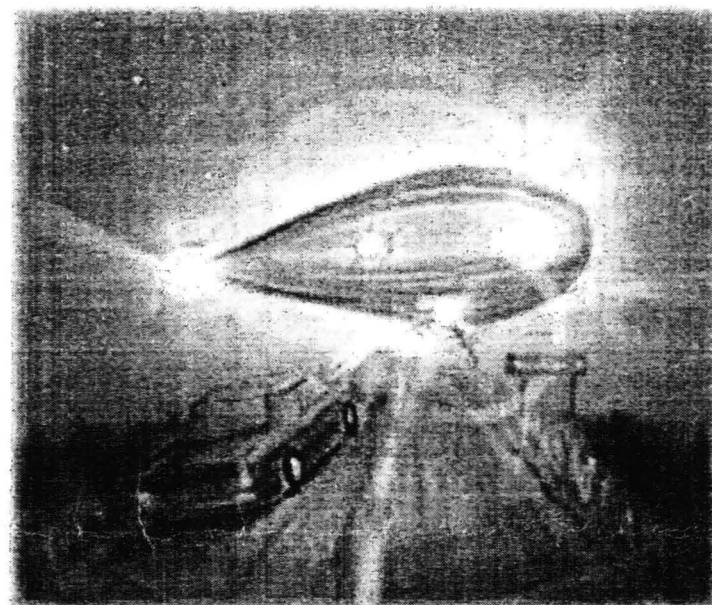


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near the airport.

"It just sat there in midair about 5 feet off the ground," he said.

Julie said it followed the truck for about 4 miles, then suddenly disappeared.

Julie said although brightly lit, the object made no noise at all.

"It was nothing from this planet," she said.

"This is a real sighting. This is the real thing," she said.

Spooner's Highway Patrol district had no log entries about

UFOs, nor were there any entries in the Polk County sheriff's log.

But the Barron County Sheriff's Department log had an entry at 10:19 that stated "Three officers saw it too. Cameron, Chetek and Vince Graf." Graf is a county deputy.

Cameron police officer Ryan Hulback was on duty Monday evening. He said he saw something in the air near the intersec-

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CHETEK ALERT
Chetek, Wisconsin
April 24, 2008
Credit: Richard Heiden

No further investigation into UFO

Investigation into the reported unidentified flying object near the Rice Lake Air Center last week has ended without a determination for what it may have been.

"Our officers saw some strange lights," said Barron County Sheriff Tom Richie.

"That is what we're leaving it at."

On Monday, April 13, around 9:30 p.m., the Barron County Dispatch received calls about a possible UFO sighting. Law enforcement officers observed strange lighting and several members of the public also reported seeing it. A Chetek family, the Hausers, was one group of individuals who reported seeing the UFO. They described it as a large, fast-moving, teardrop shaped object hovering low not far from their vehicle as they were traveling near the Rice Lake Air Center.

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tion of Hwy. 8 and 53. He said it wasn't unusual.

"What I saw appeared to be a helicopter," he said.

Medical transport helicopters are based at the Rice Lake airport, but Stites said there was no record of helicopter flights during that time period.

Chetek's police log notes that at 10:28 p.m. all units were asked to look for a UFO between Cameron and Rice Lake. Reported was an object with four evenly spaced lights changing color from purple to orange to blue. The object was there for about 30 minutes and then disappeared.

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Chetek, WI

Area UFO sighting under investigation

Local law enforcement officials are investigating several reports from individuals claiming to have observed an unidentified flying object hovering in various locations across Barron County.

According to Barron County Sheriff Tom Richie, the dispatch center received numerous calls from individuals at approximately 10 p.m. Monday reporting a possible UFO. Barron County deputies on duty that night reportedly observed the object.

Kristina Hauser, 20, of Chetek, was traveling with her family near the Rice Lake airport at about 9:40 p.m. when they saw the object. Hauser explained that the object, which initially appeared yellow, was flying toward Rice Lake and was dipping very low and moved very fast, heading back and forth across the road. She stated the object was hovering around their car for about a mile before it headed back to the airport.

Hauser also reported that after she was dropped off in Rice Lake, her family witnessed the object again on the way back to Chetek, hovering about 20 feet above their vehicle. They described it to her as a triangular or teardrop-shaped object with purple and blue lights. They could hear no sound coming from the object, and a red laser like light was shining on one end of it to the ground. The object followed their vehicle another four miles before it just disappeared.

Hauser's father, Glen, also spoke with various local police officers who had gotten calls

on the object as well. While working at Wal-Mart, Kristina also spoke with a Rice Lake police officer who had talked with local hospitals and the Federal Aviation Administration. All confirmed helicopters were grounded and there did not appear to be any air traffic in the area.

"By the way it moved, having no sound, and the way it looked, I knew it was not from this planet," said Julie Hauser, Kristina's mother. "It was the scariest thing."

In a brief interview, Rice Lake Air Center Manager Jerry Stites explained that there were employees of the airport in the Rice Lake area who observed what appeared to be aircraft landing between 9-9:30 p.m., but no employees were at the airport when the sightings were reported. After reviewing security tapes, Stites added that to their knowledge, no planes landed at the air center Monday night. The helicopter at the airport also remained grounded until about 3 a.m.

He added that he monitored the aviation radio until about 9 p.m., and there was no activity in the vicinity, but explained that did not mean there were no aircraft landing.

Calls to Cumberland Memorial Hospital and Sacred Heart in Eau Claire confirmed there were no airport runs to the Barron or Rice Lake area. Information on helicopter runs from Lakeview Medical Center in Rice Lake, Luther Hospital in Eau Claire, and Luther Midlefort Northland were not available at press time.

THE CHRONOTYPE
Rice Lake, Wisconsin
April 16, 2008
Credit: Richard Heiden

As for the event, we're skeptical but not ruling anything out. While such events are usually explained by swamp gas, mass hysteria or airport lights, we also understand that some things are simply mysterious. As Shakespeare said, "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy."

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But the people who reported the phenomenon say they saw far more than lights in the sky. They say they saw an object, with form and substance, only 15-20 feet from their pickup truck. They say other vehicles were swerving in reaction to the object, and that the object moved unlike any aircraft they had ever seen. They're convinced the UFO was otherworldly.

Given the normal reaction to UFO stories, we applaud the Hausers for their courage in telling their tale to a very public media. We didn't have the impression at all that they were making it up or seeking attention for attention's sake.

Sightings are unexplained

Nearly everyone can tell the tale of a strange, unexplained event in their lives. This week's Chronotype has such a tale, from the Hausers, a Chetek family who saw an unidentified flying object—yes, a UFO—while they were driving on Hwy. 53 south of Rice Lake.

There are, of course, perfectly reasonable explanations for strange lights in the sky, particularly near an airport when the runway lights are on. And the runway lights were apparently on Monday night at about the same time the UFO was sighted.

Credit R. K. Christensen

Reports of fiery flying objects in McCloud

By Gene Eagle

Recent reports of UFO sightings in McCloud have been making waves in cyberspace and spreading by word of mouth.

Dick Cary of McCloud said he saw a brightly lit flying object at about 11 p.m. the night of April 12 that hovered silently over his home just above tree top level for almost five minutes, then "quickly disappeared toward the east."

"I really don't believe in flying saucers, but I do know that something weird was happening," said Cary, an employee of the McCloud Community Services District and a lifelong McCloud resident.

He said he looked straight up with binoculars and saw what appeared to be a pulsating fire inside the hovering object.

"It looked like a giant jellyfish with a fire inside it," Cary said. "There were no canisters or anything... nothing. Just a fire inside it, and there was no noise at all."

Cary said he called his son in law and daughter who live on Broadway Avenue in McCloud and told them to go outside and look. Their first response, according to Cary, was, "Holy cow, there's something on fire."

"It looked to me as if there was something burning in the sky," said Jerome Walker, Cary's son in law. "My wife and I both saw it. There was no noise at all. It was the first time I ever saw something like that."

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Walker also described the object's quick disappearance to the east.

A couple blocks away from the Cary residence, another lifelong McCloudite, Owen "Shorty" Long, said he also observed a bright light at about 11 p.m. on April 12 in the Squaw Valley Mobile Home Park.

Long said he was kicked back on the couch watching television when, "I noticed a bright light outside my window. That just didn't look right to me so I got up to investigate. It was moving real slow. No features were visible as I recall, just a triangular configuration of lights. I can't be sure of the size, it was up quite high. I remember red and yellow colors, but it seems there was another color. I can't say for sure."

Long said he went back into the house to call his son, and when he returned the light was gone.

"I found out later from the guys who live across from me, they saw something identical to what I had seen, coming from the western horizon,"

Long said. "This was after I went back in the house. They said it was really bright, blinked a few times, and it too disappeared. It was really exciting for me."

A dispatcher at the Mount Shasta Sheriff's Department office said to her knowledge there were no such reports made of any objects being sighted that evening.

As information was being gathered for this story, a rumor spread that the newspaper was reluctant to publish it. Then early this week numerous email messages were received at the newspaper offices from people in McCloud and elsewhere who wanted the story of the UFO sighting published. One of those e-mails came from Bozeman, MT.

Dick Cary said he first saw a bright light towards the east when he and his wife were driving home and made a right off Main St. onto Colombero.

"My wife and I talked about it but we couldn't explain what we were seeing," he said. "A few minutes later when we arrived home to our residence on Shasta Avenue, I ran out to the garage and got my binocu-

lars. It was over our house and moving slowly in the direction of Haul Road."

Suddenly, he said the light "took off real fast in a big curve in a north-easterly direction, going high into the sky and just disappeared. My wife and I were in awe at what we had just seen."

Cary said after his wife went back inside the house, he noticed another light coming from the direction of Hoo Hoo Park.

He said the object, which he estimated at about 10 feet in diameter, stopped right over the top of his house.

After remaining above his house for several minutes, Cary said it moved in the direction of Haul Road, hovered a few minutes and appeared to take the same north easterly path as the other light and disappeared.

"It was unbelievable," he said. "If it had come down, it would come down right on top of our house. My wife was never a believer in anything like that... she is now. She didn't sleep at all that night."

The Oregonian

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By Abby Haight

Newsman helped shape McMinnville

Dies at 89 - Philip N. Bladine "was a pillar," publishing the town's News-Register paper

McMinnville's Philip N. Bladine was an economic visionary and an old-fashioned newsman, a consummate civic volunteer and a golfer who always had faith his next shot would sink into the hole.

Bladine loved a good story and wasn't afraid of a little showmanship.

When one of his reporters learned that a local farming couple had taken snapshots of a "flying saucer,"

Bladine put the picture on the front page under the headline, "At Long Last -- Authentic Photographs of Flying Saucer?"

The photo was a worldwide sensation. During a nationally broadcast interview, Bladine agreed to send a copy of the paper to anyone who sent in a dime -- the cost of a newspaper. He expected a few responses.

The newspaper was deluged with dimes.

Bladine, who was publisher of the News-Register until 1991, joined a 50th anniversary celebration of the famous photo staged by the McMenamins Hotel Oregon, site of the annual UFO Festival.

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By Bill Jackson

Strange lights reported in the sky

Something weird is going on.

Strange lights floating around in the night sky have been reported in Larimer and Weld counties Monday and Tuesday nights, according to Clifford Clift, the Greeley representative with the Mutual UFO Network.

Clift said Wednesday he was notified of four lights in a boomerang formation in sky over Loveland Monday night; at about 8 p.m. Tuesday, a caller who did not leave a name or address reported strange lights in the area of Weld County Road 17 and U.S. 34. The light reportedly appeared out of no where, then disappeared rapidly, Clift said.

Clift said he was returning to Greeley from Fort Collins at about the same time the lights were being reported Tuesday night, but he did not see anything.

Margie Martinez, spokesman with the Weld County Sheriff's Office, confirmed that Weld dispatch received the call, but said the caller refused to leave a name or address.

Clift said the calls are not new.

"In the past six months there has been a lot of activity reported over Fort Collins," with six or seven reports of strange lights in the sky, he said, which would be in line with those reported over Loveland earlier this week. The reports, he added, coincide with reports from other parts of the country.

