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**"It was some kind of space alien craft.  
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it was absolutely death defying."**

- Milton Torres, retired U.S. airman

## Cold War files reveal orders to shoot down UFO



Milton Torres & F86D [Pueblo, Colorado, Sept. 2007]

### Radar locked on, and mysterious 'bogey' took off, says U.S. pilot

BY RAPHAEL G. SATTER  
The Associated Press

LONDON - An American fighter pilot flying from an English air base at the height of the Cold War was ordered to open fire on a massive UFO that lit up his radar, according to an account published by Britain's National Archives on Monday.

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The unnamed pilot said he and another airman were scrambled on the night of May 20, 1957, to intercept an unusual "bogey" on radars at Royal Air Force Station Manston, an airfield at the southeastern tip of England about 75 miles from central London.

"This was a flying object with very unusual flight patterns," the pilot said, according to a typed manuscript of his account mailed to Britain's Ministry of Defense by a UFO enthusiast in 1988.

"In the initial briefing it was suggested to us that the bogey actually was motionless for long intervals."

Ordered to fly at full throttle in cloudy weather, the pilot said he was given the order to fire a volley of 24 rockets at the mysterious object.

"To be quite candid I almost (expletive) my pants!" the pilot said, saying he asked for confirmation - which he received.

Retired U.S. airman Milton Torres told Britain's Sky News on Monday that he was the pilot and has spent 50 frustrating years attempting to uncover the truth of his midair encounter.

Speaking from his home in Miami, Torres said he never saw the UFO with his naked eye, but watched in awe as it appeared on his jet's radar and sped off before he had a chance to fire.

"All of a sudden as it was coming in, it decided to take off and leave me behind. ... The next thing I know it was gone," Torres told Sky News. "It was some kind of space alien craft. It was so fast, it was so incredible ... it was absolutely death defying."

In the newly published government file, the U.S. airman said the UFO appeared impossible to miss.

"The blip was burning a hole in the radar with its incredible intensity," the pilot said. "It was similar to a blip I had received from B-52s and seemed to be a magnet of light. ... I had a lock on that had the proportions of a flying aircraft carrier."

As he closed in on the object to prepare for combat, however, the object began to move wildly before fading off his radar.

The target gone, the mission was called off, and he returned to base to an odd reception.

"I had not the foggiest idea what had actually occurred, nor would anyone explain anything to me," the pilot said.

He said he was led to a man in civilian clothes, who "advised me that this would be considered highly classified and that I should not discuss it with anybody, not even my commander."

"He disappeared without so much as a goodbye and that was that, as far as I was concerned," the pilot said, according to the account.

Britain's military said it had no record of the incident, according to the files. Neither did the U.S. military.

The second pilot's account, also included in the files, paints a somewhat different picture of events, saying there were not one but several "unknowns" and that he did not remember being contacted by anyone about staying quiet.

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He did not mention the targets' size.

"I know this is not a very exciting narrative but it is all I can recall," the second pilot said.

His name, like his colleague's, was redacted from the files.

David Clarke, a UFO expert who has worked with the National Archives on the document release, said it was one of

the most intriguing stories he had culled from the batch of files released Monday.

He said that the CIA once had a program intended to create phantom signals on radar — and that this may have been an exercise in electronic warfare. Whatever the case, Clarke argued that "there's no doubt something very unusual happened."

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Clarke said the batch of files released Monday — which include witness accounts, investigations and sketches — was part of a three- to four-year program intended to make a total of 160 UFO-related files available to the public.

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## Retired pilot explains 1957 UFO incident

BY NICHOLAS SPANGLER  
*The Miami Herald*

KENDALL, Fla. — If you believe former fighter pilot Milton Torres' story — and news organizations are running with it — the Air Force was seconds from attacking an alien aircraft over England late one cloudy night in 1957.

Possible interstellar war was averted when the unidentified flying object sped away.

"It was not made of this Earth," said Torres, 77, a retired Florida International University engineering professor. "I'd love to take a tour of that ... UFO, whatever it was."

The account was included in thousands of pages of UFO-related documents recently declassified by the British Ministry of Defense and posted online. To everyone's surprise, the truth was not just out there, but in Florida, where Torres lives with his wife, Dorothy.

By midweek, he'd done a television interview with Great Britain's Sky News and been featured on "Good Morning America." "Nightline" had panned across pictures of him as a young lieutenant. Reporters were calling hourly, and Dorothy was leaving the phone off the hook at night.

Torres' account begins with him scrambling his F-86D Sabre jet from an airfield in Kent, near the southeast coast, to intercept what he has since called

a UFO circling East Anglia.

Ground control vectored him in at top speed, around 700 mph, and gave the order to "fire a full salvo of rockets at the UFO."

From 15 miles away, he locked on to a target as big as an aircraft carrier, according to his radar screen. He was on course to intercept in 10 seconds but still hadn't seen the thing when it started to move away. Within seconds, the UFO was off lock; it soon vanished.

Back at the airfield, Torres was told the mission would be considered classified. The next day, an American who looked "like a well-dressed IBM salesman, with a dark-blue trench coat," debriefed him and warned he would be breaching national security if he talked about what had happened.

Looking back, Torres said he's glad he never got a shot off that night; surely a craft capable of moving as that one did would have had weapons systems to match. "I would have been vaporized," he said.

"Just a dumb little kid going to slaughter."

He's angry, convinced that the British and U.S. governments have information they're not sharing; and wistful, because he believes he'll never know the truth. "We can't be alone out here," he said.

The phone then rang, CNN on the line.

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### Files: Pilot told to shoot at UFO

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— From wire reports



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## From the Files of British Archives

Actual case file copies as released by the British Archives [via UFO Newsclipping Service]

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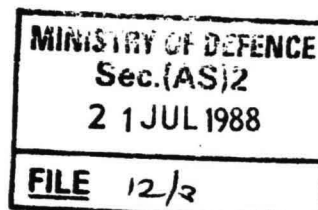
YOUR REF: For the attention of Section 40

20th July 1988.

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Dear Section 40

Re: "Radar Blip".



Herewith copy of a narrative which I have recently received from a former American Pilot for your consideration and comment.

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It was a typical English night in Kent. The 406th Fighter Interceptor Wing had committed to Met sector (RAF) to have F-86D's stand alert as an operational requirement. The date was May 20, 1957, and our squadrons were considered combat qualified when they committed us to the operational requirement. My recollection seems to indicate that this function was rotated about England between the various RAF and USAF units. This particular night the 514th Fighter Interceptor had the alert duty. Two F-86D's were on 5 minute alert at the end of the runway at RAF Station Manston awaiting the signal to scramble. The hour was late as memory serves me and the weather was IFR. Looking back at the log book, a total of 30 minutes of Night Weather was logged on a 1 hour and 15 minute flight. The details such as exactly what hour the scramble occurred or what we were doing just prior to scramble totally escapes me, however, the Auxiliary Power Units (APU) were on and the power was transmitted to the aircraft. We were ready for an immediate scramble and eager for the flight time.

I can remember the call to scramble quite clearly, however, I cannot remember specifics such as the actual vector to turn to after take off. We were airborne well within the 5 minutes allotted to us and basically scrambled to about flight level 310. Our vector took us out over the North Sea just east of east Anglia. Normally, the other member of the set of two fighters would be the lead ship. I can only suggest that I was leading due to an in place turn of some sort. I remember in quite specific terms talking as lead ship to the GCI site (who's call sign I cannot recall). I was advised of the situation quite clearly. The initial briefing indicated that the ground was observing for a considerable time a blip that was orbiting the East Anglia area. There was very little movement and from my conversation with the GCI all the normal procedures of checking with all the controlling agencies revealed that this was an unidentified flying object with very unusual flight patterns. In the initial briefing it was suggested to us that the bogey actually was motionless for long intervals.

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The instructions came to go "gate" to expedite the intercept. Gate was the term used to use maximum power (in the case of the F-86D that meant full afterburner) and to proceed to an Initial Point at about 32,000 feet. By this time my radar was on and I was looking prematurely for the bogey. The instructions came to report any visual observations, to which I replied "I'm in the soup and it is impossible to see anything!" The weather was probably high alto stratus, but between being over the North Sea and in the weather, no frame of reference was available. i.e. no stars, no lights, no silhouettes, in short nothing. GCI continued the vectoring and the dialogue describing the strange antics of the UFO.

The exact turns and maneuvers they gave me were all predicated to reach some theoretical point for a lead collision course type rocket release. I can remember reaching the level off and requesting to come out of afterburner only to be told to stay in afterburner. It wasn't very much later that I noticed my indicated mach number was about .92. This is about as fast as the F-86D could go straight and level.

Then the order came to fire a full salvo of rockets at the UFO. I was only a Lieutenant and very much aware of the gravity of the situation. To be quite candid I almost shit my pants! At any rate I had my hands full trying to fly, search for bogeys, and now selecting a hot load on the switches. I asked for authentication of the order to fire, and I received it. This further complicated my difficulty as the matrix of letters and numbers to find the correct authentication was on a piece of printed paper about 5 by 8 inches, with the print not much bigger than normal type. It was totally black, and the lights were down for night flying. I used my flashlight, still trying to fly and watch my radar. To put it quite candidly I felt very much like a one legged man in an ass kicking contest.

The authentication was valid, and I selected 24 rockets to salvo. I wasn't paying too much attention to ~~the~~ but I clearly remember him giving a "Roger" to all the transmissions. I can only suppose he was as busy as I was.

① DELETED TO PROTECT WITNESSES' IDENTITY

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The final turn was given, and instructions were give to look 30 degrees to the Port for my bogey. I did not have a hard time at all. There it was exactly where I was told it would be at 30 degrees and at 15 miles. The blip was burning a hole in the radar with its incredible intensity. It was similar to a blip I had received from B-52's and seemed to be a magnet of light. These things I remember very clearly. I ran the range gate marker over the blip, and the jizzle band faded as the marker super imposed over the blip. I had a lock on that had the proportions of a flying aircraft carrier. By that I mean the return on the radar was so strong that it could not be overlooked by the fire control system on the F-86D. I use in comparison other fighter aircraft and airliners. The airliner is easy to get a lock on while the fighter not being a good return is very difficult and, on that type aircraft, a lock on was only possible under 10 miles. The larger the airplane the easier the lock on. This blip almost locked itself. I cannot explain to the lay person exactly what I mean, save to say that it was the best target I could ever remember locking on to. I had locked on in just a few seconds, and I locked on exactly 15 miles which was the maximum range for lock on. I called to the GCI "Judy", which signified that I would take all further steering information from my radar computer.