"It's almost as if they, whatever they might be, want to be seen," Clift said. He said the UFO group has been in contact with the Federal Aviation Administration to see if air traffic controllers have reported any strange activity, but he said he was not confident the group would get a response.

Meanwhile, Eloise Campanella, spokeswoman for the Larimer County Sheriff's Office said Larimer dispatch has not received any of the reports of strange lights.

Clift said people wishing to report any strange sighting are encouraged to contact him at (970) 302-9118.

Strange lights reported in north Valley sky



Several Valley residents reported seeing strange red lights in the sky on Monday night.

One north Phoenix resident, who wished to remain anonymous, said he saw four or five red lights lined up in a straight line and spaced apart evenly. The lights slowly moved east and became dimmer as the witness watched. He said the last light remained in the sky the longest. Then three jets came from the west and traveled in the direction of the red lights.

An Arizona Republic reporter who lives in Deer Valley reported seeing four lights in a square shape that eventually became a triangular shape. The lights were moving to the east and they disappeared one by one. She said the lights were visible for about 13 minutes.

An official from Luke Air Force Base stated that they do not have any aircraft in the sky tonight and that the lights are not part of any Air Force activities.



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Women claim UFO sighting over Baytown

Baytown — enough to understand that, if a UFO was going to be spotted somewhere, we wouldn't be surprised if it happened in the skies over the Big B. And no, that's not as random a thought as it might seem: Baytonians Lisa Fojt and Kathy Boyd told KHOU that they saw a strange flying object over the city as they crossed the Fred Hartman Bridge on Saturday night.

"It was an extremely bright light, it was a blue-green light," Boyd said.

The object was seen at about the same level as the top of the bridge, hovering somewhere over Goose Creek.

It's a story the pair admitted they were reluctant to tell. But they saw it, and they told.

"And I was looking, and I'm like 'are you watching this?' And she's like 'yes, I've been watching it.' And it kind of verified to both of us that we both saw something," Fojt said.

Fojt and Boyd posted an account of their experience to the Internet, where some people suggested it might have been a meteor that they saw. But the pair is pretty sure that's not the case, because the object they saw made a sharp turn. "It just kicked in, like warp speed, and it was gone," Boyd told Channel 11. "An extremely sharp turn." Huh. That led KHOU to ask the inevitable question:

11 News: "Had you ladies been drinking?" (laughter)

Fojt: "No, no, no. I kind of wish we had, you know? Maybe it would seem less real."

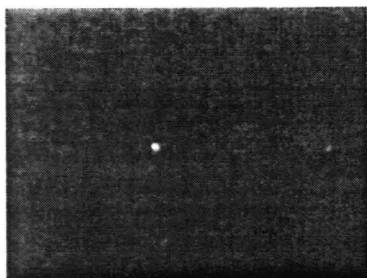
We're not sure what might have been flying over Baytown this weekend, but we know one thing for sure: If the city doesn't capitalize on this, they're missing out on a great tourism opportunity — or at least some fodder for the next community theater production.



FIRST COAST NEWS (Online)
Jacksonville, FL
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By Jessica Clark

Two UFO Sightings in St. Augustine in Two Weeks



ST. AUGUSTINE, FL -- Some strange things have been seen in the skies around St. Augustine... like the orange glowing lights seen near the Castillo de San Marcos this past Saturday.

12-year-old Brandon Puckett says he thinks the video he shot shows UFOs.

Puckett said the two fiery balls were flying along the coast in formation.

One was slightly in front of the other, but both were going the same speed.

Skeptics say the lights in the home video are something called sky lanterns.

Others are not convinced.

Monday, First Coast News learned that Saturday's sighting is the second UFO report in two weeks in the St. Augustine area.

This other sighting was in St. Augustine Beach in the very early morning hours of April 14th.

Bryan Cooper of the St. Augustine Airport took a call from a woman who says she and her husband saw something over the Intra-Coastal Waterway. It was a very large white light.

Cooper told First Coast News, "She felt it zoomed at her and charged at her and then stopped fairly close, and then it backed away and hovered a little bit. Then it moved over and came again and pulled back. It scared them so much they went inside."

Cooper checked out the airport's radar from April 14th between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. and found nothing.

"However," Cooper explained, "the radar information I have only responds to airplanes or helicopters that have been assigned a transponder code."

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Clinton urged to reveal what she knows of UFOs

By SARA SPIVEY

STEPHENS WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON

UFO researchers say Hillary Clinton knows whether extraterrestrials have contacted Earth, and they want her to come clean about it.

Sen. Clinton has been aware of the "extraterrestrial presence issue" since 1993 when her husband was president, according to Stephen Bassett, lobbyist and director of the Paradigm Research Group, an organization that focuses on UFO "exopolitics."

"She is connected to this issue and there is nothing she can do about it," Bassett insisted Monday at a news conference wrapping up a weekend "X-Conference" at a suburban Maryland hotel.

On the day before the Pennsylvania primary, Clinton's campaign did not return a call regarding her knowledge of E.T.s on earth.

But Canadian researcher Grant Cameron maintained that the Clintons obtained information about UFOs and key landmarks in UFO folklore such as Area 51 in Nevada and Roswell, N.M.

Trying to shed light on a Clinton-UFO connection, Cameron said he pored through 991 pages of documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act from the Office of Science and Technology Policy and the Clinton library.

About 450 pages were related to Area 51 at Groom Lake in Nevada where the government conducted tests of advanced aircraft and weaponry. But, he said, one document that appeared related to the UFO issue was largely blacked out.

"It was full of black bars," Cameron said.

At the X-Conference, attendees listened to "ufologists" discussing UFO sightings, alien technology and the government's challenge of disclosing "the UFO issue" to the general public. They were also treated to several alien-encounter documentaries.

Although ufologists at times have been ridiculed as conspiracy theorists, one candidate for U.S. Congress stepped forward at Monday's news conference in support of their work.

Joseph Buchman, a Libertarian running in Utah's 1st District that includes part of Salt Lake City, called on Congress to hold open hearings on the government's extraterrestrial-related activities.

He also wants new laws allowing officials to waive their security oaths in order to talk freely about their experiences hunting extraterrestrials.

"Once Congress would pass such legislation they would be free to talk about an issue they would surely love to share with their families, their wives and others," Buchman said.

Bassett urged Clinton also to talk openly about her knowledge of UFOs.

Bassett said he is not trying to lose Clinton votes. Rather, she may gain votes by acknowledging what he said "50 percent" of voters already believe — that Earth has been contacted from outer space.

Clinton "is absolutely pinned between her ambition to be the next president, or whatever her ambition might be, and this issue, and there is no way out — period," Bassett said.

Clinton is not the only presidential candidate to be pressed about alien encounters.

At an Oct. 30, 2007 presidential debate for Democrats in Philadelphia, candidate Rep. Dennis Kucinich was asked by moderator Tim Russert if he had ever seen a UFO, and he said yes.

Russert then asked Sen. Barack Obama whether he believed in life beyond Earth.

"You know, I don't know and I don't presume to know," Obama responded.

Bassett said he is determined to make sure "the UFO question" comes up again — and this time gets asked to the right person. Meaning Hillary Clinton.

"There are many debates to come," Bassett said Monday. "This is not over."

The Saginaw News
Saginaw, MI
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By Cole Waterman

Saginaw, Michigan, man discovers UFOs do exist; and he has a picture



Jeff Schrier | The Saginaw News

Saginaw resident Matthew B. Mook, 21, holds an image he shot with his digital camera that appears to be a UFO. He and his girlfriend were at the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge when he shot a picture of what he describes as a "beautiful sunset." He noticed a dark spot in the picture and when he blew up the section of the photo, it appeared to be disc-shaped.

Do UFOs exist?

A recently snapped photo suggests they do, at least in the literal definition of the term.

An image taken by Matthew B. Mook, 21 of Saginaw, depicts an unidentified flying object hovering through mid-Michigan skies. But certain experts aren't ready to credit the phenomena to visitors from outer space.

In the early evening of Sunday, April 6, Mook and his father, Matthew H., 42, both of Saginaw, were strolling through the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge.

"I was photographing wildlife, taking videos of deer and geese," said the younger Mook, who works at Burger King, 1420 N. Michigan in Saginaw.

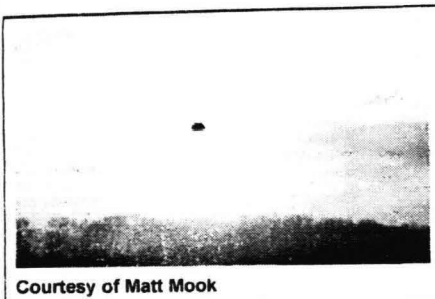
Struck by the beauty of the tranquil skyline, Mook raised his Aiptek digital camera and took a photo of the setting sun. He didn't realize until he looked at the photo later what his lenses had captured.

In the photo, a trapezoid-shaped object resembling a hat hovers in the middle of the sun. A bluish platform seems to extend from underneath it.

"I got chills up my spine," Mook said of his impression of the image.

Mook first thought the UFO was a smudge in the lens or a defect in the camera. He changed his mind when he noticed video footage he took at the same time of a flock of flying geese showed the UFO maintaining its original position, though the camera jostles around.

Mook hesitates to give his opinion on what the object is or where it came from, but said, "I know what it's not: It's not a plane."



Courtesy of Matt Mook

Saginaw resident Matthew B. Mook, 21, photographed this image with his digital camera. He noticed a dark spot in the picture and when he blew up the section of the photo, it appeared to be disc-shaped like a UFO.

"Awestruck" was the only word the elder Mook felt appropriate for his initial reaction to the photo.

"It's not swamp gas, it's not a helicopter and it's not a goose," he said.

Mook also doesn't believe the object is an observation tower or telephone tower.

"I've been to the refuge a thousand times, and there's nothing out there like that. There's nothing connecting (the UFO) to the ground."

Others aren't drawing the same conclusions.

"We get all kinds of flying things out here," said Steven F. Kahl, Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge manager. "We're mainly known for birds flying in and out. Periodically, we get folks in ultralight aircraft and air balloons flying over because it's a quiet, scenic area to go over."

"There aren't any mysterious studies going on that I know of."

Kevin T. Dehne, associate professor of physics at Delta Community College who teaches astronomy classes wonders if the UFO couldn't be an anomaly caused by light overloading the sensor on Mook's digital camera.

"Often when you point a lens at a bright object, you'll get weird anomalies as a result of light refracting off the lens," Dean said.

"Most people aren't familiar with looking at the sky and when they see something odd, they jump to UFOs," he said. "The vast majority of UFO sightings are explainable when you take a close look."

Dehne also pointed out how professional astronomers and meteorologists -- people who make careers out of studying the skies -- rarely report UFOs.

"It could be a lot of things," said one digital camera salesman who declined to give his name. "The camera's sensors could've been overloaded by the sun."

The younger Mook remains skeptical of the experts' diagnosis of his eerie photo.

"I've taken more photos of the sun to see if it was a glitch in the camera," he said, "and they all turned out fine."

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Stephenville on center stage again

Will the History Channel's UFO Hunters get to the bottom of local sightings?

By AMANDA KIMBLE

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Following the January reports of unidentified flying objects hovering in the sky above Erath County, the world has been wondering what it was that so many locals saw in those early weeks of 2008.

Now, there might finally be some answers.

The History Channel will present "UFO Hunters: Invasion of Texas 2008," at 9

p.m. Wednesday. The show follows a group of experts as they study some of history's most intriguing UFO accounts and the evidence surrounding the cases. This week's episode will investigate local reports through scientific means in an attempt to uncover the facts surrounding the sightings.

Through experiment and reconstruction, UFO hunters Bill Birnes, Pat Uskert, Dr. Ted Acworth and Jeff Tomlinson will attempt to answer the questions: Could all of these people have seen something that was not there? Is the mili-

tary hiding something? What about the reports that sightings have happened before, over a hundred years ago? The producers of the show claim to have acquired footage that will only be seen on the History Channel program.

For UFO investigators, the number of eyewitness accounts made the local case the most significant UFO

sighting since the March 1997 sightings near Phoenix, AZ in which thousands reported a strange object in the sky above the Arizona desert.

Valley contributed to '73 UFO reports

SIGHTINGS AROUND WORLD. Bushkill Twp. police officer reported three lighted objects in the sky.



JAMES WRIGHT
Looking Back

The year 1973 was a remarkable year for sightings of unidentified flying objects. There were sightings in Europe, South America, Southeast Asia and in the United States. Sightings were especially concentrated in Midwestern states such as Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

In March and April there was a flurry of UFO reports in Pennsylvania, including some in our region. On March 1 residents of the Saylor's Lake area of Monroe County reported 42 objects with flashing lights in the sky. The objects were seen by many witnesses over a three-hour period. A dozen witnesses, including a Pennsylvania state trooper, saw the UFOs passing over Saylor's Lake. Before the evening was over one witness counted 39. A state trooper said he personally observed four objects pass over the lake from west to east. The trooper described the UFO as "like a Christmas tree flying in the air." He estimated the objects were about 1,500 feet in the air. Most had white lights but others had lights that appeared to be blue and red.

Another witness, Mrs.

Howard Pfeiffer, reported she and 11 others observed about 40 UFOs, some in groups, pass over the lake at intervals between 7:05 and 10:45 p.m. She described the UFOs as being circular and about the size of a child's wading pool.

"The first one came so close I felt I could reach up and touch it," Pfeiffer said. "There was no noise, no sparks, or anything. I know it wasn't any plane or balloon or helicopter."

Later in March 1973 a number of sightings were observed over Bushkill Township. Most appeared to be oval or round lighted objects. A Bushkill Township police officer reported seeing three objects. Numerous sightings were reported in the area of Hoffman's Grove, a popular picnic site in the northern part of the township.

Another rash of sightings occurred on March 15 at Milton, Pa., where police were swamped with telephone calls about a giant ball which moved across the sky from east to west. The UFO, which moved rapidly, resembled a lighted helicopter dome, according to one witness. At one point the witness said he saw the ball make a 90 degree turn to avoid a passing airplane. Throughout the evening other residents reported seeing the strange object. Later a spokesman at a nearby Air Force base, when asked about the sightings, responded that none of the reports were recorded and that Air Force personnel were not on alert for such incidences.

The bizarre sightings also

occurred in the month of April. On the evening of April 24 three adults at Spring Mills, Pa., observed an oval-shaped fluorescent white object traveling from the north. At one point the UFO stopped and hovered over a house. It then sped off to the north and disappeared. The UFO gave off an intense white light which also turned to green and blue. A local police officer who interviewed the witnesses reported all three were sober adults not under the influence of either drugs or alcohol.

On April 29, more than a dozen residents of the Fern-dale section of Shamokin, Pa., observed a UFO with flashing lights actually land on nearby Burnside Mountain. One witness, a 13-year-old boy, observed the UFO through binoculars. The boy said he could see a large bubble shape on top of the object and a silver colored substance along with the lights. Several witnesses said the UFO appeared to hover over the mountain for several minutes before it landed. About 11 p.m. the UFO rose up into the sky and headed in a westerly direction.

Experts were at a loss to explain the rash of sightings of 1973. Some postulated unusual weather phenomena that year, sun spots, and even covert operations of our military as possible explanations. Project Blue Book, the Air Force's official inquiry into UFOs, commenced in 1952. In 1969, Blue Book was terminated after the conclusion that there was nothing extraordinary about UFOs and the vast majority of the sightings, though not all, could be explained by natural phenomena.

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Residents Report UFO Sightings

Unknown Sightings Span From Fla. To Germany

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. — Residents near the St. Augustine airport are used to seeing planes flying overhead. Saturday night, the Puckett family said they saw a UFO.

The Puckett family claimed they saw two fiery ball-like objects flying across the sky. Other people around the globe reported seeing the lights too. A German man posted video of the fiery globes on YouTube



Skeptics said there is a clear explanation for the fiery lights. A Jacksonville woman said the lights are sky lanterns released at a wedding reception that was nearby. The lanterns can rise nearly 5,000 feet in the air and travel for miles.

Area woman garners fame since seeing UFO

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By Jane Pratt
Reporter-News Correspondent

STEPHENVILLE — Garnering international attention was the last thing on Angelia Joiner's mind when she interviewed Steve Allen on Jan. 8 and reported on UFO sightings in Erath County in the Stephenville Empire-Tribune.



ANGELIA JOINER

But today, she still receives 30 to 40 e-mails daily from all over the world about the sightings, and she will be the guest speaker at two conferences on UFO's during the month of April.

Joiner will join eight other speakers during the 20th Annual Ozark UFO Conference that meets April 11-13 in Eureka Springs, Ark. Then, the next week, she will fly to Washington, D.C., where she will make a presentation during the Paradigm Research Group's conference from April 18-20.

The Ozark UFO Conference is an independent activity not affiliated with any local of national UFO organization that promotes information on UFO-related topics.

The Paradigm Research Group was established in 1996 by Stephen Bennett, a political activist and consultant. The group's Web site states that the purpose of the group is to promote ways to stop the government-imposed embargo on facts "surrounding extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race."

The title of Joiner's presentation is "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly of UFO Reporting."

Joiner said the "good" part of UFO reporting is the number of new people she has met and old friendships that have been renewed when people she had lost touch with contacted her after seeing her on national television or reading about her in newspapers or on the Internet.

She said an artist who has designed T-shirts and special edition art cards is going to Washington to meet with her and television producer and journalist Linda Moulton Howe. She said some of the "bad" is simply trying to answer all the e-mail she receives.

She did not elaborate on the "ugly."

Steve Allen had started a Web

site about the local UFO sightings but stepped up his efforts after Joiner left the local paper.

"He wanted me to have a place to write," Joiner said. "The first day Stephenville Lights went on line was Feb. 10."

The site, www.stephenville-lights.com, carries stories from Joiner and other writers who have an interest in UFO sightings. It also advertises T-shirts and special edition art cards designed by artist Mark Medford of Maine.

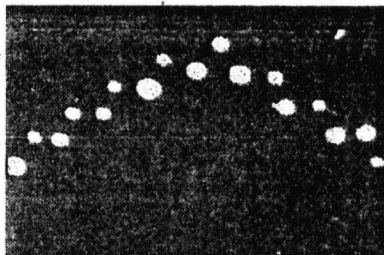
"This has been a real education," Joiner said. "Before I was pretty passive about UFOs. If I saw something on TV, I would think it was interesting, but I really didn't pay much attention. Now I have the UFO bug."

She does not know what the future holds for her. "Who knows? I may write a book," she said.

Mysterious light formations spotted racing across Lubbock skies

1951 The "flying whats-its" continued to zoom through Lubbock skies Friday night as numerous residents reported seeing flashes of light flying at "unbelievable speeds" — and at least one person showed up with photographs of what he said he saw in the sky.

Identity of the strange objects continued to baffle all who claimed to have seen them and three Texas Tech professors who examined photographs taken by Carl Hart, Jr., 18-year-old amateur photographer of 2332 Nineteenth Street, could offer no explanation.



● A-J File Photo

In 1951, many Lubbock residents saw odd lights forming a V-pattern and flying at high speeds in the night skies.

The objects — whatever they are — were reportedly seen over Lubbock at least three distinct times, from 8:40 p.m. to 10:37 p.m.

Friday Morning Avalanche editorial offices received numerous calls from persons who said they had seen the light formations.

All those reporting the objects described them as flying in V-shaped or U-shaped formations and passing through the sky almost directly overhead within from 3 to 5 seconds. The number of "dots" reported in the formations ranged from eight to "20 or 30".

Dr. J.C. Cross, head of Tech's department of biology, examined photographs taken by Hart and said he could offer no explanation as to their identity. In answer to the theory of some that the dots

may have been birds leaving a phosphorescent glow, he asserted, "It definitely wasn't caused by birds."

A Lubbock County farmer, T.E. Snider, Jr., of Lubbock, Route 3, reported later in the night that "I saw something like people have been seeing and it definitely was ducks." Although not accounting for the unbelievable speed reported by others, Snider said that a reflection from the Westerner drive-in theater where he was about 9 p.m. caught some ducks in flight and caused them to be illuminated.

Everyone else seeing the objects agreed "they" were flying

too fast a speed to have been birds, however Hart, who took the pictures at 11:30 p.m. Thursday, said "they were flying faster than any jet plane I ever saw."

Officials located at Reese Air Force Base west of Lubbock reported late last night that "to our knowledge" there were no jet planes flying in the area last night.

Persons seeing the objects said they crossed the Lubbock sky from north to south and were visible for only a matter of seconds. Some said the color of the lights was "about like the stars, only brighter," while others said they had either a blue or a slight yel-

low tinge to them.

Roger Dods, a Texas Tech student living in the 3200 block of First Place, was the only one to say he "might have" heard a noise accompanying the objects. He said he may have detected a slight rustling or whooshing sound as the objects passed overhead. He reported seeing them at 10:37 p.m. Friday after deliberately watching for them.

Dods said he could offer no explanation of the phenomenon, although "I wouldn't rule out the possibility it was a brief reflection from the northern lights." He said he had seen the northern lights on numerous occasions.

UFO sighting in North Texas was front page news in 1878

The January UFO sightings in Stephenville gave the national news media a brief respite from politics and conferred on the town millions of dollars in free advertising, but the Erath County incident isn't the Lone Star State's first rodeo when it comes to mysterious objects in the sky.

In fact, a bit of Googling reveals that a variety of Web sites claim the first-ever usage of the word "saucer" to describe a UFO occurred in 1878 near the Grayson County city of Denison, then a booming railroad town in North Texas.

The sighting made page-one news in the Jan. 25, 1878 edition of the long-defunct *Denison Daily News*.

Here's the complete story, long-since in the public domain:

"A Strange Phenomenon

"From Mr. John Martin, a farmer who lives some six miles north of this city, we learn the following strange story: Tuesday morning (Jan. 22) while out hunting, his attention was directed to a dark object high up in the southern sky.

"The peculiar shape and velocity with which the object seemed to approach riveted his attention and he strained his eyes to discover its character.

"When first noticed, it appeared to be about the size of an orange, which continued to grow in size. After gazing at it for some time Mr. Martin became blind from long looking and left off viewing it for a time in order to rest his eyes.

"On resuming his view, the object was almost overhead and had increased considerably in size, and appeared to be going through space at wonderful speed.

"When directly over him it was about the size of a large saucer and was evidently at great height. Mr. Martin thought it resembled, as well as he could judge, a balloon. It went as rapidly as it had come and was soon lost to sight in the heavenly skies.

"Mr. Martin is a gentleman of undoubted veracity and this strange occurrence, if it was not a balloon, deserves the attention of our scientists."

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A careful reading of this 210-word story makes it clear that Martin did not say he saw a flying saucer, but an object "about the size of a large saucer."

Too, the piece makes no inference the object came from another world. In fact, Martin "thought it resembled...a balloon."

But at some point, someone ran onto this story and inducted it into UFO lore.

An even more careful review of the facts surrounding this 1878 story reveals the distinct possibility of a long-ago misunderstanding on someone's part: It appears the UFO sighting occurred near Dallas, not Denison.

True, the story ran in the Denison newspaper, but according to the first-ever printed reference to the tale, an article in the Aug. 6, 1965 *Dallas Morning News*, the Denison newspaper merely reprinted a report that first appeared in the old Dallas Herald.

According to the News article, the story in the Denison newspaper "recounts a piece that appeared in the old Dallas Herald."

If that is correct, Martin had a farm in Dallas County, not near Denison. At least both towns have names starting with a "D." And back then, the two places were about the same size.

A check of the 1880 U.S. Census shows no farmers named Martin living in Dallas County, but enumerators found three John Martins living in Collin County, just to the north of Dallas.

All made their living as farmers. To even further muddy the water, the same census also lists a tenant farmer named John E. Martin living in Grayson County.

Whichever John Martin saw the saucer-sized object, and wherever the story first appeared, it did not create much of a splash downstate.

The *Austin Daily Statesman*, then an afternoon sheet in the capital city, was silent on the reported goings on in North Texas.