Let me explain visually what I saw on my radar screen. Once lock on is accomplished, two circles of light appear on the screen. One was a complete circle in the center of the radar screen about an inch in diameter, the other about 3 inches in diameter with a half inch segment darkened to indicate the overtake speed. If the dark segment was at 12 o'clock it meant 0 overtake. If the segment was at 6 o'clock, then we had about 600 knots of overtake. The maximum overtake was in the 9 o'clock position. The overtake I had on this particular intercept was in the 7 or 8 o'clock position which indicate close to 800 knot overtake. I was really hauling coals. To complete the description of the radar scope there were two other significant pieces of data displayed. One is the horizontal indicator which gave a gyro stabilized reference to the horizon enabling the pilot to not have to refer to his flight instruments. The second is a steering dot, which was nothing more than computer data indicating which way the aircraft should fly to accomplish the intercept. i.e. if the dot was above the center, the stick should be pulled back to climb, if it was to the right then turn to the right to center the dot. The idea was to have the dot centered in the smaller circle.



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A normal intercept proceeds from the lock on phase with the constant maneuvering to center the dot. When the aircraft is in a position to accomplish its intercept, the dot would be centered. The outer circle will start to shrink at 20 seconds from rocket release. The circle in the center shrinks to about a quarter inch, and keeping the dot centered requires small rapid maneuvers. At about the time the outer circle reaches three quarters of an inch in diameter a small quarter inch line appears in lieu of the inner circle. This is the signal to pull the trigger for rocket release, and to make only up and down corrections as the computer calculates the point of rocket release for the azimuth. With the trigger pulled and the switches set, the rockets are released by the computer.

Now back to the intercept of the UFO. As I said I had an overtake of 800 knots and my radar was rock stable. The dot was centered and only the slightest corrections were necessary. This was a very fast intercept and the circle started to shrink. I called "20 seconds" and the GCI indicated he was standing by. The overtake was still indicating in the 7 or 8 o'clock position. At about 10 seconds to go, I noticed that the overtake position was changing its position. It moved rapidly to the 6 o'clock then 3 o'clock then 12 o'clock and finally rested about the 11 o'clock position. This indicated a negative overtake of 200 knots (the maximum negative overtake displayed). There was no way of knowing of what the actual speed of the UFO was as he could be traveling at very high mach numbers and I would only see the 200 knot negative overtake. The circle, which was down to about an inch and a half in diameter, started to open up rapidly. Within seconds it was back to 3 inches in diameter, and the blip was visible in the blackened jizzle band moving up the scope. This meant that it was going away from me. I reported this to the GCI site and they replied by asking "Do you have a Tally Ho?" I replied that I was still in the soup and could see nothing. By this time the UFO had broke lock and I

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saw him leaving my 30 mile range. Again I reported that he was gone only to be told that he was now off their scope as well.

With the loss of the blip off their scope the mission was over. We were vectored back to home plate (Manston) and secured our switches. My last instructions were that they would contact me on the ground by land line.

Back in the alert tent I talked to Met sector. They advised me that the blip had gone off the scope in two sweeps at the GCI site and that they had instructions to tell me that the mission was considered classified. They also advised me that I would be contacted by some investigator. It was the next day before anyone showed up.

I had not the foggiest idea what had actually occurred, nor would anyone explain anything to me. In the squadron operations area, one of the sergeants came to me and brought me in to the hall way around the side of the pilots briefing room. He approached a civilian, who appeared from nowhere. The civilian looked like a well dressed IBM salesman, with a dark blue trenchcoat. (I can not remember his facial features, only to say he was in his 30's or early forties). He immediately jumped into asking questions about the previous days mission. I got the impression that he operated out of the states, but I don't know for sure. After my debriefing of the events he advised me that this would be considered highly classified and that I should not discuss it with anybody not even my commander. He threatened me with a national security breach if I breathed a word about it to anyone. He disappeared without so much as a good bye and that was that, as far as I was concerned. I was significantly impressed by the action of the cloak and dagger people and I have not spoke of this to anyone until the recent years.

My impression was that whatever the aircraft (or spacecraft) was it must have been traveling in 2 digit mach numbers to have done what I had witnessed. Perhaps the cloak of secrecy can be lifted in this day of enlightenment and all of us can have all the facts. This is my account to the best of my memory.



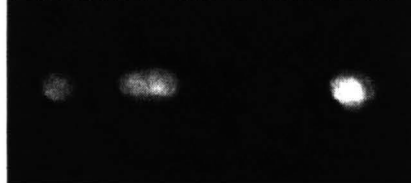
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**Dallas-Fort Worth, TX**  
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*By Jim Douglas / WFAA-TV*

## Stephenville residents report more UFO sightings

### LIGHTS IN THE SKY



STEPHENVILLE — Over a three-month period this summer there were 1,000 UFO sightings filed with the National UFO Reporting Center.

Some 75 of those UFOs were reported over the state of Texas.

Stephenville is one hot spot we've shown you before.

Now the small town is getting buzzed by UFOs again and we have the video.

"You could see the oval shape. Got my friend, I said 'dude, you got to come look at this,'" said Andy Monrreal.

Monrreal was hanging out with his Dublin High School friends when they all saw something they say looked like a UFO.

"You could see a shape. It was like a complete circle," said Monrreal.

He rolled off a half minute of video on his mom's digital camera.

His dad saw it too.

"I never seen nothing like that in my life. Big lights and everything," his father said.  
So did mom.

"It was a round thing. You could see lights around it, flickering and changing. It was awesome. Just turning and flickering," she said.

Back in January, Erath County went UFO crazy after a handful of people reported similar lights over Stephenville.

International press and UFO hunters descended on the town.

This time, many more eye witnesses are phoning the Stephenville Empire Tribune or the ET.

Reporter Whitney Ashley said many people don't want to talk publicly, like several workers at the paper, who also saw the lights.

"I've got at least 10 right now willing to go on record," Ashley said.

"The sheriff's department got lots of calls in the southern part of Erath County."

Down around Dublin, home of DR Pepper.

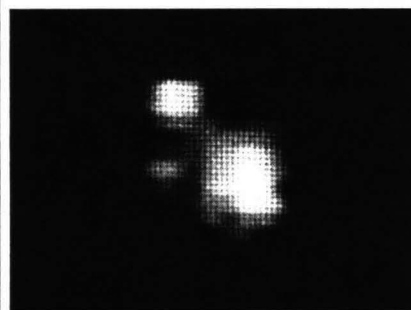
The Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth confirms seven F-16s training in the area at the time.

Several witnesses told us they saw the fighters, after they saw the mysterious lights.



**WBIR TV-10 (Online)**  
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## Texas men claim to spot UFO



Two Austin, Texas men believe they saw a UFO flying over Austin in October.

They said they have the videotape to prove it.

Carl Lancaster and Doug McCullough were both outside their apartments on Oct. 8 around 9 p.m. when they both saw three bright lights.

Lancaster said he saw a red light and two white lights that flew in a zigzag pattern across the sky.

"It was just incredible and just unexplainable," said Lancaster. "The lights flew on top of each other and then side by side."

McCullough captured the mysterious lights on his home video camera. "We've got proof," said McCullough. "It's great to finally capture something on video."

Lancaster started waving at the lights, and he said they responded to him by flying on top of each other and then side by side.

"It was a UFO," said Lancaster. "E.T. probably!"

Torvald Hessel, Austin Planetarium's Executive Director, closely examined Lancaster and McCullough's video.

He pointed out the lights made a zigzag pattern across the power poles.

"Shooting star, meteorite," said Hessel. "It's possible, but I wouldn't be able to explain the zigzag movement."

Hessel watched the video twice and even watched it frame by frame to examine what looked like two lights on top of each other.

He said the lights could have been from an airplane or helicopter, although he said that was unlikely.

"It's obviously two lights, which is interesting," said Hessel. "No idea what it is, probably not aliens over Austin."

Just recently in Stephenville, Texas, high school student Andy Monrreal was hanging out with friends when he also recorded what looked like a UFO.

"You could see the oval shape," said Monrreal. "Got my friend, I said 'dude, you got to come look at this.'"

Meanwhile, Austin Bergstrom International Airport officials said they had no reports of any mysterious objects flying over the city the night Lancaster and McCullough saw their UFOs, but Lancaster and McCullough said they have all the proof they need.

"When I see one, I'll believe it," said Lancaster. "I saw not one, not two, but possibly three that night."

**WFAA (Online)**  
**Dallas-Fort Worth, TX**  
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*By Jim Douglas / WFAA-TV*

## UFO group probes light mystery in Erath, Comanche



ERATH COUNTY — An investigator with the Mutual UFO Network has traveled to Erath County to talk to dozens of people who all reported seeing unusual lights in the sky last week.

Similar reports in January led to international attention focused on Stephenville, which was previously best known for cowboys and dairy farms.

On video, a Dublin High School senior captured 30 seconds of the lights that were spotted by people across Erath and Comanche counties last Thursday night.

U.S. Air Force officials at the joint reserve base in Fort Worth said seven F-16s were training in the area at about the same time the lights were spotted. Still, there are those who say that doesn't appear to be the answer.

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"These don't look like conventional flying lights of any kind," said Jay Miller, an aviation photographer who has snapped hundreds of aircraft from various angles all over the world.

Taking a look at the video, Miller said he doesn't believe the lights depict an F-16.

"I'm not saying this isn't an airplane, but the arrangement [and] color, what have you, isn't what I would consider normal for a fixed-wing plane," he said.

Some witnesses also reported seeing flares.

"I'm very familiar with flares and they would react much differently than this," he said.

Andy Monrreal, who shot the video, said he saw the F-16s, but said that was after he already saw the mystery lights three times. Monrreal said he could also make out a disc-like shape, which some other witnesses also described.

Around the time of the previous sightings in January, the Mutual UFO Network sent a team of investigators to Erath County. In this case, the organization has only sent one investigator.

Although Miller said he is puzzled by the lights, he said they did leave him with one overriding impression.

"They don't look extraterrestrial to me," he said. "They look very much manmade."

## Not a UFO; just a research balloon

BY ROBIN PYLE  
AVALANCHE-JOURNAL

Was that a UFO in the sky on Saturday?

No — it was a NASA scientific research balloon floating 122,000 feet above the ground.