Neither is there any easily-findable evidence that the tale received any national notice in the press, unlike whatever happened in the sky over Stephenville.

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Those weren't UFOs, 2/16/05
just Navy parachutists

SAN DIEGO: Strange lights in the western sky Wednesday night, described by witnesses as otherworldly, turned out to be something much more down to earth — or heading toward Earth, anyway.

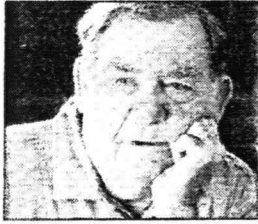
The Leap Frogs, a parachute team based at North Island Naval Air Station in Coronado, was practicing some jumping routines over the base, said Navy spokeswoman Angelic Dolan.

Nine team members were parachuting from a C-130 airplane, Dolan said. They started about 5 p.m. and practiced until after sunset.

Team members were equipped with pyrotechnic lights that burned for 15 to 30 seconds before flaming out, Dolan said. The jumpers lighted the flares to alert ground spotters to their location. They used the devices at various times during the practice.

San Diego police said they had calls about the phenomenon and surmised people were seeing lights from a large contingent of night-fishing squid boats in La Jolla.

Fifteen Navy SEALs are members of the Leap Frogs, a team that performs regularly at air shows and other events.



SPARKY HALL

Include me with UFO believers

There were two interesting letters in the Hendersonville Times-News during December that caused me to wonder if now would be a good time to write the column I promised some time ago about my encounter with a UFO.

The second letter said that the 25 percent of Americans who believe in the existence of UFOs have a poor understanding of science and probably a lower IQ than most of the other 75 percent in our country.

At the risk of putting myself in the dumb part of the population, at least in that person's eyes, I would like to tell you a story.

When I left the Navy at the end of World War II, I went to college. I had been interested in science since

grade school, so I began working on a degree in physics.

Our college had about 1,600 students so the number of people working on a physics degree varied from six to eight students at any one time.

There were three World War II students in that group — an Army man, a German man who had spent his high school in service at an anti-aircraft gun in Berlin and me, a Navy guy. The three of us were a little older than the others there, so we kind of hung out together.

When the stories began to come out about UFOs, all of us began talking about what kind of propulsion system could do everything being said about the craft. I don't think any of us had any interest in any other part of the story, just the system being used.

The Army guy was a little older than the rest of us because he had some college before the war and he finished the first in our group.

He got a job offer at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and went for an interview. This was in about 1949 or 1950.

When he came back to school, he was really excited about the job and started to tell me about it.

He said I was the only one he was telling, but that they had a saucer that he was going to be working on and they were trying to find out how it operated. I believe that was the first time I ever heard the term retro-engineering.

He made me promise not to tell anyone else and until now I haven't broken my word. He is dead now, so I see no reason not to talk about it.

The second person who told me about seeing a saucer was my father. He was the biggest skeptic I ever

knew, a World War I Marine and a drill sergeant during 1916 to 1922, a policeman and a World War II Army captain. He had a job after the war in civil service for the Army.

He was on a trip to White Sands in the 1950s and when he came back from that trip he was a UFO believer.

He told me he was having a meal with some officers when the air raid alarm went off at White Sands. They all ran outside and he said there was a disc in the sky over the base. He said some fighter planes came toward the disc and he kept saying the same thing over and over, "nothing could move that fast." He said the disc left the planes alone in the sky.

The last person on my list is me. In the 1950s, I was hunting near the Mississippi River in Louisiana when it started to get dark.

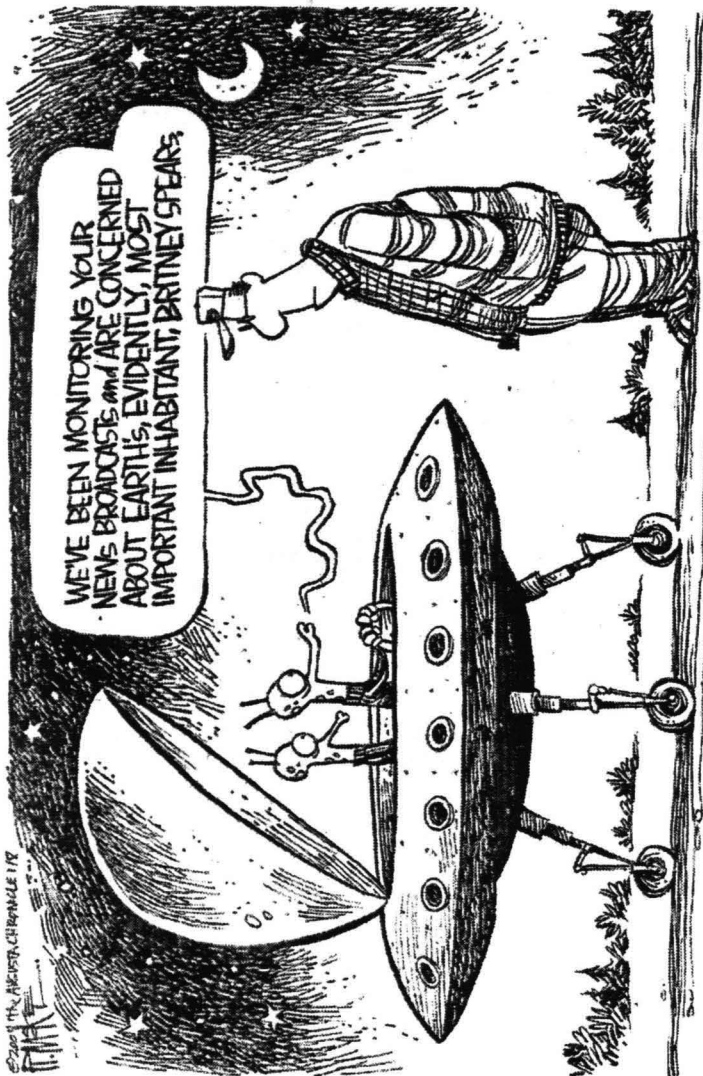
I was walking to my car. I had stopped to light a cigarette when I heard a noise like a chopper makes when its blades are on idle. It came toward me.

There was no moon but the sky was full of stars. I could see something blanking out the stars and it came and stopped directly over me.

The noise was very loud and the stars were blotted out in a large section of the sky over my head. I would guess about a 45 degree angle on each side of me.

There was no wind with the sound. After about the longest minute in my life, the object moved across the river to the Baton Rouge side.

Like dad said, "Nothing could move that fast." I guess I am in that dumb 25 percent.



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IMAGE IN THE SKY: A.P. of Beaverton: "During the early 1930s we lived on a farm in Carlton. One very hot summer evening our family witnessed a very white image of something appear in the sky, almost like an angel, but we knew it wasn't. It appeared and disappeared in a matter of two or three minutes. We talk about it to this very day and wonder what it was."



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UFO SIGHTING

Mars Attacks! Are aliens about to land?

Report by Richard Spillett

PUZZLED pilot Bob Cox is used to flying objects but is baffled by mysterious noises over his Birchington home and thinks he may have been visited by ALIENS.

Bob, 54, teaches flying at Lydd Aero Club on Romney Marsh and recognises the sounds of most aeroplanes but believes it was nothing on Earth that woke him on Thursday, March 27.

Describing his experience, as "surreal and weird",

Bob told the *Thanet Times* that he was in bed at about 1.20am when the windows started shaking and he heard a sound like a "roaring flame" overhead.

He said: "Whatever it was wasn't giving off any light, and as it got closer I thought the window was going to fall in."

"It circled Birchington for about 20 minutes, and I turned the radio on to see if that was receiving and it was working OK."

Bob's neighbour has a pal who

also heard strange noises that night but dismissed it as a low-flying plane.

But Bob said he does not think it could have been an aeroplane, adding: "I'm a flying instructor at Lydd Aero Club and it was like no aircraft I've ever heard."

"Besides, the way the window was shaking it was more like it was being hit by pulses of energy."

"I'm quite open-minded to the existence of UFOs, but I don't understand why anything would travel across the galaxy to come to Birchington."

"We've no military installations or anything; it's just a quiet Kent village."

"It's not something that has ever happened to me before and I hope it never happens again. I'm just interested to see if anyone else heard it."

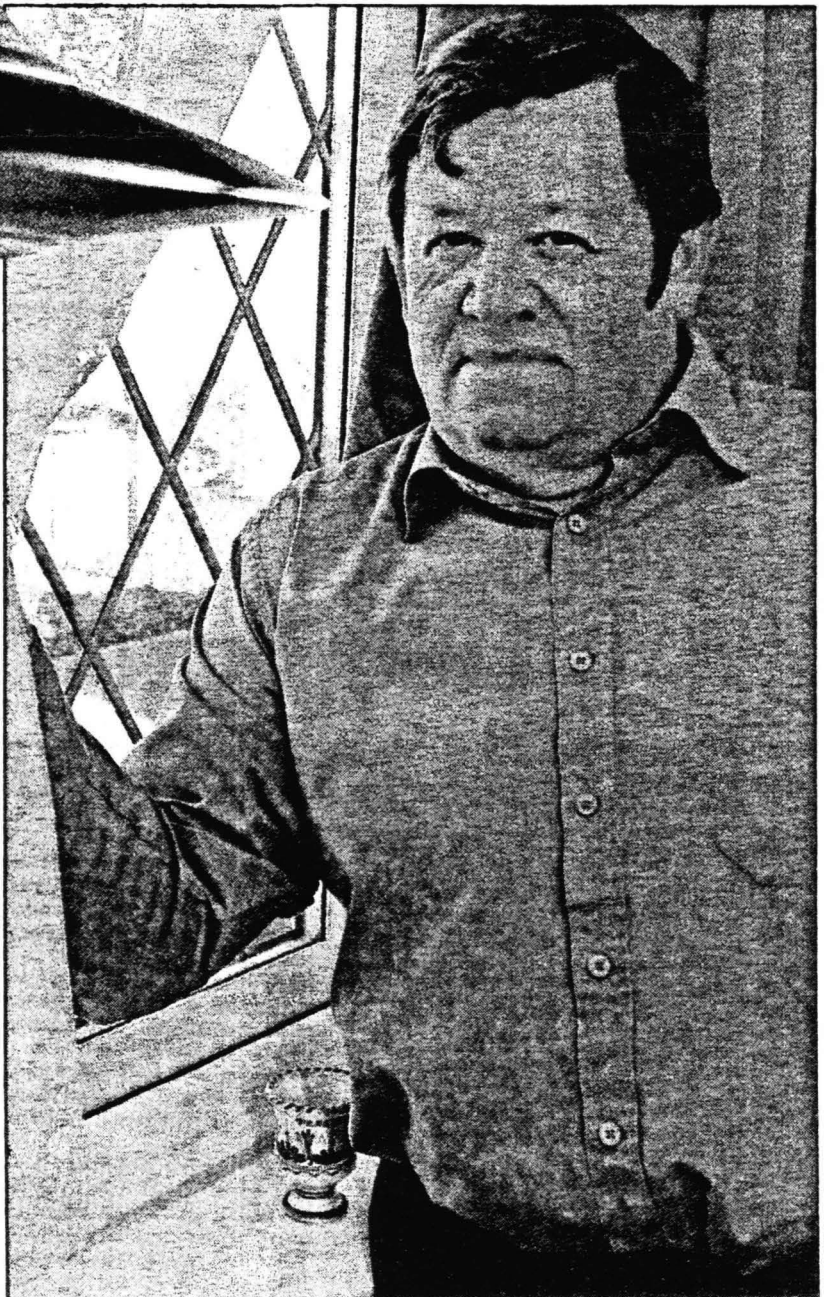
● Did you see or hear the UFO? Call us on 578993 or email richard.spillett@krnmedia.co.uk.

DID YOU KNOW...

Britain had, and may still have, its own Mulder and Scully at the Ministry of Defence UFO Desk. The desk, which investigated UFO sightings around the country, was set up in the hope that alien technology might be used by the

military.

Documents released recently show that there was a genuine fear amongst the armed forces in the 1980s that the Russians might have captured extra-terrestrial equipment and could use it against the West.



THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE: Bob Cox at his bedroom window

THMN080408bob-3 Picture by Mike Nichols



Como un "ovni fantasma" calificó el ufólogo iquiqueño, Mario Pizarro, el objeto que captaron los jóvenes pololos durante un paseo familiar.

Ello porque notaron su presencia sólo cuando revisaron las fotografías al descargarla y no en el instante mismo en que ocurrió el hecho.

Para Pizarro la imagen es una muestra clara de lo que ha estado anunciando desde hace varios meses y que tiene relación con una "oleada" de avistamientos que han ocurrido en el sector costero. "Se trata de un dron (cuerpo o cápsula de investigación que pertenecen a civilizaciones más avanzadas que vienen al planeta a conocer más sobre la flora y fauna) el cual puede estar investigando el movimiento aéreo que hay en la zona, el cual se ha incrementado por la exportación de granos a Estados Unidos".

Pizarro luego de analizar la fotografía de los jóvenes manifestó que "el avión estaba unos 800 metros de ellos y ese objeto que tiene un diámetro aproximado de un kilómetro, estaba a una distancia de 4 mil a 5 mil metros".

"This is another ghost UFO"

Like a "ghost UFO" Mario Pizarro, an ufologist from Iquique, described the object that the young lovers snapped during a family outing.

They noticed its presence only when they reviewed the photographs while downloading them and not at the same time that the event took place.

For Pizarro the image is clear proof of what he has been saying for several months, and it's related to the "wave" of sightings that happened in the coastal area. "It's a drone (a body or research capsule belonging to more advanced

civilizations that come to this planet to learn more about its flora and fauna) and which may have been investigating the movement of planes in the area, which has increased due to the export of grains to the United States".

After analyzing the couple's photo he said that "the plane was some 800 meters from them and the object, with an approximate diameter of one kilometer, was at a distance of 4 thousand to 5 thousand meters".

(Translation by Jane Thomas Guma)

Answers expected over UFO mystery

CONFIDENTIAL Ministry of Defence files on Unidentified Flying Objects are set to be made public.

Hundreds of documented sightings of UFOs across the UK will be released by the MoD to the National Archive in the coming weeks.

Among these declassified papers is expected to be evidence of a suspected UFO crash on the Berwyn Mountains near Bala 34 years ago.

At 8.30pm on 23 January, 1974, a large disc-like craft was seen to fall from the skies over North Wales.

Dozens of witnesses across Lancashire and Cheshire phoned the police earlier that evening after seeing a strange formation of green lights flying erratically over the skies of the north-west.

At exactly 8.38pm something impacted into the Berwyn Mountains and the resulting tremor - which measured 4.5 on the Richter Scale - was felt in Wrexham, Chester, Liverpool and even some areas of Manchester.

Police immediately converged on the Berwyn Mountains, expecting to find a crashed passenger jet.

A convoy of army trucks passed through Chester that night and made their way to the epicentre of the crash site, then the army threw a cordon around the area. Even the police and crash investigators were

warned off.

A nurse who lived near the scene of the impact said a flying saucer 'the size of the Albert Hall' had smashed into a mountain, throwing debris and bodies for over a mile.

She said she walked up to one of the bodies, and realised it wasn't human, but before she could describe what she had seen, two MoD officials ordered her to remain silent because her comments 'would constitute a threat to national security'.

Today, no-one knows what crashed in the Welsh Mountains on that winter night in 1974; some think it was an experimental top secret military aircraft (possibly a prototype Stealth bomber), others think it was an alien craft from another world. Now more light may be cast on the mystery.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said the soon to be declassified secret files date back more than 10 years.

He said: "The files contain information about UFO sightings by members of the public and include photographs that people have taken or drawings they have done."

Earlier files released by the MoD have concluded that UFO sightings could be attributed to natural phenomena in the atmosphere.

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Are UFO lights linked to quake?

MYSTERIOUS lights spotted in Lincolnshire could have been a warning of the earthquake which sent tremors across Britain.

Several sightings of strange lights appearing in the sky were reported in the days leading up to the quake, which happened early on February 27.

And some believe that these could be "earthquake lights" - caused by changes in the electrical properties of the ground before a quake occurs.

There have been many similar reports of "earthquake lights" throughout history.

The best-known case was in Lincoln's twin town, Tangshan in China in 1976, before a massive quake that killed 240,000 people across the nation.

The first photographic evidence was captured in Japan during a number of

earthquakes between 1965 and 1967.

Elvira Witney (83), of Westgate, Louth, saw a grapefruit-sized glowing sphere of light in her bedroom. She said: "I heard a very loud bang and a lot of rumbling, and then I was aware that in the direction of the window there was a glowing sphere about five feet in the air."

"It came towards me for a second or two and then it dropped to the ground and travelled along a bit more by the side of the bed."

"Then it just went out like a light. I was terrified. At first I thought it was gas and it was going to set on fire. But it caused no damage at all."

Not all scientists are convinced.

Dr Ian Sutton, from the geology department at the University of Nottingham, said: "I would be very surprised if there was a link."

"I feel it is a coincidence."

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So why make documents on UFO sightings secret in the first place. Timothy Good is a leading authority on UFOs and the alien presence - the most highly classified subject on Earth.

His first book, *Above Top Secret: The Worldwide UFO Cover-up* (1987) is a bestseller, and is regarded widely as the definitive work on the subject.

Here are a few quotations Mr Good has gathered:

"The matter is the most highly classified subject in the United States Government, rating higher even than the H-bomb..."

"Canadian Government memorandum, classified Top Secret (1950) 'I am convinced these objects do exist and that they are not manufactured by any nation on Earth.'"

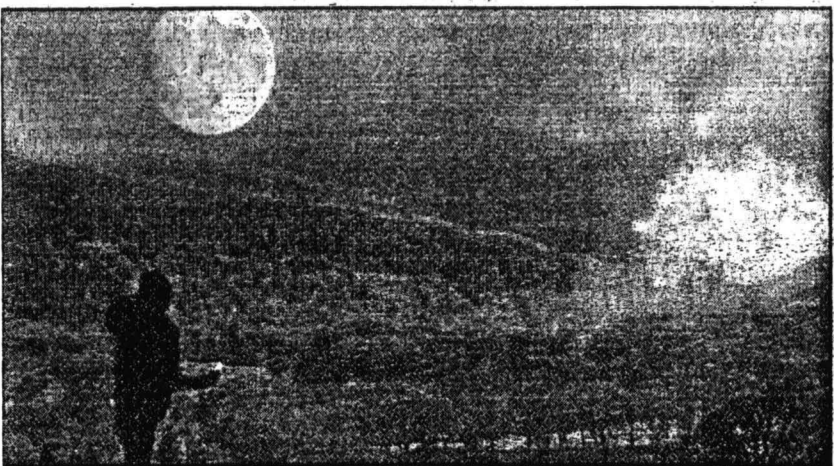
Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding (1954)

"Behind the scenes, high-ranking Air Force officers are soberly concerned about the UFOs. But through official secrecy and ridicule, many citizens are led to believe the unknown flying objects are nonsense."

Admiral Roscoe Hillenkoetter, former CIA Director (1960)

"As the [Iranian Air Force] F-4 continued pursuit south of Tehran, a second brightly-lit object detached from the original UFO and headed straight for the F-4 at a high rate of speed. The pilot attempted to fire an AIM-9 missile at the new object but was prevented by a sudden power loss in his weapons control panel... US Air Force Security Service report, classified Secret (1978) Maybe that answers the question?

Letters should be as brief as possible and MUST include the sender's full name, address and telephone number. Names and addresses may be withheld by request. The editor reserves the right to edit letters. The deadline for submission of letters is 10am on the Monday preceding publication.



■ An artist's impression of what the Bala nurse saw in January 1974.

daughters, who were St John Ambulance members, in the darkness of a winter night, the three set off in their car.

They were not prepared for what they were about to witness.

"We were in the car and thought... oh what is this," said the nurse.

"I saw a huge pulsating orange ball at the top of the mountain, with a few little lights almost like fairy lights flashing about. It was much much bigger than the moon, and we got in less than one mile away from it.

"I regret we didn't stay to see what

happened or see it take off again.

"There was not another soul in sight while we were up there, no military, no MoD, no-one.

"We drove as far as a layby and turned round and came back home, the girls were a bit nervous. We were not needed, our errand was first aid," she added.

"I was not approached by anyone after the event and what was written in many newspapers afterwards about me was a load of rubbish," she added.

UFO: what the nurse saw

THE nurse who witnessed the UFO crash near Bala 34 years ago has spoken exclusively about her experience.

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But now 34 years later the nurse puts the record straight in an exclusive interview with the *Leader*.

"All these reports are a load of rubbish, I did not see any bodies and no-one stopped me," said the nurse.

"We heard this almighty tremor, the house shook, we thought an aircraft had crashed, and being a nurse thought we could help."

Along with her two teenage

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UFO spotted over Corby



Is it a bird?

THIS amazing picture was taken by a friend of our resident UFO spotter Krzysztof Dreczkowski, who was a member of a UFO club in his native homeland of Poland before he moved to Corby.

He said: "My friend took this on his way home from work in Corby.

"He didn't see the object when he take this photo. We are not sure what it is?"

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Strange happenings in Dorset and Somerset

IT was the strangest thing they have seen in their lives and it happened in Dorset about 35 years ago.

The time was around 10pm on a fairly clear night in the summer of 1973 or 1974 and Stalbridge resident Margaret Lewis and her then boyfriend, Patrick, were on a visit to Portland Bill.

"We were standing next to the Trinity House Monument looking towards the lighthouse," says the former Miss Lewis, now Mrs Margaret Thomas. "Suddenly this thick fog descended, completely obscuring the lighthouse, and a silver metallic blade appeared.

"It was right in front of us - standing vertically, stationary and silent.

"The blade was 2ft to 3ft wide and the part we could see was about 6ft tall - but some of it was not visible because of the fog.

"It was so close - about 3ft in front of us. We could have reached out and touched it."

Margaret remembers exclaiming, "What the heck was that?"

The blade remained visible and stationary for about 30 seconds.

"Then it rapidly rose upwards and disappeared silently into the fog," Margaret recalls.

"The fog then cleared quickly and we were able to see the lighthouse again.

"The event has never been reported and has remained a mystery to me for all those years."

Many years later, however, Margaret and her husband, Barry Thomas, bought a secondhand copy of science journalist Robert Chapman's book UFO: Flying Saucers over Britain?

The second chapter was called The Moigne Downs Craft and it described the experience of Angus Brooks on the morning of 26th October, 1967.

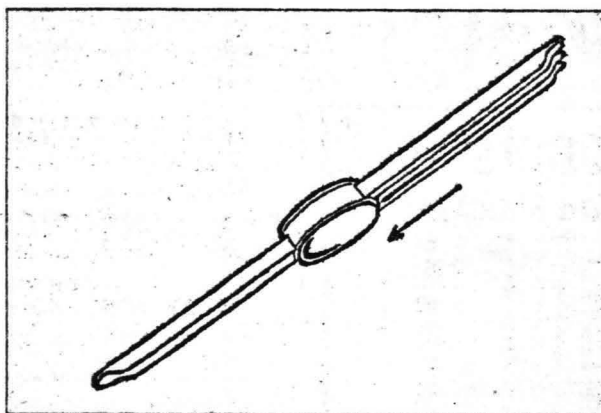
As a level-headed former RAF intelligence officer and former flight administrative officer with BOAC, Brooks made a particularly credible witness, yet what he saw has never been adequately explained.

Brooks was walking his dogs on Moigne Downs, one-and-a-half miles north of Ringstead Bay, just across the bay from Portland, when he saw a mystery object.

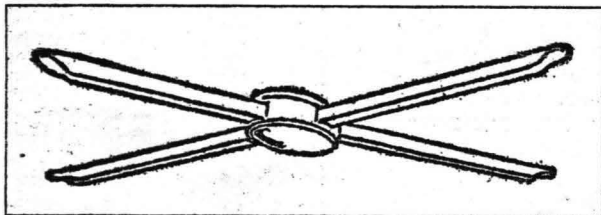
The object "came flashing down at an incredible speed" before decelerating

I was there...

As told to Roger Guttridge



Sketches of the UFO seen in Dorset in 1967 by Angus Brooks. From Robert Chapman's book UFO: Flying Saucers over Britain?



abruptly, levelling out at a height of 200 to 300 feet and hovering about 400 yards from his position. Brooks sketched the object, which appeared to be made of a translucent material. He described it as having a drum-like chamber in the centre with four girder-like "fuselages" sprouting from it.

One of the fuselages pointed ahead while the other three trailed behind like the feathers of a bird's tail. The three rear fuselages moved in such a way that they formed a cross with the fourth fuselage. Then, as the object hung in the sky, the trailing fuselages opened out like the spokes of a wheel equidistant from one another to form a cross with the drum-shaped chamber in the centre.

Brooks noticed no obvious power units or sound. Despite gale force winds, the object apparently remained motionless for 22 minutes.

During the encounter, one of Brooks's dogs, an Alsatian, became distraught, pawed at him frantically and disobeyed his commands to sit.

Brooks was interviewed by a three-man investigation team from the Ministry of Defence, including a psychologist.

Their conclusion was just as

bizarre as the original event, namely that Brooks had seen a "vitreous floater" - dead matter in the fluid of his eyeball - and that this had somehow been dramatised because he had been dreaming after falling asleep or entering a near-sleep state.

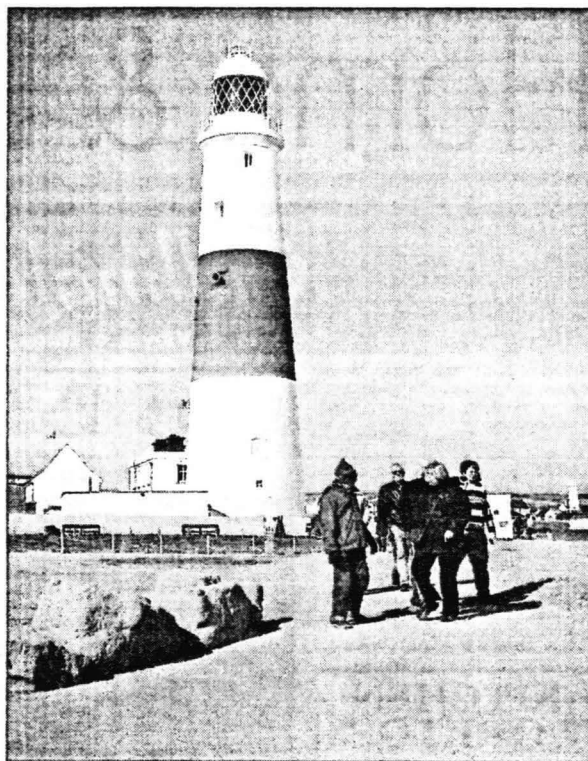
The witness himself was less than impressed, not least because he had no recollection of dozing off during an autumn gale on the downs as an Alsatian dog clawed at him.

Barry Thomas comments: "We have found no other references to blade-like objects and wonder if the events could be related in some way."

Something that should be considered, perhaps, is that many of the most intriguing UFO incidents have occurred near key military sites - including the most famous in America (Roswell, 1947) and Britain (Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk, 1980).

Angus Brooks's sighting occurred within a triangle formed by the Winfrith Atomic Energy Research Station, Portland Underwater Defence Station and the USAAF Communications Unit at Ringstead Bay. Margaret's sighting was even closer to various Portland installations.

There are, of course, those



Portland Bill lighthouse picture from the Trinity House Monument, where Margaret Lewis and her boyfriend were standing when they saw the blade-like UFO.

who think that such sightings are merely the products of people's imaginations or delusion.

But there are other seemingly plausible theories. One is that that people have spotted secret craft or weaponry developed by the earthly superpowers.

Another is that the sightings involve alien civilizations who are observing military equipment or even protecting us from our own folly by neutralising atomic weaponry.

Food for thought

Margaret and Barry Thomas had another experience while working on the 2.30 to 10.30pm shift for a food company at Chard, Somerset.

"The sighting occurred at 5.45pm on 2nd November 1990," Barry tells me.

"We were walking across the factory yard in the direction of the canteen when our attention was drawn to a large triangular object in the sky above the factory car park to our left. "The object had pure white lights around its underside perimeter and was gliding slowly and silently at a very low altitude from East to West.

"The object appeared to be grey against the clear dark sky and seemed to be fairly flat.

"The altitude seemed to be about twice that of an average two-storey house.

"Using the car park as a point of reference, the estimated length from its apex

to its base was 200 to 250ft.

"We viewed the object for several seconds as it travelled slowly over trees and a housing estate, eventually disappearing from view."

Barry adds: "We have no idea what the object was but it was definitely NOT a conventional aircraft.

"Nor was it an airship, a balloon, the planet Venus or lights reflected from low clouds.

"There was no sound. To the best of our knowledge, we were the only witnesses, as no reports appeared in the local papers or on local radio or television.

"We find it difficult to understand why no-one saw such a large object at such a low altitude."

Further research by Margaret and Barry revealed that during 1989-90, large triangular objects were seen in the skies over Belgium.

"These objects were reported to have three white lights on their underside and not the same lighting pattern as the object we both witnessed.

"The Belgian objects were said to be travelling at a 'gliding speed' and some witnesses reported them accelerating rapidly and disappearing at 'tremendous speeds without a sound'." The couple say they have never reported their sightings because "very few people seem to believe or understand that there are things which are beyond our comprehension of explanation".

Documentaron el vuelo de un OVNI en El Chocón

Un joven que realizaba una filmación casera con su teléfono celular registró la presencia de un extraño aparato volador en el cielo neuquino.



Un joven neuquino logró documentar el vuelo de un OVNI en la zona de El Chocón cuando pasaba unos días de descanso junto a su novia el último domingo. Jorge Villarreal se dio cuenta del insólito hallazgo una vez que regresó a Neuquén mientras repasaba los videos que había tomado con su teléfono celular.

En las imágenes se ve a la novia de Jorge y luego el paisaje del lago, en un lugar denominado "El Faro", cerca del camping. En uno de los ángulos se puede apreciar casi en forma imperceptible, un pequeño punto que se mueve. Cuando la imagen se paraliza y se avanza cuadro por cuadro se puede ver claramente una suerte de platillo volador con una base de color oscuro y la parte posterior más clara.

Villarreal se presentó en los estudios de Radio y Televisión del Neuquén (RTN) para dar a conocer la noticia. En la sala de edición de TV, los técnicos analizaron cada uno de los cuadros de la filmación y constataron que, efectivamente, en las imágenes aparecía el misterioso aparato. Concluyeron que realizar un truco

fotográfico con un celular limitado, como el que tenía Jorge, era prácticamente imposible.

"Con el cielo como está despejado el disco negro se ve muy clarito", dijo el joven durante una entrevista en RTN.

Jorge aseguró que es la primera vez que protagoniza un hecho de estas características.

"La verdad es que no lo podía creer... repasamos el video muchísimas veces con amigos, con compañeros de trabajo", indicó el muchacho, todavía conmocionado por el descubrimiento.

Villarreal aseguró que lo más llamativo es que mientras estaban en el lugar realizando la filmación en la que aparece el OVNI, tanto él como su novia, comenzaron a sentir un fuerte dolor de cabeza y un

cansancio inexplicable. "Habían dormido muy bien y no tenían motivos para semejante cansancio", dijo. En el momento, lo atribuyeron a la caminata que habían realizado por el lago, pero cuando descubrieron el aparato volador en la película pensaron que esas molestias que sintieron podrían estar relacionadas con la presencia del OVNI.

La experiencia que vivió Jorge seguramente no la olvidará nunca. En su teléfono móvil todavía tiene la prueba de que estuvo muy cerca de un plato volador, un OVNI o lo que quiera que haya sido. Adonde va, no tiene problemas en mostrar el video y relatar todo lo que significó para él ese domingo atípico cuando miraba paisajes imponentes bajo el cielo neuquino.

Flight of UFO documented in El Chocón

A young man who was filming with his cell phone recorded the presence of a strange flying object in the Neuquén sky.

A young resident of Neuquén managed to document the flight of a UFO in the El Chocón area when he was spending a few days of rest with his girlfriend last Sunday. Jorge Villarreal noticed the unusual find when he returned to Neuquén while reviewing the videos he took with his cell phone.

The images show Jorge's girlfriend and then the lake scenery in a place called "El Faro", near the camping site. One of the angles shows almost imperceptibly a small dot that moves. When the image is stopped and advanced frame by frame a kind of flying saucer can be clearly seen with a dark base and a lighter colored back side.

Villareal showed up at the studios of Radio y Televisión del Neuquén (RTN) to go public. In the editing room of the TV station, the technicians analyzed each of the film's frames and confirmed that, in fact, the mysterious craft appeared on the images. They concluded that to perform a photographic trick with a limited cell like Jorge's was practically impossible.

"With the sky as clear as it is the black disk can be seen very clearly", said the young man during an interview at RTN.

Jorge said that it's the first time he is the protagonist of such an event.

"The truth is that I couldn't believe it... we went over the video lots of times with friends and coworkers", he said, still in shock at the discovery.

Villareal said that what most called his attention is that while they were at the site shooting the film where the UFO appears, both he and his girlfriend started to feel an severe headache as well as an

unexplainable tiredness. "We slept very well and there was no reason to feel so tired", he said. At the time they attributed it to the walk they did by the lake, but when they discovered the flying object on the film they thought the discomfort they felt may have been related to the presence of the UFO.

The experience Jorge went through he will surely never forget. He still has the proof on his mobile that he had been very close to a flying saucer, a UFO or whatever it might have been. Wherever he goes he has no problem showing the video and telling what that atypical Sunday meant for him when he was looking at impressive landscapes under the Neuquén sky.

(Translation by Jane Thomas Guma)

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Russian tourist photographs a UFO



London, Apr 26 (ANI): A foreign student on a sightseeing spree in South London has claimed to have seen and photographed a UFO.

Anastasiya Gavrilenko from Russia insists that she had seen and captured the mysterious object speeding through the sky while walking through a park in Croydon, south London.

I went to the park because I wanted to take some nice photos in England. But then I heard something in the sky. I looked up and noticed this thing in the sky, The Sun quoted Gavrilenko, as saying.

It was quite large and moving really fast. It was size of a plane but did not look like one it looked more like a big mushroom, she added.

Gavrilenko said that she was stunned to see her snaps.

I never believed in things like UFOs before I took this picture but now I think they could be true, she said. (ANI)

Shedding light on UFO riddle

Orange orbs spotted
in sky turn out to be
Chinese lanterns

CHRIS MARSHALL

THEIR presence in the night sky stopped onlookers in their tracks and sent the conspiracy theorists into overdrive.

But despite their otherworldly glow, it seems the mysterious orange lights spotted above the Capital earlier this month have a rather more down-to-earth explanation.

It has now emerged that the orange orbs, which were caught on film by walkers in the Braid Hills area, were Chinese sky lanterns let off during a teenager's birthday party.

Several people reported seeing the lights between 8.50pm and 9pm on Saturday, April 12.

The UFO mystery was today solved when a resident of Blackford Avenue, near the Royal

"We get a steady flow of calls about UFOs, and lanterns are making up a bigger percentage of those" RUSSELL EBERST

Observatory, said the lights were nothing more than lanterns bought from internet auction site eBay as part of celebrations for her daughter's birthday.

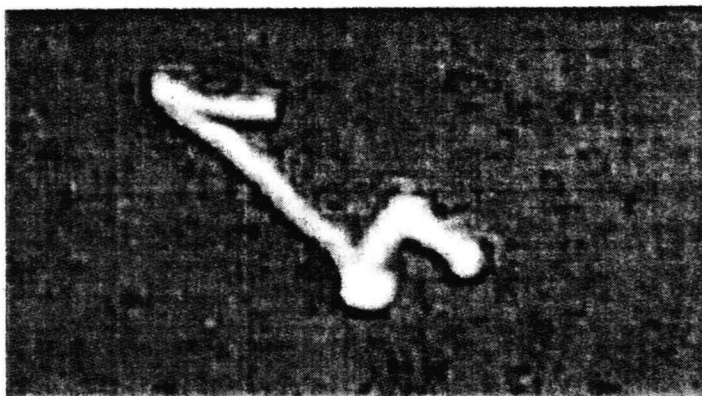
The woman, who did not want to be named, said she was shocked at all the fuss the lights had caused.