The bright white speck in the sky could be seen from Lubbock between about 7:30 and 8 p.m. Saturday. It was actually about 80 miles away from Lubbock, said Victor Davison, balloon crew chief with the Columbia Scientific Balloon Facility.

"It was a test flight," he said.

The balloon was launched from

Ft. Sumner, N.M., on Saturday and made its way across eastern New Mexico and West Texas throughout the weekend. The test flight ended Sunday night.

Davison said scientific research balloons are used for various experiments and help scientists learn more about the universe, atmosphere, the sun and the space environment.

The facility generally conducts balloon experiments in the spring and fall, Davison said. No more are scheduled this year.

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## UFOs: 'I think more people are willing to come forward,' reporter says

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porter for the paper.

CNN reported last week's sightings, interviewing Dublin resident Andy Monroe, who caught a 30-second video of a line of red lights he says encircled an oval shape floating in the sky.

Most of the descriptions are of an oval shape with lights around the outside, said Alejandro Rojas with the Mutual UFO Network, a nationwide organization created in 1969 to scientifically study UFO sightings. A MUFON investigator is interviewing witnesses, and the group has already sent requests for radar data from the F-16s.

"These are descriptions that were sent into our Web site the night of the sighting, so they could not have been something just copied from media coverage," Rojas said.

### January sightings

In or around Jan. 8, dozens of people around Dublin and Stephenville — about 70 miles southwest of Fort Worth — reported seeing something that did not move like conventional aircraft.

Descriptions varied. Some told of objects up to a mile long and hundreds of yards high. Others reported seeing two to eight lights that flew in formation, changed color and shone with intensity greater than a welding flame. Some witnesses said the objects were accompanied or followed by military jets.

### Latest Texas sightings

According to MUFON'S Web site:

■ Near Dublin. A couple said that at about 7:20 p.m. Tuesday they were headed west on U.S. 377 when they saw a flying object sporting three sets of three lights in a semicircle.

■ Dallas. A man said he was walking his dog at about 11:30 p.m. Tuesday when he saw a triangle-shaped object with orange lights flying silently almost due south over downtown.

■ Fairfield. Residents reported seeing from their porch an oval object glowing red while hovering at about 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in the southwest. "Occasionally it would throw a whitish blue light. We could see other air traffic way high above it [planes fly along Interstate 45 as a normal route]. This looked nothing like what else was in the sky."

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STAR TELEGRAM  
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## New Texas UFO sightings in Erath County, elsewhere being investigated

ent sequel to the Stephenville sightings in January, which made headlines nationwide.

Dozens of residents in and around Erath County reported seeing strange lights in the sky the evening of Oct. 23, according to the *Stephenville Empire-Tribune*, which also reported that the military has confirmed the presence of F-16s in the area at that time.

"I think more people are willing to come forward now that more people are talking about this," said Whitney White-Ashley, a re-

More on UFOs on 9B

The military has confirmed the presence of F-16s in the area at the time of last week's sightings.

By MATT FRAZIER

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That's not the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown.

Texas' UFOs are back — just in time for Halloween.

Reports of UFOs sighted over North Central Texas last week are the latest in an appar-

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS



# Close encounters in Waukesha County?

Reported, but hardly confirmed, UFO sightings happen regularly across area

By JOE PETRIE  
Freeman Staff

WAUKESHA – Although many people may not know it, Waukesha County may have a unidentified flying object problem or at least an eagerness to tell others about lights in the sky.

Almost as long as Waukesha has existed, there have been newspaper stories and self-filed reports by residents of strange lights in the skies, occasional crop circles and even reports of abduction on the eastern edge of the county.

Madison resident Noah Voss is a ufologist who recently wrote a book on the history of UFO encounters across Wisconsin, and he said that the Milwaukee area, including Waukesha Coun-

## Editor's Note

Waukesha County is a great place to live, work and play. But it's not without its fair share of weirdness now and again. As Halloween approaches, we will run a weekly series of stories highlighting the stranger spots and sightings in the area. This first story looks at mysterious reports in the sky.

ty, is one of the top spots for UFO reports in the state.

"It would be pure speculation to say how many confirmed UFO sightings there are (per year in the state), but Wisconsin ranks quite high in UFO sightings," he said. "In documented sightings, some would say more than New

Mexico."

As a ufologist, Voss travels the state investigating claims of UFO sightings and trying to verify them through eyewitness accounts, and seeing whether or not there is a meteorological explanation or if the report is a hoax. However, due to limited resources, Voss said he can't visit them all.

This area is the fifth-hottest area for UFO sightings in the state, Voss said, with Long Lake being the area with the most. Part of the high number of sightings could be attributed to more acceptance of UFO reports in Wisconsin, Voss said.

UFOs sightings in Wisconsin predate written history. Voss said some of the first accounts include the Chippewa Indian tribe's story of the "Starman" who was lost on earth and lived with the tribe for some time until he was able to return home.

Since then, accounts have ranged from a late 19th century account of a dirigible-type craft floating over Waukesha and Milwaukee. Voss said to this day, it is still unknown exactly what the ship was or where it came from, and whether or not it was intergalactic in origin.

According to the Web site [www.ufowisconsin.com](http://www.ufowisconsin.com), there are numerous accounts of sightings in Waukesha since the 1960s. The latest one was reported March 17 in Delafield.

Those who make the reports are kept anonymous on the site, but most describe seeing either lights in the sky or triangular crafts hovering overhead.

A Jan. 19, 2007 account in the Web site from Mukwonago read: "We were all outside by a bonfire just hanging out. Then we all saw a bright light/flash in the sky. We looked up and we saw two objects

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moving in the southwest part of the sky. They were in the shape of a triangle. They had red flashing lights on them. They just sat there for a couple (minutes) and then they took off."

Voss said he cannot confirm if the incidents are true or not, though said he always considers them possible. He said many people believe they'll be pegged as "crazy" for reporting a UFO which could just mean a weather balloon or meteor.

Another Web site called UFOs Northwest has several reports of alien encounters reported throughout the county.

In 1982, a New Berlin man

claimed he and his aunt encountered "reptilian beings" who had landed their craft in a field. A 1973 account from Brookfield says that a person there claimed to have seen the Greys, a believed alien race often pictured with large foreheads and big eyes.

Both accounts are again anonymous and investigator notes listed after the accounts don't classify either experience as authentic and does give possible rational explanations.

For Waukesha County police officers, they tend to find themselves on the front lines of UFO "defense." Officers from across the county have investigated reports of lights in the skies for decades.

Pewaukee Police Sgt. John Maloney said that about 15 years ago during a cold third-

shift night, a police officer from another jurisdiction called in a UFO sighting, to which he and officers from across the county responded. He saw the bright lights standing still in the sky. He remembers the strange feeling of watching the lights.

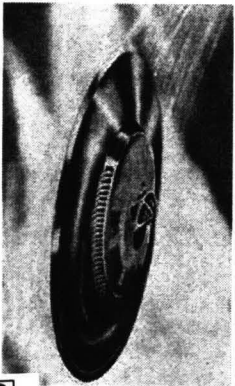
And five minutes later, those lights came to life – in the form of an oncoming airplane that, because of its initial angle, appeared to stand still.

"There has probably been a half-dozen times I had these calls and it's meteor showers and really big meteorites going overhead," he said. "(O)n one occasion I had a face-to-face with the person who reported it and I let him know that I saw it, too. You tell them 'You're not nuts' because it was something. It was a meteorite going across the sky."

Lt. Kevin Schmidt of the Mukwonago Police Department said he has also had reports of lights in the sky, and like Maloney and other officers, he has to find the rational explanation the weirdness in the Waukesha County skies.

"You call (Gen.) Mitchell (International Airport) air traffic (control) and they'll tell us if it's weather balloons," he said. "That's pretty much the only thing we can do."

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# Disappearance of airmen still mystery

**T**he story this week of the American fighter pilot based in England who was ordered to chase and fire on a UFO should have resonated in Madison.

A little more than half a century ago, two fliers from Truax Field were sent to track a UFO. They never returned.

The airmen, who lived in Madison, were temporarily stationed on Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and what happened to them has been the subject of much conjecture since their disappearance on Nov. 23, 1953. Two years ago a Canadian newspaper called it "a classic UFO case," and "one of the enduring unsolved mysteries of the Great Lakes."

The story out of England, which broke Monday with the release of previously classified material, dates to 1957. An American pilot, identified this week as Milton Torres, stationed at a Royal Air Force base in Manston, was tracking by radar a large UFO over the North Sea.

Torres, now 77 and living in Miami, told the Times of London his orders were to "arm all weapons and fire on sight."

Before he could fire, Torres said in an interview with Sky News, the ship began to accelerate rapidly.

"The next thing I knew it was gone," Torres said. "It was some kind of space alien craft. It was so fast, it was so incredible, it was absolutely death-defying."

Torres said when he returned to the base he was ordered not



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to discuss the incident.

Any discussion of what happened to the Madison pilots a few years earlier must begin with a tragic coincidence: Not one but two planes carrying Truax pilots crashed or disappeared on Nov. 23, 1953.

The first crash was in Madison. Shortly after noon, an F-89 Scorpion jet with Lt. John Schmidt and Capt. Glenn Collins aboard took off from Truax Field on a short flight to test the afterburners of newly installed engines.

The jet was flying low over the Arboretum when there was an explosion on board. A newspaper account the next day noted that "the explosion hurled mud and plane parts over trees, broke upper limbs on some trees, shook buildings in the area, and cracked a storm window in one home in the vicinity." Both men on board died.

Less than six hours later, another Truax-based F-89 was in the air, this one over northern Michigan.

The jet and the two men aboard — pilot Felix "Gene" Moncla and radar observer Robert Wilson — were part of a Truax contingent stationed temporarily at the Kinross

Air Base on Michigan's Upper Peninsula. They had been sent from Madison to Michigan to replace Kinross personnel doing gunnery maneuvers in Arizona.

A little after 6 p.m., radar at Kinross spotted a large unidentified object flying in restricted air space over the Soo Locks on the Canadian-American border.

Moncla and Wilson were dispatched to track it. Their F-89 took off at 6:22. It was snowing. Radar showed the jet followed the UFO out over Lake Superior.

Moncla, the pilot, said, "I'm going in for a closer look."

The Capital Times later reported that radar showed Moncla's F-89 closing in on the unidentified craft "until its image merged" with that of the UFO. "Then it was lost," the Cap Times wrote.