She said: "They were called Chinese sky lanterns and they even said on the box that they could be mistaken for UFOs."

One Edinburgh-based astronomer said the growing popularity of the lanterns had led to a string of similar sightings in the Capital in the past few years.

Resembling small hot-air balloons, the lanterns are lit by a naked flame and then float into the sky with a fiery glow.

Russell Eberst, a former information officer at the Royal Observatory on Blackford Hill, said:



Mystery in the sky at night

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APRIL 15: An Evening News reader's picture sparked the story

"We get a steady flow of calls about UFOs, and Chinese lanterns are making up a bigger percentage of those in recent years."

"There are usually two or three UFO sightings a day reported to the observatory, especially if we get a run of clear nights. The lanterns tend to be used more at times like New Year and the Chinese New Year."

"There are no doubt sci-fi buffs who would love to be in contact with people from other worlds, but there are all sorts of lights in the sky. It's a big jump from seeing something in the sky to assuming it relates to an alien civilisation visiting the Earth."

A number of people had contacted the Evening News following sightings of the orange lights. Air traffic controllers had

noted nothing unusual and the Army also struggled to come up with an explanation for the strange objects in the night sky.

Last year, the Government opened its records on UFO sightings for the first time, containing eyewitness reports from across Edinburgh and the surrounding regions. Sightings included a series of flashing lights over Corstorphine Hill in 1998.

Investigators said at the time they were puzzled by the lights and urged more witnesses to come forward, but the mystery was never solved. Other incidents, such as two "fuzzy white lights" that danced over Leith in 2001 and a "swirly" object appearing above East Linton in 2006, have also never been explained.

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That UFO is a top secret spyplane

A STARTLING new theory has emerged to explain strange lights seen over Great Gonerby. It could be – wait for it – a top secret American spyplane that might not even exist. Last week the Journal reported on a UFO sighting over Saskatchewan, Canada, that was eerily similar to other sightings by Allan Spick, who lives in Great Gonerby.

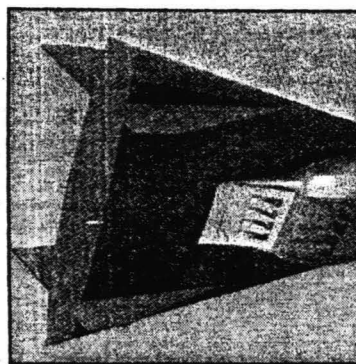
Mike Repin was inspired to get in touch after seeing a drawing by Allan which was just like what he saw.

Now Luton man John Pacey has got in touch to let us know

he thinks what was seen was a mysterious spyplane which officially does not even exist.

Spotters claim the triangular Aurora aircraft was built by the US Air Force to replace the aging Blackbird surveillance plane. It is believed to be capable of speeds massively in excess of the sound barrier and features in countless internet pages on UFOs.

● Have you seen mysterious lights in the sky? Do you think it's a mysterious spyplane that might not even exist? Contact us: comment@granthamjournal.co.uk



It's a top secret US spy plane called the Aurora - and it could be flying repeatedly over Great Gonerby.

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Does a Welsh Loch Ness monster lurk in city lake?

EXPERTS failed to pour cold water last night on reports a crocodile is alive and well and living in a Welsh lake.

Crocodile hunters are heading for Swansea after it emerged one of the reptiles has been spotted patrolling the 20ft deep pool in the middle of a city business park.

The creature is normally the preserve of warmer climes such as Africa, Asia and Australia, but fisherman Steve Jenkins is convinced he saw a specimen in Morfa Enterprise Zone's Pluck Lake.

Mr Jenkins, who lives nearby, was on Sunday walking his dog around the lake, which is the size of four football pitches, when he saw what he first thought was a log in the water.

He said yesterday, "It was definitely a crocodile. There was a white van submerged in the water and it swam over the top of it so I had a good look. It was a metre long and had a long tail.

"I've been ribbed mercilessly since I reported it to the police – people whistle the tune of Crocodile Shoes when they see me. But I don't care what people think, I know what I saw."

Natural history expert Professor Paul Brain of Swansea University, said it was possible for a crocodile to live in a relatively cold climate.

He said, "If this is not a mistaken sighting, the crocodile would simply slow down or even shut down for a while during cold weather then spring back to life when the water gets warmer.

"There are a lot of exotic pets out there and this could be one which outgrew its tank and the lake may have been a suitable place to dump it."

The shores of the lake were busy yesterday with potential croc-watchers, including Gwilym Games from the Fortean Zoology Centre.

Parallels were drawn with the Loch Ness Monster, which is worth around £20m a year to Scotland's tourism industry.

Geoff Haden, vice-chairman of Tourism Swansea, said: "If we have the Loch Pluck Monster in our midst then it could be the start of a massive influx of tourists.

"Loch Ness has made an incredible amount of money from its monster – having one here can only be a good thing for the Swansea economy."

A spokesman for Visit Scotland said the Nessy legend would take a lot of beating.

He said, "While research has been conducted at many lakes, Loch Ness is the icon for monsters and Nessie, the Loch Ness Monster, is without doubt the grand daddy of them all. It is to Loch Ness where myriad researchers, professional and amateur, from all walks of life, have flocked with their cameras and sonars, hopes, fears and aspirations to solve the greatest mystery on Earth, Nessie, the Loch Ness Monster.

"Loch Ness investigations have included lures, fish baits, exploding light bulbs, submarines, scanning sonars, echo sounders, telephoto cameras, underwater cameras with strobe flashes, movie cameras, video and, now, digital cameras too."

A spokesman for Swansea Police said yesterday officers had visited the lake but had not seen anything. RSPCA officials have also visited Pluck Lake but have not reported seeing anything like a crocodile.

But Leicestershire-based Beastwatch UK says the number of sightings of non-indigenous, exotic animals in Britain has rocketed this century. The group has received more than 10,000 sightings of everything from wallabies to dangerous spiders, crocodiles and even a penguin since 2000.

Carpenter Chris Mullins, the founder and co-ordinator of Beastwatch UK, attributes the surge to climate change, zoo thefts and exotic pet escapes.

He said, "Our figures show that in the last eight years 51 wallabies, 13 spiders including a tarantula and a black widow, 13 raccoons, 10 crocodiles, seven wolves, three pandas, two scorpions and one penguin have been spotted."

There were also reported sightings of 5,931 big cats and 332 wild boars roaming the countryside and 3,389 sharks in British waters.

In the 1990s, after the craze prompted by the film Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle craze, more than 100 terrapins were found in Cardiff's Roath Park Lake.

When the pets grew to the size of dinner plates the novelty wore off and they were often placed in the nearest watercourse. The National Terrapin Project's 1997 survey

revealed that Roath Park contained 125 of these unwanted pets – more than any other urban lake. When they demonstrated a liking for chick eggs, small animals and birds – not to mention biting human fingers – many were rounded up and sent off to a terrapin centre in Italy.

Having a monster here can only be a good thing for the economy

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Do You Believe Bigfoot Exists?

NORTH TEXAS (CBS 11 News) — A local organization has been tracking Bigfoot sightings in North Texas for years. They work on proving the creature's existence through video or photographic evidence.

Craig Woolheather is a member of the Texas Bigfoot Research Conservancy. He believes he came face to face with the creature in Louisiana.

"It was about 11:30 at night, and we noticed in the headlights of my vehicle a large, upright figure off to the right of the road," said Woolheather. "As we approached, we noticed that it was covered in hair... I said we got to stop, and she refused."

Woolheather said he regrets not stopping to investigate, but that regret turned into a passion. In 1994, the Texas Bigfoot Conservancy was born. The TBRC is 60 members strong.

Now he tracks Bigfoot sightings all over southern America and North Texas.

The most recent reported sighting in North Texas was in 2006 in Navarro County near Navarro Mills Lake. A husband and wife reported a creature darting across the road as if fleeing something.

The oldest incident documented by the conservancy was in 1971 in Bosque County near the Bosque River. The family said they heard growling and some sort of yelling. They reported seeing a large being outlined in the streetlamp over a bridge. They said it looked like an ape with long, dark hair.

In both cases the TBRC reported

plenty of water and food in the area that could sustain a Bigfoot creature.

No animal experts in North Texas would comment on this story.



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By Gene Haagenson

Bigfoot in Fresno County?

4/25/2008 Fresno, CA (KFSN) -- Whether you want to believe it or not, there are a lot of people in Central California who think they've had a brush with a Bigfoot, or Sasquatch.

Many won't talk about it for fear of being ridiculed. But others are convinced they are real, and think science is about to prove they really do exist.

Lurking in the forests of the high Sierra are people, like Bill Compton. A cell phone salesman during the week, he spends many weekends in search of the elusive Bigfoot. He says, "I truly believe there is a bipedal primate roaming the terrain. I've seen too many footprints, seen beasts walk away from me on two legs that look like giant, hairy animals."

Bill and his partners regularly search an area in the Sequoia National Forest in Southeastern Fresno County. Bills tells us, "In that area we've had a lot of activity, that's why we constantly go back to it." Local hunters and hikers have reported Bigfoot like sightings, along with what they think are the sounds and smells of the creature on the website of the Bigfoot Field Research Organization. 17 alleged Bigfoot encounters are listed in Fresno County. Web sites like this are full of pictures, videos and supposed eyewitness accounts.

Such stories are no surprise to the Native American tribes living in the Sierra. To them Bigfoot was just like the bear, mountain lions, wolves and

coyotes. Ron Goode of the North Fork band of Mono Indians tells us, "We have an understanding that Bigfoot was here, is here. That he once he existed. The Mono's have two names for him. One that was in the mountains, Kooseekoosnow, and then one for the foothills is Kakownow, Kakownah." Goode says he hasn't seen a Bigfoot, but thinks he smelled one. "It had kind of followed me along and really scared the heck out of me because I was running for a little bit and I could smell this thing and it smelled terrible."

Another encounter near North Fork involved not smell, but sound. Susan Larson, an accountant believes she heard a Bigfoot outside her window one night. She says, "The scream was so scary, that you would no way in your right mind go out that door and go looking for it, and it's a shame I didn't have the guts."

Susan says she didn't know she'd heard a Bigfoot, until listening to a recording on a Bigfoot web site. Listening to the sound, "Ooooapp...oooapp..." She tells us, "That's exactly what I heard."

She later took pictures of footprints she thinks could belong to Bigfoot, or maybe a bear. Casts of footprints, along with pictures, videos and other Bigfoot evidence is on display for all to see at the Bigfoot Discovery Museum near Santa Cruz. Museum owner and curator Michael Rugg says, "We are trying to come up with definitive proof that there are Bigfoot out there."

Rugg has wanted to prove Bigfoot lives ever since he saw one as a kid, while camping with his parents along a creek in Humboldt County. He recalled the incident. "Stepped out on a sandbar and there was a great big hairy man standing there looking at me and I looked at him and he looked down at me." The creature ran off when Rugg's parents called out to him. Rugg says he didn't realize he'd seen a Bigfoot until years later. After retiring as a graphic artist he opened the museum to help further Bigfoot research.

One of the few academically credentialed scientists who will acknowledge the possibility Bigfoot exists is Jeff Meldrum. A biology professor at Idaho State University in Pocatello. His book, "Sasquatch, Legend Meets Science," has been cited in some of the most recent documentaries on Bigfoot. He believes he has almost found a scientific basis for the legendary creature from a site in Ontario, Canada. Meldrum says, "We collected tissue, the remains of blood as well as muscle tissue as well as some hairs." Meldrum explains the creature stepped on a board with screws in it, leaving the flesh behind, giving researchers a sample from which to obtain DNA for testing. He says a preliminary test indicated a feature in a strand of DNA that appeared to put the creature somewhere between a human and chimpanzee.