What had happened? Had the two crafts crashed into one another? Had the UFO somehow swallowed the Truax jet?

American officials first tried to claim the UFO was an off-course Canadian airliner. Canadian authorities denied any such craft was in the area.

In a 2006 article revisiting the episode, Canada's Pembroke Observer newspaper wrote: "Radar showed that at around 6:55 p.m. the track from the F-89 had disappeared from the screen, while the unknown blip kept on its original course. The last position of the interceptor was over Lake Superior, about 160 miles northwest of Sault Ste. Marie."

The paper continued: "Search and rescue ships and planes, including Canadian air force, scoured the area and both coasts of the lake, but there was no sign of the craft or its pilots."

There the matter stood for nearly half a century. There was a flurry of excitement in 1968, when a Sault Ste. Marie newspaper reported two prospectors had found parts belonging to a military jet on the eastern shore of Lake Superior. But the story either faded away or was covered up. Some years later a UFO investigator who tried to get records of the discovery from the Canadian government was told there were no records.

Then, in the summer of 2006, not long after the Pembroke Observer story appeared, there was a stunning revelation.

A group calling itself the Great Lakes Dive Co. said that while on a search for two sunken French minesweepers, they had discovered the Truax F-89 in 500 feet of water on the bottom of Lake Superior. Fuzzy images on the company's Web site purported to be the jet.

That "find" is now believed to be a hoax and the Great Lakes Dive Co. has disappeared.

What remains is the mystery, and unlike what happened this week in England, there doesn't appear to be a file to declassify or a pilot to come forward to solve it.

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## CUMBERLAND TIMES-NEWS

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Cumberland, MD  
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### Researcher says he can link UFOs, world's nuclear power production

FROSTBURG — Robert Hastings said there is a link between unidentified flying objects and the world's nuclear power production and he will offer proof at a free 8 p.m. lecture Tuesday in the Lane University Center Manicur Assembly Hall at Frostburg State University.

Hastings, a resident of Albuquerque, N.M., has decades worth of research, including previously classified documents recently

obtained via the Freedom of Information Act, that he said shows the government's secretive stance on the existence of UFOs.

An independent UFO researcher and lecturer, Hastings said his interest began in 1967 when he was in an air traffic control tower at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Great Falls, Mont. "Five UFOs were tracked on radar for several minutes," he said. "Jets were launched to intercept them. Later, I learned from Air Force sources that as the jets closed in, the UFOs performed vertical ascents and left the area at enormous speeds, far beyond the capabilities of any aircraft."

Hastings said he and other researchers believe that there exists a credible link between the appearance of nuclear weapons in the mid-1940s and the overall increase in UFO sightings worldwide since that time. It is probable,

Hastings has said, that one of the reasons the U.S. government has attempted to conceal its extensive knowledge of the UFO phenomenon is because of apprehension about having to acknowledge that unknown

observers, piloting enormously superior aerial craft, have been systematically monitoring and occasionally tampering with our nuclear weapons.

Hastings, 58, said his claims are based upon persuasive, documented data. He has interviewed about 100 former and retired U.S. Air Force personnel regarding their direct or indirect involvement in such cases.

Hastings, who has appeared on "Larry King Live," authored "UFOs and Nukes: Extraordinary Encounters at Nuclear Weapons Sites," which is available at ufohastings.com.



# Flying saucers and other strangeness marked 1947, even in Wisconsin

(Imagine the "Twilight Zone" theme playing.) 1947 was a year for strangeness and oddities.

The Cold War was declared, Bell Labs unveiled the first transistor, the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in caves, the Packard Super Clipper was king of the roads and flying saucers filled the skies.

1947 seemed to be the year for flying saucers, with Roswell, N.M., leading the way June 24, when a rancher found what was thought to be a space ship.

It did not take the rest of the country long to start seeing them everywhere, including our own city.

The July 8 Tribune told how Frank Sonheim, 1040 Township Ave., Grand Rapids, saw one of the aerial "saucers" Saturday evening, just before an electrical storm broke. He was on his roof when

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the round, flat, metallic object appeared traveling at high speed in a southwesterly direction. Sonheim insisted at the time he had not previously heard nor read of the other reports.

Just a week later, the Tribune reported that on a Sunday night, Mrs. and Mrs. Emil Reinert, 1230 Baker St., saw an object from their front porch, approaching from the northeast in a straight line at the same altitude as an airplane but going far faster than any plane, when it seemed to fuse and burst into fire. After the fire subsided, Mrs. Reinert said the "saucer" resumed the size of an auto headlight and quickly disappeared.

She was convinced it was a flying saucer.

While the Roswell aliens were reported as small, they were not as tiny as the ones who landed in Black River Falls.

On July 11, newspapers in the area carried the story of Sig Hanson, a local there who found a saucer on the Jackson County fairgrounds. It was taken seriously enough that the Wisconsin Civil Air Patrol was flying in to inspect the object which Hanson said resembled a pair of 15-inch soup bowls placed together, with a motor the size of a man's fist in the center and a two-inch propeller. A radio tube convinced Hanson it was controlled that way.

Lt. Arthur Frederickson, CAP squadron commander at Black River Falls, and Pacific combat flier during World War II, said "it looks very legitimate," a statement I fear he regretted until his dying day.

Hanson wasted no time

making money on his find.

On July 12, the Tribune said the Black River Falls Chamber of Commerce would remove the saucer from the bank vault where it was kept and expected a thousand people that day to see the mysterious flying disc, at 20 cents per look.

I wish the saucer were still around. I would gladly pay a whole quarter to see it now.

While the flying saucer (the term UFO was yet to be coined) craze fizzled out not too long after, some of the strangeness that first appeared in 1947 still is with us. Horror writer Stephen King was born that year.

Oh yeah, I "arrived" that year, too. Do-do-do-do ...

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## Suwannee Democrat

SUWANNEE DEMOCRAT  
Live Oak, FL  
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By Barbara Gill

### CLOSE ENCOUNTER?

Mayo's Earl Fulford, who passed away in August, was at Roswell, New Mexico in 1947. What exactly did he see?

Do you believe?

For those who have followed Mulder and Scully through nine seasons of The X-Files television show, you know the meaning of these words, printed on a poster behind Mulder's desk in his basement office. The reference is to extraterrestrials - aliens.

Throughout the ages, we have recorded visits, sightings and even abductions by aliens from other worlds.

Many are convinced they have been, and remain, here among us.

For the past 20 years, Earl Fulford of Mayo lived a quiet life here in North Florida. But Earl had a secret. The government told him and his fellow soldiers that "nothing had happened" back in 1947, but if they wanted to pursue the matter, they "could do it from Leavenworth prison," according to Earl's wife, Mary.

What was the big secret that Earl (and others) kept at the edges of their memories for almost 60 years before speaking out?

We start with Earl's military career. He was honorably discharged in 1946 after serving in the Navy in World War II as a diesel mechanic and gunner. In February 1947, he signed on with the Army Air Force and was sent to the middle of nowhere: Roswell, New Mexico. A few months later, on July 8, the Roswell Daily Record published these headlines, based on a press

release from Lt. Walter Haut of the Roswell Army Air Field (RAAF):

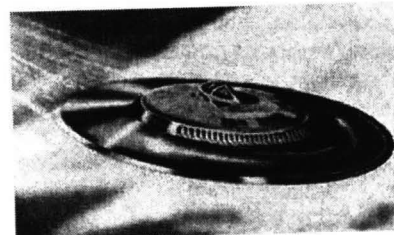
"RAAF Captures Flying Saucer On Ranch in Roswell Region."

Authorities later said it was a weather balloon, not an alien craft, that had crashed in the New Mexico desert.

Earl was one of many airman who searched the crash site for debris and collected what he called "memory metal." As told by wife Mary, they were small, lightweight pieces like tin foil which when crushed and placed in the burlap bag, would return to their original shape without a wrinkle.

"He said the edges were straight and clean cut, no jagged edges," added Earl's son Brad. Earl also loaded a large crate onto a cargo plane late one night, but once again was told "nothing happened."

Earl, the last eyewitness to whatever it was that happened in Roswell, passed away in August. But his story lives on.







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### UFO photographed over Filton



An unidentified flying object has been photographed over Filton.

Taxi driver Paul Matthews spotted the object in the air near the Royal Mail depot on 2pm on Friday afternoon soon after he had driven into the Airbus site.

He quickly pulled over his car and watched as what he described as a disc-shaped object hovered in the air before disappearing as swiftly as it had appeared.

Now the Bristol Evening Post is calling on readers who believe they know what the object is to get in touch.



Taxi driver Paul Matthews

Mr Matthews said that at first he thought it was an aeroplane, microlite or parachute, but it wasn't behaving like anything he had seen before.

It was very weird. It was so strange. I have been a lorry driver in my time and seen some strange things, but this is something else," said Mr Matthews, 45, from Patchway.

"I had never ever seen something like this before. I was really surprised how other people had not noticed it. I thought they would be stopping in their droves, but that was not the case at all."

Denis Plunkett of Winterbourne, who runs the British Flying Saucer Bureau, believed Mr Matthews' sighting was

just the latest in a series of visits by aliens to Earth.

Mr Plunkett said: "They come in all shapes and sizes, mainly disc-shaped but in the upper atmosphere also cigar-shaped – the so-called motherships.

"When they get in the upper atmosphere, they discharge the smaller ones that are used for surveillance.

"We have had quite a few UFO sightings in the last few months, in Cardiff for example when one almost crashed into a police helicopter.

"Before that, it was seen over Kingswood and the Suspension Bridge before heading to Wales."

Former RAF pilot Mr Plunkett, 77, added: "I'm not surprised this UFO was spotted over somewhere like Patchway because quite often they visit airports like Filton. They visit anything to do with the air because they want to know the infrastructure of the planet. What they are obviously doing is surveying and collecting information about us."

### ROMFORD • HORNCHURCH • UPMINSTER Recorder

ROMFORD RECORDER  
Romford, England  
November 7, 2008

### Mystery of new UFO sightings

A DOUBLE sighting of UFOs above our skies was reported by different witnesses within hours of each other.

One local family-of-three claims to have seen a pair of strange black and silver flying discs frenetically pirouetting above rooftops in Collier Row, just after 6pm on October 3.

And later in the early hours of the following morning a witness in Dagenham also claims to have seen unexplained aerial phenomena.

Logging their accounts on Canadian-based UFO websites, ufoinfo.com and HBCC Research, the witnesses both describe seeing low-flying ovular craft passing quickly and silently above homes.