Meldrum admits much more DNA testing is needed, but, says he thinks there's something out there. He says, "Based on all the evidence I have seen it suggests this is an unrecognized species of great ape."

That however, is not a conclusion shared by most of the scientific community. Stephen Lewis is a professor of Earth Sciences at California State University Fresno. A Geologist he teaches a course on popular myths masquerading as science. He puts Bigfoot in the same category as UFO's and Power Crystals. He says, "This whole Bigfoot topic is what can be classified as pseudo science." He adds, "There's really no credible evidence that's ever been turned up that a giant six hundred pound hairy, hominid creature, man-like except bigger, inhabits the Pacific Northwest, or Fresno County or anywhere else. There's just no evidence of that."

Many Bigfoot believers say "what more could you need?" They believe the evidence, from Indian legends to eyewitness accounts, along with film and videos is already overwhelming. But even those on Bigfoot's trail, like Bill Compton of Fresno, admit the absolute proof they need may be

very hard to come by. He says, "We go to investigate and can't find anything. Very mysterious, it drives us nuts." But he says, "I truly believe we have them in the Central Valley. Bigfoot's, and it will come out, someday."

The obvious question is, "Why can't anyone seem to find a real Bigfoot, dead or alive?"

The Native Americans believe the creatures live and die hidden underground, in tunnels and caves that run for hundreds of miles through the Sierra, and only come out to feed now and then. Others believe they're just too smart to be discovered. With the sensory skills of wild animals, and near human intelligence, they are presumably, incredibly elusive.

It will take actually finding one to convince skeptics they exist, but as long as there's no way to prove they don't exist, some people will keep looking for and believing in Bigfoot.



USA TODAY
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Bigfoot tracks spotted in W.Va.

MILL POINT, W.Va. (AP) — While they didn't see hide nor hair of the beast itself, 20 people taking part in a four-day search for Bigfoot in West Virginia say they found tracks believed to have been made by the elusive creature.

Members of the Bigfoot Field Researchers Organization's 2008 West Virginia expedition also claim to have heard sounds made by Sasquatch.

Steve Willis, a Cowen native now living in Virginia, led the Pocahontas County expedition.

Willis says the tracks are believed to have been made by a Bigfoot female and juvenile. He says the group also heard sounds described as being like someone knocking a baseball bat against a tree.

The organization estimates there are up to 6,000 sasquatches living in the USA and Canada. But skeptics cite the lack of physical evidence.

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By Kate Miller



In search of Bigfoot

Believers scour local woods for signs, sounds of creature

To some people, the big, hairy, half-man, half-ape known as Bigfoot is pure folklore, but to others, he is a living creature who has eluded capture for far too long.

A local group of believers hopes to change that.

They are on the hunt for Bigfoot. They set up cameras in the wilderness along animal trails. On occasion, they arm themselves with shotguns and venture in, looking for large footprints and nesting spots. They otherwise keep their ears on alert for what they describe as a guttural scream that sounds like no animal they recognize.

"I have hunted all my life, here and in Colorado, and there's no sound that compares to this. It will stop you in your tracks cold. It's a really creepy sound," said Lorain Fender, the gentle-speaking grandmother who co-founded the Tri-County Bigfoot Group.

Fender relayed a story about how a couple of younger members entered the woods at night, shotguns in hand, and were sent running when they heard it. One was so frightened he dropped his shotgun. He went back to retrieve it in the daylight.

The "Tri" in the group's name encompasses Franklin, Jefferson and St. Louis counties. The group meets at 5 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month at the Great Pacific Coffee House, 220 S. First St. in

Pacific. At meetings, they exchange Bigfoot stories, evaluate new evidence from around the world, and determine the game plan for the next exploration.

Members of the nine-person group encourage people with their own Bigfoot stories to join them.

"We'd like to get the word out, so more people will share their experiences, and we can compile the information," said member Annie Burnette, adding there is strength in numbers. "Sometimes it takes a group to come out without fear of ridicule."

Burnette said she has not heard the strange guttural sound. She had passed off what others have heard as an animal in pain, but now she is unsure. She wonders if Bigfoot might just be one of those undiscovered animals.

"I'm the type of person who has to see it to believe it, but I can't disqualify people who are so adamant about it," Burnette said.

"There's a lot out there that we don't know yet," she said, which is why she thinks more evidence is needed, and not the kind that can be explained away by something else.

"I would like something more concrete for my own edification," she said.

Other members are not wishy-washy about Bigfoot's existence, even if outsiders put it in the same category as UFOs, ghosts and the Loch Ness Monster.

"Just because they don't believe in it doesn't mean it doesn't exist," Fender said. "They could never convince me that he doesn't. Never. Never."

If one could judge a Bigfoot hunter on looks and demeanor, it would seem the group's sweet-natured co-founder would be more apt to welcome Bigfoot with freshly baked cookies rather than a shotgun blast, but neither is the case.

"We don't plan on shooting anything; we don't want to harm the creature," Fender said. "We just want to gather as much information as possible (and) do something nobody else has: get an actual photograph or other concrete evidence."

So far, the group has stories. Many members have heard the scream, and one reported seeing the creature many years ago in Franklin County.

"When he first saw it, he thought it was a bear standing on its hind legs. It was at least 6 feet tall," Fender said. "It was shaking a tree, and it had hands."

She said it is believed that this half-man, half-ape species travels in packs as a family. They nest in wooded, unpopulated areas near water and feed on whatever they find. She added that there are no reported cases of the creature hurting a human, but Bigfoot does not like barking dogs. She attributes at least a few dog disappearances and deaths in the area to Bigfoot.

In the hopes of catching Bigfoot on film, the group installs a "critter cam" in the woods. The camera is activated by a motion detector.

"We thought we had something one night, but it ended up being a doe," Fender said.

Group members said Bigfoot has gone undiscovered because he has heightened senses. He can hear, smell and see humans coming and go into hiding before they are caught.

Then again, numerous Bigfoot sightings from across the United States are posted at www.bfro.net, the Web site for the Bigfoot Field Researchers Organization. The organization boasts one of the most extensive databases on Bigfoot-related topics.

The BFRO site shows 61 reported encounters in Missouri, five of them in the tri-county area.

Anthony "Tony" Gerard, a biology instructor at Shawnee Community College in Ullin, Ill., is a former

researcher for BFRO. He said scientists do not run the organization and no longer do the research, so people should be cautious when they visit the site.

He originally joined BFRO because of a lifelong fascination with monster stories. Even now, he is a crew member on "Monsterquest," a show on The History Channel.

"We need monsters," Gerard said. "The world is a sadder place without them."

Science long ago ruined his belief in the Loch Ness Monster, he said, but "I'm still holding out for Bigfoot."

"But I'm not holding my breath," he said.

Even if you take science out of the equation, he said, "I'm unconvinced that in 300 years of gun-toting American history - during which time cougars, bears and wolves were wiped out in Missouri and Illinois - that someone hasn't dragged one in."

Gerard said those animals had keen senses and couldn't escape man. Logically, if Bigfoot exists, he would have been caught, too.

He attributes the guttural scream to a barred owl.

"They make a world of sounds, and one of their screams would raise the hairs on your neck," he said.

When Gerard worked with the BFRO, people told him about their Bigfoot encounters. He recalled talking with a person whose back door was clawed by Bigfoot.

He asked the person, "What makes you think it wasn't a bear?" The person replied, "We don't have bears here."

At that moment, Gerard thought to himself, "But you have Bigfoot?"

He said a few sightings seemed plausible, mostly due to a string of coincidences and the witnesses' demeanor. In those cases, "I can't dismiss the sincere people who saw

or heard something they are quite certain about," he said. "Something was going on, and I don't know what."

It is likely that believers will always believe, Gerard said, because a negative can't be proved.

On the other hand, if someone presents a body, the scientific world might recognize Bigfoot as a species rather than folklore.

The scientist recommended that the group keep doing its thing.

"It can't hurt, and it's a lot of fun," he said. "If they come up with any evidence, good footprints or pictures, I'd love to see it."

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Here in California, we're big on hometown heroes. We enthusiastically celebrate zany hotel heiresses, hardworking dairy farmers and action-hero governors. And, of course, we all celebrate Bigfoot, one of California's best known, but seldom seen, residents.

Start any conversation with the name Bigfoot and, no matter how drowsy and anvil-headed your audience, you're guaranteed hours of

lively conversation, observations and speculation about the imposing hominid.

If you live in Northern California and can't hold up your end of a Bigfoot conversation, you're sure to be labeled an ignorant buffoon who most likely spends most of his spare time watching reruns of "The Simple Life."

Fortunately for everyone — particularly those of us who have been living under a rock or, perhaps, in

West Biggs — there are plenty of places within reasonable driving distance where one may greatly expand one's knowledge of Bigfoot.

The Bigfoot Discovery Project, for instance.

Conveniently located in the Santa Cruz mountain community of Felton (about 120 miles southwest of downtown Elmira), the Bigfoot Discovery Project is a treasure trove of Bigfoot lore, research, pho-

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tos, videos and some decidedly peculiar pop culture icons relating to the hairy biped.

Founded by Michael Rugg in 2004, the deceptively modest Bigfoot center on Highway 9 draws visitors from around the world — and around the corner — with its eclectic collection of Bigfoot artifacts and memorabilia, much of the latter devoted to eyewitness accounts of unexpected encounters with the big guy.

Rugg, whose own Bigfoot sighting occurred in 1950 when he was 4 years old, says he's interviewed more than 180 people who claim to have seen a Bigfoot or something similarly large and hairy.

Of those interviews, roughly six to eight have rung true for the Felton researcher. Combined with

dozens of other documented sightings throughout the Pacific Northwest, Rugg says, the encounters have to mean there's something very real about the Bigfoot legend.

"All kinds of credible people have reported Bigfoot sightings. This thing crosses all demographics — young, old, deputy sheriffs, firefighters, computer programmers," Rugg explained. "When you hear, one after another, credible eyewitness accounts, it's hard to be skeptical."

The Bigfoot Discovery Project, I should point out, isn't all dry research and grainy photos.

Rugg has explored all aspects of Bigfoot, including a collection of headlines from the now defunct Weekly World News: "World's First Bigfoot Hooker Tells All!" and "I Had Bigfoot's Baby!"

There are hand-carved Bigfoot statues and figurines, comics and children's books, including the tale of "Bigfoot Cinderrrrrella."

One wall is devoted to a Bigfoot time line, recording the history of regional Bigfoot sightings. Nearby, one can find examples of Bigfoot — or Sasquatch — commercial marketing efforts, ranging from a Bigfoot board game to Sasquatch Scotch Ale.

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Mystery creature caught on camera

A TERRIFIED Gazette reader captured these amazing snaps of a mysterious "ape-like" animal roaming a Tredegar woodland.

Gwyn Weeks, aged 63, of Page Street, Tredegar was embarking on one of his regular trips to walk his dog around the lake at St James Park when he spotted something strange lurking in the woods.

Mr Weeks said he could see something moving through the trees on the other side of the lake.

Retired steelworker Mr Weeks said: "It sent a shiver up my spine, my dog started barking, you could have knocked me down with a feather."

Quick-thinking Mr Weeks immediately pulled out his mobile phone to capture the creature on film.

He said: "My eyesight is not so good now so I zoomed in to have a look and I couldn't believe what I was seeing. At first I thought it might be one of those panthers you hear about round here, but it was more like a bear, it was quite ape-like. It could have been a yeti!"

The unbelievable 10-second clip shows an animal resembling a gorilla appearing to forage for food before briefly standing on two legs and disappearing into the trees quickly.

Mr Weeks said he was glad he captured the footage as he feared no-one would believe his amazing encounter.

He said: "I was out of my wits with

fear, I jumped back in my car and was out of there in a flash. Some people I've shown the film to reckon it's a wind-up but at the end of the day I know what I saw."

Tredegar Crime and Disorder Reduction Officer Tony Davies said he was unsurprised by the reports and police would be looking into the matter.

Pc Davies said: "We take reports of yetis quite seriously."

"The neighbourhood policing team will be upping their patrols and will do their best to persuade the yeti to go elsewhere."