The Collier Row dad said: "Just happened to look out of the window and two dark objects came into view.

"The second trailing object caught my instant attention due to its strange flight pattern. It seemed to rotate not only round in one direction but also on its axis revealing a silver underside. It gave off the effect of doing a figure-of-eight-type manoeuvre."

The man added: "What we have witnessed has left us in no doubt that what we saw were flying saucers - whether they're alien technology is another matter."

The Dagenham witness is equally puzzled by what he saw: "I don't know if it is craft but I have never seen anything like it before in my life," he said. "It passed behind the house at a distance of about 15 feet in the air and made no sound."

The sightings follow a report in last week's Recorder of former councillor Martin Sinclair's close encounter with a mysterious orange hovering space craft over Romford in 1994.

### Exmouth Journal

EXMOUTH JOURNAL  
Exmouth, Devon, England  
November 14, 2008

### UFO alert: sightings of 'strange lights' over Budleigh Salterton

BUDLEIGH Salterton could have been visited by UFOs - after two separate sightings of strange lights were spotted over the town.

A 38-year-old Newton Poppleford businessman, who wants to remain anonymous, spotted a row of white hovering lights above the town on the night of Newton Poppleford carnival.

On the same night, 32-year-old Tom Ambrose, of Sidmouth, said he saw a series of multi-coloured lights projected above Budleigh Salterton.

Both men are convinced what they saw was nothing to do with the carnival - as the lights were well away from the village's celebrations.

The Newton Poppleford businessman, who watched in amazement for 15 minutes as the line of 12 white lights shone above Budleigh, said he had been told what he saw was a row of festival balloons - where balloons made of tissue paper with a candle in the base are released into the night sky.

But the more he thought about the sight, the more he discounted the idea.

When he returned later to see if the lights were still visible, they had disappeared.

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He said: "I was driving and literally slammed on the brakes - that's how amazing the sight was.

"The lights were in a staggered, uniform line. They came down in a straight line in a diagonal fashion - and just hung there.

"They were quite far off and they were quite stationary. If they were helium balloons, there would have been erratic movement.

"I am not a sceptic. I am fairly open-minded. I am sane - I am not an alcoholic and I don't take drugs.

"Whether it was what you would class as a UFO, I don't know. It certainly wasn't aircraft."

Mr Ambrose said of his sighting: "It was quite low in the sky and there were multi-coloured lights. It was like looking at a very bright star because it was the same size - but it was coloured and brighter than any of the other stars.

"It was quite random and quite bright. I could almost see it change colour. It was quite bizarre because I wasn't sure what it was."

## GRANTHAM *Journal*

GRANTHAM JOURNAL  
Grantham, Lincolnshire, England  
November 11, 1008

### Town UFO expert says 'we need your photo's'

Tuesday, noon - AMATEUR astronomer Jonathan Turner is appealing for people to keep a camera on them at all times to catch quality footage of UFO activity. In a letter to the Journal, Mr Turner, of Dysart Road, Grantham, has been following the UFO sightings in Grantham and believes there has to be other forms of intelligent life out there.

He said:

"We appear to be having what's known as a 'mini flap' of UFO sightings in the area but most UFO sightings can be explained. I have had an interest in this for many years. I'm ex-RAF and a back garden astronomer so I know what is up there, and yes, I have had a genuine UFO sighting.

"The sighting by Margaret Avis on October 14 sounds like a low-flying aircraft, possibly an AWACS from RAF Waddington, known to fly around here. The red and green lights would be the markers on each wing, plus one red on the tail. The two bright white lights would be anti-collision lights.

"I don't doubt Margaret saw something, but the description matches that of an aircraft.

"However, the triangular object seen by Linda Szabo is a mystery. The description does not match any known aircraft, certainly none that could hover and has three white balls on each corner.

"This type of UFO has been reported all around the world- some describe it as being as large as a football pitch.

"What we need now are some good quality photo's, so I advise anyone interested to keep a camera handy, any type will do, and you may be the one to take that picture to blow us away.

"However, sceptics always say 'show me hard evidence'. So you could have a photo of a genuine, no nonsense, nuts and bolts UFO, and you hear 'it must be fake, too good to be true.'

"I do come into conflict with other astronomers over this who are sometimes unwilling to accept the fact that just maybe aliens are already here. Our star is but one out of 100 million in our galaxy alone and there are just as many galaxies in the known universe.

"We are a very young race and have only been on Earth a short time, whereas the universe is very old. There has to have been intelligent life out there long before us who may have solved the problem of crossing vast distances with ease a long time ago so it is arrogant of us humans to think we are the only ones and we are lords and masters of all we see.

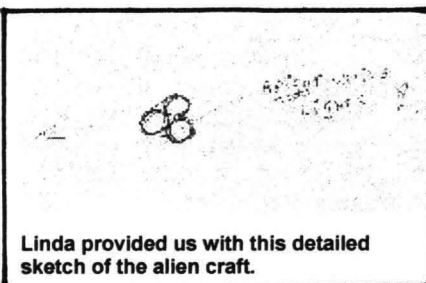
"One day we are in for a big shock!"

## GRANTHAM *Journal*

GRANTHAM JOURNAL  
Grantham, Lincolnshire, England  
October 29, 2008

By Neil Graham

### 'Star of Bethlehem' UFO spotted



Linda provided us with this detailed sketch of the alien craft.

Thursday, 11.10am - BELIEVER, Linda Szabo, saw a UFO out of her bedroom window just before day break on Monday morning.

The mysterious triangle shaped object moved slowly across the sky outside her home in Kingston Avenue, hovering over the Dysart Road area.

Linda, 61, spent eight minutes watching the craft before it disappeared.

She said: "My husband and my dad both worked in the RAF so I know what an aeroplane looks like and this was not a plane. It moved in the opposite direction to the flight path of planes in the area.

"I saw it at exactly 6.04am. It was like a huge star in the shape of a triangle, with three round balls on the corners. It was almost like the star of Bethlehem that you see on Christmas cards."

Unfortunately, Linda didn't have her mobile phone with her to grab a picture. It was downstairs and she didn't want to leave the window and miss seeing.

The UFO disappeared just as the sun was about to come up.

Linda said: "It was there like a speed camera, watching me. It made me feel weird.

"It was hovering over The Priory pub at one point.

"I believe in them. I've seen other things when I was younger so people shouldn't just dismiss the idea."

## GRANTHAM *Journal*

GRANTHAM JOURNAL  
Grantham, Lincolnshire, England  
October 22, 2008

By Neil Graham

### UFO spotted over Grantham's Area 51

Wednesday, 5.50pm - A MOTHER has told the Journal of the terrifying moment a UFO circled her car as she drove by the Prince William of Gloucester Barracks.

Margaret Avis was driving from Grantham to Bourne at around 8.05pm on Thursday, October 14, when she saw flashes in the sky after turning towards Corby Glen.

Margaret said: "Before I reached the first village, I noticed a mysterious object in the sky to my right hand side, that shone two bright white lights and one red light. I could describe it as oval in shape.

"The red light was flashing. I slowed down to try and get a better view of the object and lost sight of it for a short while. It then reappeared ahead of me and it appeared to be circling the car.

"I lost sight once again, and when it reappeared it was higher in the sky and had two white lights and one green light. It remained high in the sky until I reached Stamford Hill, where I saw it for the last time."



When she got home Margaret told her daughter and partner about her near-miss but they both laughed. However, Margaret was a little shaken by the incident.

She said: "I wanted to stop the car but I was too scared to. It was certainly something I had never seen before. Most of the people I tell are convinced it was an aeroplane from RAF Cottesmore. If this is true, then it was a strange one."

Following last week's UFO sightings, ex-pat Leanne Cobain got in touch from her home in Germany. She said: "I live on a military housing estate in Bielefeld and have seen similar lights on two occasions. Once in March, my husband, my son and two friends saw them. There were three of them close together for some time then they just vanished. It was weird.

"The second time was October 10- but this time there were more.

"They were bright orange and again the moved around at different speeds, then eventually vanished the same as before. Very strange indeed and we were a bit nervous too."



**AM 840 Radio Salta (Online)**  
Salta Province, Argentina  
October 29, 2008

Avistaje en Chicoana

## OVNIS EN EL SUR DE LA PROVINCIA

**Habitantes de la zona aseguran que objetos voladores no identificados aterrizaron en ese sector; algunos vecinos radicaron su denuncia formal en la policia. Aseguran que las huellas sobre los campos de trigo corresponden a las naves espaciales.**



SALTA.- Habitantes de Chicoana aseguran que OVNIS -objetos voladores no identificados- aterrizaron en ese sector y algunos de los vecinos radicaron su denuncia formal en la policia.

Aseguran que las huellas dejadas sobre los campos de trigo corresponden a las naves espaciales. Son extrañas marcas de formas rectangulares y circulares dejadas en trigales en la Quebrada de Tilián, en Pulares, y a un costado del camping Las Mesitas.

Las huellas fueron advertidas al amanecer del jueves pasado, luego de una noche donde cientos de personas vieron "luces que bailaban en el cielo".

Los habitantes de Chicoana así como muchos turistas, detuvieron sus autos para tomar fotografías y observar las extrañas marcas que quedaron sobre los trigales, comentó hoy el periodista Jaime Barrera.

"Las huellas son muy extrañas porque es como si algo muy pesado se hubiera asentado sobre el trigo sin cortarlo" dijo Barrera en diálogo con esta emisora. Indicó que ya hay varios comentarios de páginas dedicadas a este tipo de fenómenos en la web.

Los vecinos de Chicoana están extrañados y creen que el fenómeno de los OVNIS podría tener alguna relación con varios accidentes aéreos registrados en la zona del Cerro La Candelaria en los últimos años, estimó Barrera

Sighting in Chicoana

## UFOs SOUTH OF THE PROVINCE

**Local residents claim that UFOs landed in that area; some neighbors made a formal report to the police. They said that the tracks in the wheat fields are from space ships.**

SALTA.- Residents from Chicoana said that UFOs - unidentified flying objects- landed in that area and some of the neighbors made a formal report to the police.

They claim that the tracks left in the wheat fields are from space ships. They consist of strange rectangular and circular marks left in wheat fields in the Quebrada de Tilián, in Pulares, and to a side of the Las Mesitas (Little Tables) camping.

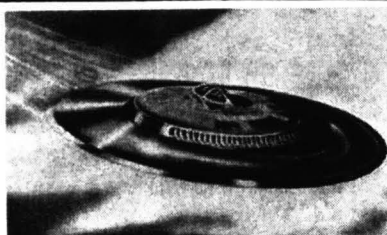
The tracks were noticed in the early hours of last Thursday, after a night when hundreds of people saw "lights that danced in the sky".

The residents of Chicoana as well as many tourists stopped their cars to take pictures and observe the strange tracks that remained in the wheat fields, reporter Jaime Barrera said today.

"The tracks are very strange because it's as if something very heavy landed on the wheat without breaking it", said Barrera while talking to this radio station. He said there already are several comments in pages dedicated to this type of phenomena on the web.

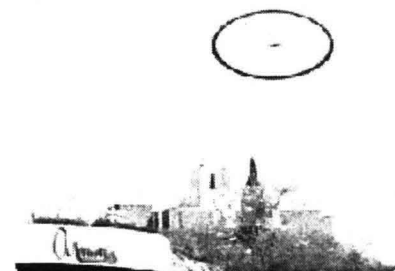
The residents of Chicoana are surprised and believe that the UFO phenomenon could somehow be related to several airplane accidents that happened in the La Candelaria Hill these last years, Barrera thinks.

(Translation courtesy of Jane Thomas Guma)



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## Paraná: Fotografiaron un extraño objeto en el Parque Urquiza



Ovni en Paraná: Fotografiaron un extraño objeto en el Parque Urquiza

Un paranaense fotografió a su hija cerca de la Danza de la Flecha. Grande fue su sorpresa cuando al ampliar la foto advirtió que había un extraño objeto. Desde el Observatorio de Oro Verde indicaron que investigarán el caso.

Días pasados, Miguel Ángel Osuna acudió a la zona del Parque Urquiza de la capital entrerriana para sacar una foto a su hija que cumplirá 15 años y usarla como mural para que los invitados a la fiesta dejen su firma y saludos para la quinceañera.

La familia eligió como escenario para tomar la foto los canteros ubicados cerca de la Danza de la Flecha, quedando como fondo de la imagen la moderna arquitectura del hotel Maran Suites & Towers.

Pero grande fue la sorpresa cuando al hacer ampliar la imagen en una casa de fotografía, le manifestaron que había retratado un objeto volador no identificado (OVNI). En el fondo de la imagen, sobre la derecha de la misma, se divisó un pequeño punto que, al ser ampliado, toma una figura que despierta sospechas.

En diálogo con Elonce TV, Osuna relató que "el muchacho nos comentó que había un objeto extraño y que no era ni un helicóptero ni un avión". La foto fue tomada el 21 de octubre cerca de las 17. Osuna utilizó una cámara digital y su padre una profesional. Fue en la imagen tomada con la primera en la que se ve el ovni.

Consultado al respecto, Mariano Peter, integrante del Observatorio de Oro Verde, señaló que cada vez que "se ven cosas raras en el cielo, la gente nos pregunta y hasta ahora no hemos recibido ninguna consulta". No obstante, manifestó que se deberá analizar la imagen original y determinar si se trata de un objeto físico y de qué tipo. En tal sentido, mencionó que si alguien vio algo raro en la fecha que se tomó la fotografía se acerquen al observatorio para comentarlo.



## Argentina: Strange Object Photographed over Parque Urquiza, Paraná

A resident of Paraná photographed his daughter near Danza de la Flecha. Imagine his surprise when upon enlarging the photo, he saw a strange object in it. Sources from the Oro Verde Observatory say that they will look into the case.

Only days ago, Miguel Angel Osuna went to Paraná's Parque Urquiza to take a picture of his daughter, who will be turning 15, in order use the mural as an image upon which party guests can leave their signatures and best wishes for the birthday girl.

The family chose the rock quarries located near Danza de la Flecha as a background, using the modern architecture of the Maran Suites & Towers Hotel as a backdrop.

They were astonished to learn, upon enlarging the image at a photo shop, that they had taken a picture of an unidentified flying object (UFO). In the image's background, to the right, it is possible to see a small point that raises suspicions upon being enlarged.

In an interview with Elonce TV, Osuna said that "the fellow [at the photo shop] told us there was a strange object in the photograph that was neither a helicopter nor an airplane." The photo was taken on October 21 around 17:00 hours.

Osuna used a digital camera and his father a professional one; the UFO appears in the photograph taken with the first device.

When consulted, Mariano Peter, with the Oro Grande Observatory, pointed out that "whenever strange things are seen in the sky, people ask us. We haven't received any queries up to now."

Nonetheless, he stated that the original image should be analyzed to ascertain that it was indeed a physical object, and its type. In this regard, he noted that if anyone saw something unusual on the date that the photo was taken, they should approach the observatory to discuss it.

(Translation by Scott Corrales)

## La Estrella

LA ESTRELLA DE VALPARAÍSO  
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Juan Carlos Astuya

**Luz que giraba en el  
cielo dejó para  
dentro a pobladores**

**Principal testigo, luego de grabar  
imágenes en su celular se sintió  
atemorizado y corrió a esconderse  
en el interior de un microbús**



Miguel Donoso trabaja como controlador de las máquinas en la garita del terminal de buses de las líneas 511 y 512, recinto ubicado al final de la Cuesta Colorada, parte alta de Valparaíso.

Una noche que permanecía en el recinto, tuvo un experiencia sorprendente e inédita, la que hasta hoy lo dejó impresionado.

El suceso - hasta ahora y mientras no se determine su especie y origen - podría ser calificado como un objeto volador no identificado (ovni).

### BAJO PERFIL

Miguel Donoso es un hombre sencillo y prefiere mantener un bajo perfil. Por lo mismo, en un comienzo no quiso dar a conocer el suceso, especialmente porque esto a muchos les podría parecer un invento suyo. Pero, un amigo lo convenció. Además, varios otros pobladores del lugar fueron testigos del singular episodio, el que hasta ahora no tiene una explicación certera.

### RELATO DEL TESTIGO

Los pormenores narrados por Miguel Donoso, principal testigo del hecho son impactantes.

"Antes que apareciera esta luz, extrañamente, el ambiente se tornó tibio. El cielo estaba totalmente despejado y se veían con claridad las estrellas", dijo.

Añadió que "como a las 3 y media de la madrugada, en forma repentina, apareció en el cielo una tremenda luz blanca, la que iluminó todo el sector. Parecía que era de día".

Sostuvo que "la imagen era realmente impactante. Nunca había visto algo así. Pero, lo más impresionante fue ver que esta luz también giraba y no emitía ningún ruido".

### SINTIÓ TEMOR

Sostuvo a que primero le llamó mucho la atención, tras lo cual, incluso, con la cámara incorporada a su teléfono celular captó imágenes de video sobre el extraño suceso, confesó que, al cabo de unos minutos, sintió gran temor.

"Cuando vi que la luz permaneció por varios minutos, me atemorice y corrí a esconderme dentro de uno de los microbuses que estaban guardados en la garita. Ahí permanecí por un rato", apunto.

Además, sostuvo que "después de varios minutos, la luz se esfumó y desapareció por completo. Pero, curiosamente, luego de eso, apareció una especie de neblina la que también, después de varios minutos desapareció y el cielo de nuevo quedó despejado y estrellado".

Finalmente confesó que "yo no quería aparecer narrando este hecho, porque la gente puede pensar que es un invento. Pero, hay que experimentar esto para saber que estas cosas suceden. Yo no tengo ni idea que podría ser. Pero, además, aquí en el sector hubo varias otras personas que fueron testigos de lo mismo que experimenté yo".

## Residents ran into their homes after seeing a spinning light in the sky

**The main witness, after taking  
images with his cell, was  
frightened and hid in a bus**

Miguel Donoso works as a machine controller in the bus terminal of lines 511 and 512 located at the end of the Cuesta Colorada, the upper part of Valparaíso. One night when he was still at work in the control post, he had an amazing and unusual experience that still shocks him.

The sky was clear and full of stars. As he said, he suddenly saw a big white light appear which after hovering over the sector where he was, brightened everything up. But he also said that the giant sphere started to spin. After hovering for some minutes, it suddenly disappeared.

The event - up to now and as long as its kind and origin aren't determined - could be considered a UFO.

### LOW PROFILE

Miguel Donoso is a simple man and prefers to keep a low profile. For the same reason at first he didn't want to make the event known, especially because to many this could appear as an invention of his. But a friend convinced him. Besides, several other locals witnessed the strange episode, which up to now has no real explanation.

### WITNESS ACCOUNT

"Before this light appeared, the area felt strangely lukewarm. The sky was completely cloudless and the stars could be seen clearly", he said.

He added that "at around 3.30 am, an enormous white light appeared suddenly in the sky and illuminated the whole sector. It seemed like day".

He said "this was really shocking. I had never seen anything like it. But what was most impressing was seeing that this light was also spinning and completely silent".

HE WAS FRIGHTENED

He said that at first this strange event just called his attention, and he took video images with his cell phone camera, but then he confessed that a few minutes later he was very frightened.

"When I saw that the light remained for several minutes I was scared and ran to hide in one of the buses parked in the post. I stayed there for a while", he said.

He also said that "after several minutes the light faded and disappeared completely. But, curiously, after this some kind of fog appeared which also after several minutes disappeared and the sky was again clear and starry".

He finally confessed that "I didn't want to show up and tell about this event because people might think it's an invention. But you have to experience this to know that these things happen. I have no idea what it could be. But besides, in this area there were several other witnesses to the same thing that I went through".

(Translation courtesy of Jane Thomas Guma)

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By Peter Duffy

A Shag Harbour  
UFO? Ruth  
doesn't think so



Recalling an incident more than 40 years ago, Ruth Neville says: "I can't really say I know, but I think I know."

THIS WEEKEND, it'll be the anniversary of the Shag Harbour "incident."

Brace yourself for another round of stories about the mystery that's tantalized everyone for decades.

If you remember, it was the night of Oct. 4, 1967, when people in the tiny South Shore community witnessed a lighted object apparently falling into the water, not far from shore.

The only thing that was ever found, however, was a long slick of yellow foam. It wasn't much, but added to

what everyone said they'd seen and heard, it was enough to have the "thing" officially recorded as an unidentified flying object.

So what the heck was it? An alien craft? A sea monster? A top-secret government experimental aircraft?

Personally, even though I like a good mystery as well as anyone, my

logical, left-brain hemisphere keeps telling me there has to be some sensible explanation for things like this.

And maybe I've found one, thanks to a story I've heard from an elderly Halifax woman.

Ruth Nevills, 85, used to be married to Lawson Doleman, a man who made his living from the sea.

Ruth's late husband was east coast operations manager for John Leckie Inc., once a major player in the fisheries.

The year before Shag Harbour, Ruth was leafing through one of her husband's trade magazines when she came across a story about a new device developed by a Scandinavian company for commercial fisheries.

The thing looked like the upper half of a large, shiny globe fitted with sealed-beam lights inside.

"The idea was for fishing herring," she describes. "The mother ship would have this equipment aboard and it would be lifted off the deck, swung out over a school of fish and lowered into the water, so the light actually went under the water."

When Ruth pointed it out to Lawson, he frowned.

"My husband said, 'It's illegal to catch fish with a light. It would be like jacking deer.'"

The year after the Shag Harbour incident, the pair made their annual visit to the fisheries exhibition in Lunenburg.

Wandering around, Ruth came across a booth with the very same Scandinavian fishing aide she'd read about in the magazine.

By the time she'd returned with her husband in tow, the chrome-plated device had vanished.

"My husband asked, but no one knew anything," she relates. "But it was there; I saw it!"

Ruth is convinced the owner had discovered the thing was illegal and spirited it away. How else to explain its disappearance?

On reflection, she and her husband wondered whether some fisherman had actually invested in one of the big, lighted lures and had been testing it on that dramatic October night, in the waters off Shag Harbour.

The pair theorized that the residual yellow foam could have been from the friction of the catch because some fish shed oily bits of themselves, especially scales, when they're being jostled violently together.

"The only people who'd know the real facts would be the crew on that boat," she declares.

Impressed with Ruth's theory, I began calling around to people in the industry, asking about fishing with lights.

This week, a contact with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans was able to confirm that, yes, during the period in question, it was indeed illegal.

So there you have it, one woman's explanation for the so-far unexplainable.

"I can't really say I know," Ruth admits, "but I think I know."

And more power to her because, frankly, her story makes as much sense as anything else I've heard so far.

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Light-show illumination sought

Jonathan Walton

IS IT a firework? An aircraft that's become lost? A music festival light show, perhaps, or is there an altogether unexplained reason for this mysterious apparition above Leeds?

Student Edmund Hatton was enjoying an early night when he spotted the darting light through the skylight of his Headingley home. The 20-year-old grabbed his phone and filmed for a couple of minutes, the blue-ish light moving left and right and sometimes disappearing.

Mr Hatton first spotted the strange show at about 10.10pm on August 23 and watched it for about six minutes. "As I was watching telly I saw what was the equivalent of a lightbulb hovering around on the flightpath to Leeds



EDMUND HATTON: 'No plane can do that'.

Bradford. I thought it could be a light gun, but there was no one shining torches," he said.

"The light was going from left to right, hovering, going faster and stopping then just disap-

pearing for an instant and then starting again. It's unexplainable. No plane or aviation can go from left to right like that."

There are suggestions the light was being emitted from Leeds Festival just over 10 miles away near Bramham.

Mr Hatton, however, is certain it was not being beamed from the ground.

A spokesman for West Yorkshire Police said they were unaware of any calls from the public about the light above Leeds.

■ You can see Mr Hatton's mobile phone footage at [www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/video](http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/video)



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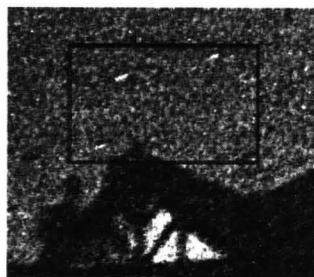
What do you think? Let us know, add your comments online at [yorkshirepost.co.uk](http://yorkshirepost.co.uk)



# Evening Leader

**EVENING LEADER**  
Wrexham, UK  
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## UFO affected TV reception - Wrexham woman claims



A picture sent in by Evening Leader reader Nick Bradshaw of a UFO taken last Wednesday (September 24)

The Evening Leader has once again been besieged with calls and emails from members of the public reporting fresh sightings of strange lights in the night sky over North Wales.

The bizarre objects were spotted by numerous readers in different areas of Wrexham last Wednesday and Thursday evening.

One resident even claimed her television reception was affected as a result.

The sightings come exactly a week after the Evening Leader was handed footage of slow moving lights, arranged in a triangular formation, over Rhos.

The latest reported incidents add fuel to claims Wrexham is now the region's number one UFO hotspot.

Paul Griffiths, of Gwalia Terrace, said he had spotted three red lights over Pen-y-Cae on Thursday, September 25, just before 8.10pm, along with his wife and son.

He said: "At first we thought they were stars but when I looked around there were no other stars in the sky as it was cloudy.

"I believe we have viewed what others have viewed over the same area in the past week - unexplainable red lights in the sky over Rhos, Johnstown and now Pen-y-Cae areas."

Meanwhile Beverley Davies, of Ponciau, reported seeing the same lights over her village at around the same time.

She said: "I was letting the dog out into the garden when I saw a bright red light and when I looked up another two red lights were following it, so I called my husband Heath to come and take a look.

"We watched and after a few minutes as they started to form into a triangle.

"We did not hear a noise like it was an aircraft. It was the strangest thing we have ever seen. Then they just moved across the sky in the triangle."

The lights were also spotted the previous night - Wednesday, September 24 - by a number of residents in the county.

Peter Davies, of Ponciau, said: "I saw the UFOs over the Rhos village at 8.15pm on Wednesday, September 24 - they were travelling at the pace of a helicopter, yet there was no sound to suggest they were helicopters.

"Me and my sister-in-law watched as the glowing red lights, five in all, sped off across the Pen-y-Cae mountain."

Zoe Morris added: "We saw five flashing lights around quarter past eight around Ponciau.

"Three were making the V-shape and the other two were travelling much faster. We also lost reception on Channel 4."

Sceptics say the lights are nothing more than so-called Chinese lanterns, claims backed by rugby player Simon Hughes, of Rhos, who contacted the Leader on Wednesday evening.

He said: "To put everybody at rest about the UFO sightings - they are definitely lanterns. I saw four in total, three were in the triangle shape that everybody is seeing and there was one on its own only about 30 to 40 feet up.

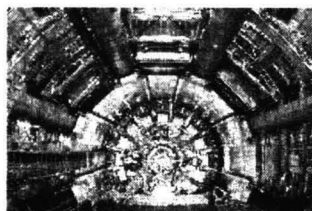
"You could see very clearly the flame and the lantern shape. It went down in a field at the top end of Pen-y-Cae. There were several people that saw this as we were rugby training for Rhos."

## Louth Leader

**LOUTH LEADER**  
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By Gemma Gadd

## Conspiracy theorists on UFOs and Large Hadron Collider connection



The Large Hadron Collider in Geneva - Image courtesy of CERN

CONSPIRACY theorists are suggesting the increase in worldwide UFO activity, including Louth, are the result of extra-terrestrial concern over the Large Hadron Collider experiment.

Online communities have been discussing the connection between the CERN experiment in Geneva,

with some wondering if aliens were behind the recent malfunctioning of the machine after reports its magnets failed to work.

Since August, the Leader has been reporting on eye-witness accounts of orange lights UFOs in the Louth area, and comments from the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA)

Over the last month we have received a large number of emails from across the globe on the subject of UFOs.

Germán from Argentina emailed to say he witnessed UFOs from the terrace of his house and sent us photos of them. In relation to the

LHC, he said: "As for the collider, someone once told me: 'If you want to hide something really big, you must first show the whole world.' Indeed, something is cooking at CERN, and like me, many people think the same way."

The Large Hadron Collider is the world's largest and most powerful particle accelerator, designed to smash protons together in the hope of learning more about the creation of the universe.

It was turned on to much international press interest on September 10 despite some scientists calling for the experiment to be stopped, in fear it would lead to the formation of black holes which could swallow the Earth.

Last month, 62 year-old Irishman Ron Ambiguous was removed from the CERN site after claiming aliens abducted him to warn the LHC must not be switched on.

It now appears online communities are also wondering if there is a similar connection.

On the website [www.abovetopsecret.com](http://www.abovetopsecret.com) which featured our Louth UFO stories, the following comments were posted in response:

"I had often wondered if alien presences would make themselves known during the whole LHC thing. It only seems natural they would monitor our activity. How they exactly knew we were building an LHC hub, I do not know. They read the paper?"

But disagreeing with theories aliens sabotaged the LHC, one forum post said: "Wouldn't it be far easier to just abduct the promising scientists and mess with their minds before said inventions ever get conceived of - than it would be to wait until they've invented the thing and are at the testing stage? It doesn't make sense!"

Closer to home however, our most recent report on the Louth UFOs offered a solution to the 'orange lights' mystery after a local resident saw one of them land in her back garden. This turned out to be nothing more than a Chinese paper lantern, released from a nearby wedding party at The Priory hotel.





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## Nessie mystery turns 75

More than 1,000 people claim to have seen the Loch Ness monster since a mysterious shape was first photographed 75 years ago.

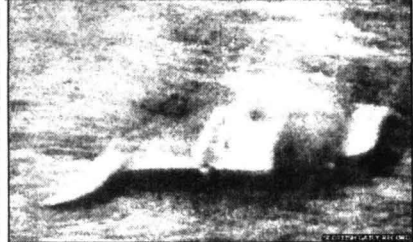
References to a monster in Loch Ness date back to St Columba's biography in 565 AD.

But the myth only took its modern form when reports of a strange object and then a series of mysterious photographs appeared in press during the 1930s.

Adrian Shine, from the Loch Ness and Morar Project, has led many scientific studies into the depths of Loch Ness but has not found any evidence of a monster.

Below are his pointers to understanding the iconic images of the Loch Ness monster.

THE FIRST

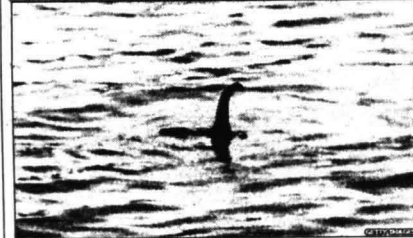


It was this picture, snapped by Hugh Grey on 12 November 1933, that is credited as being the first photographic evidence of the Loch Ness monster. It appeared on the front cover of the Scottish Daily Record on 8 December that year, under the headline "Monster photograph of the mysterious Loch Ness object".

"It is the first picture and bears that distinction, but it is also the least easy to interpret."

"It has been suggested that it is a double negative, perhaps of a Labrador dog with a stick in its mouth, but it could be anything."

THE NECK



The "surgeon's photographs" of the Loch Ness monster have come to define the image of Nessie, and for many years no conclusive proof could be found that they were fakes. The photographs were supposed to have been taken by gynaecologist

Colonel Robert Kenneth Wilson and were published in the Daily Mail on 21 April 1934.

" "This is the image in most people's minds, but it is a fake."

Firstly, if you look at the water texture you can tell the waves are very small, not to scale with the size of the monster.

Secondly, it was owned up to by Christian Spurling, one of the hoaxers, in 1994. He was asked to make a model to go on top of a toy submarine by Marmaduke Wetherell, who with a small group of collaborators planned the hoax to get back at the Daily Mail, who had fired and publicly humiliated him for a previous hoax.

It is such a beautiful picture and may well have found its inspiration in the Brontosaurus in King Kong. It led to the expectation that the Loch Ness monster would have a long neck."

THE HUMPS



Lachlan Stuart's photograph taken on 14 July 1951 was of a different kind of Loch Ness monster, with a long thin body arching out of the water.

" "The remnants of this hoax were witnessed by local author Richard Faire. He spoke to Lachlan Stuart the next day, who confessed that he had constructed the image from hay bails and tarpaulin. Researchers later recreated the image and found the water where the monster was seen was in reality very shallow."

This didn't stop people speculating as to how the creature could contort its back in such a way."



Respectable bank manager Peter MacNab took this Nessie photograph on 29 July 1955.

" "This is a huge object. If it were an animal it would be more than 60ft (18m) long, which is colossal. If you think of the amount that would be under the water, it would be a creature of the most improbable proportions."

It could possibly be a portion of a boat wake and if you look behind it you may see a faint line in the water. There may have been some retouching, but the photographer never admitted to a hoax.



Picture of The Loch Ness monster's flipper taken underwater in 1975

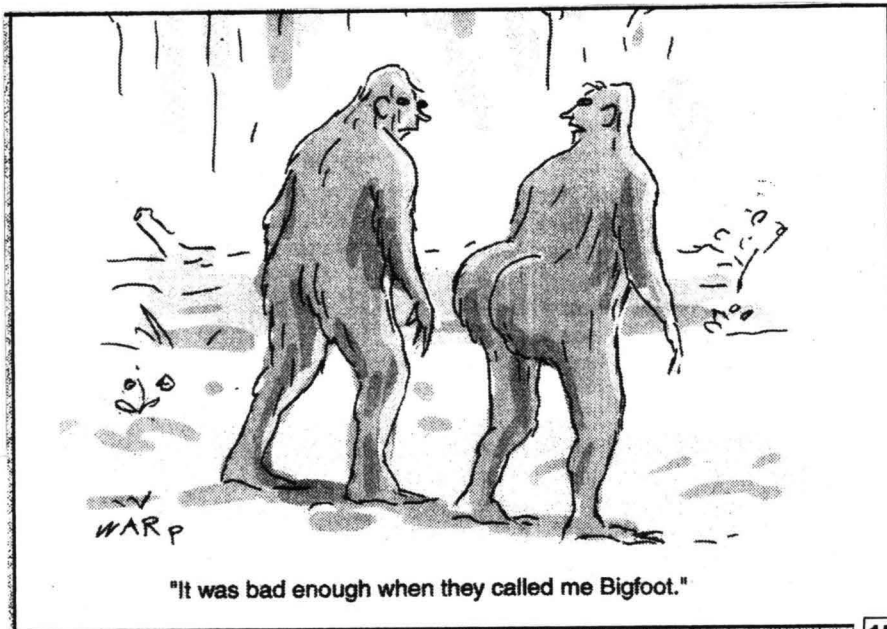
With the advent of colour photography and a total lack of definitive proof, classic photographs like these stopped appearing after the 1950s.

A rigorous 10-year project to watch the surface of the loch in the 1960s turned up no evidence whatsoever of the mysterious monster.

Instead, the search went underwater, with sonar sounds and submarine exploration of the loch's dark depths.

"In hindsight, you can see that the classic pictures are different to each other, hence unlikely to be real pictures of one animal," says Adrian Shine.

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November 2008



"It was bad enough when they called me Bigfoot."

**BBC News (Online)  
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**By Alastair Lawson**

## 'Yeti hairs' belong to a goat



**The goral goat - it took several scientific tests to make the connection**

Scientists in the US who have examined hairs claimed to belong to a yeti in India say that in fact they belong to a species of Himalayan goat.

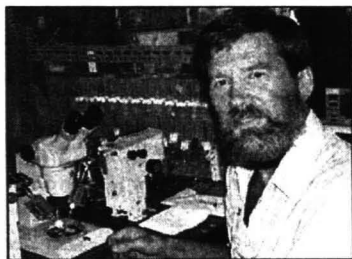
They say that DNA tests on the hairs - obtained from the north-east Indian state of Meghalaya - show that they are from a goat known as a Himalayan Goral.

The rough-haired creature has a grey-brown coat and is between 95-130cm (37-51in) in length.

It was not previously thought to roam so far south of its known habitat.

Those who believe in the existence of the little known Indian version of the legendary yeti - or abominable snow man - say it is an ape-like creature called mande barung - or forest man.

The BBC was given the hairs by passionate yeti believer Dipu Marak, who retrieved them from a site in dense jungle after the mande barung was allegedly seen by a forester for three days in a row in 2003.



**"We may not have found a lowland yeti but we have still made a modest discovery" - Ian Redmond**

**'Interesting result'**

"We always knew that the link between the sightings of the Indian yeti and the finding of the hairs was purely circumstantial," said ape expert Ian Redmond who carried out a preliminary series of tests on the hairs earlier this year which proved inconclusive.

"Nevertheless, the DNA test is an interesting result because the reported location where this sample was collected is way south of the published distribution maps of the Goral species, which is said to live between 1,000 to 4,000 metres up in the Himalayas.

"Perhaps we have a more modest discovery - extending the known range of the goral rather than confirming the existence of the lowland yeti," he said.

Mr Marak said that the hairs could have provided compelling evidence of the existence of a black and grey ape-like animal which stands about 3m (nearly 10ft) tall.

"While these results are discouraging, it does not affect my firm conviction that there is a yeti-like creature out there," he said. "It has been seen too often for it to be dismissed as nothing more than a myth."

**'Startling resemblance'**

In recent years different witnesses in the West, South and East Garo hills of Meghalaya say that they have seen the creature, which Mr Marak estimates to weigh about 300kg (660lb) and is herbivorous, surviving on fruit, roots and tree bark.

Scientists said that initial microscopic tests on the hairs were "potentially very exciting" as they bore a "startling resemblance" to similar suspected yeti hairs collected by Everest conqueror Sir Edmund Hillary.

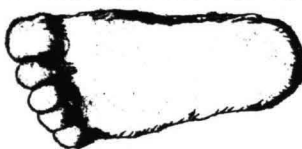
After the microscope tests, the hairs were sent to a lab in the US for DNA analysis. By a "process of elimination" the hairs from India were compared with hairs from other animals known to live in the area around the Garo hills.

The first series of tests were carried out at Oxford Brookes University in central England with award-winning primatologist Anna Nekaris and microscopy expert Jon Wells from the university's anthropology department.

Using some of the most sophisticated microscopes in Britain, the hairs were magnified up to 200 times and then compared with a database of other hairs provided to Mr Redmond from Oxford's Natural History Museum and the primatology department at Oxford Brookes University.

After the tests were completed, Mr Redmond - who is also a senior consultant for the UN's Great Ape Survival Project - and Ms Nekaris were able to rule out the "obvious candidates" to whom the hairs might belong.

However the hairs were then sent to the US for further tests where the link with the goral goat was established.



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## Sasquatch sightings continue throughout Northwest

Bigfoot appears to be on the move through the wilds of Northern B.C.

A rash of three sightings between late July and August have brought about speculation from paranormal specialists as to what the creature might be up to.

In addition to Houston sightings, Larry Sommerfield, a self-proclaimed sasquatch hunter from Terrace has a cast in his possession that he says is a sasquatch print.

Though he wouldn't tell The Terrace Standard how he came into possession of the cast, it is 16 inches long, 10.5 inches wide and has four toes.

"I don't know why there is so much activity but I have a researcher friend in Saskatchewan, who thinks it may have something to do with increased bear sightings" Brian Vike, director of Houston British Columbia Canada (HBCC) UFO Research said. "There seems to be a lot more bear sightings nearing hibernation and as the animals move down from the mountains, maybe something else large and hairy is moving too."

A second hand report received by Vike, about a sighting in the Morgan subdivision, indicates that another Houston resident saw the enigmatic creature in late July, around the same time as Delores Harrie.

"I haven't been able to connect with the other lady yet, but she is a very credible witness," Vike said.

Harrie reported a Sasquatch sighting at her home on Buck Flats Road on July 28 to Vike. She made the report

29 days after the sighting simply because she didn't not know who she should tell.

"It was my neighbour who said Brian was the person to talk to," Harrie said.

Since her incident, one of the woman's friends reported a sighting on Telkwa High Road in Moricetown on Aug. 27 and over the summer there have been sightings in Campbell River on Aug. 31.

At the time of the sighting, Harrie heard something crashing outside near her house and her dogs were anxious to get outside.

"I am becoming much more aware of being out here," Harrie said, adding her home is surrounded by trees and bluffs. "I mean it could have been a moose or something, but you never know."

At 5:45 a.m. that morning of July 28,



Harrie heard her dogs barking at the door. When she went down to investigate she saw that someone or something was rattling the door handle.

She eventually opened the door and the dogs were out like a shot, sniffing out something on the east side of her property.

When she looked out at the side of her house, she saw a creature that was walking on two legs.

"It was huge and it had long hair, not fur — kind of like the kind you see on an ox and a reddish brown, the colour of the trees that are killed by the pine beetle," said the woman. "And it moved so fast, by the time I opened my door it had run from the porch to the other side of the house."

Once outside, the dogs pursued the creature it continued along a dried-up ravine and disappeared into a forested area. Her oldest dog didn't return for three hours.

"I was worried but what do you do, tell people your dog is chasing bigfoot?" she asked. "I drove up and down the road, looking for him and eventually he came back."

When she went out later that day, she found the area had markings where something very heavy had laid down the grass along the path.

"She was very obviously upset and there was a sighting on Buck Flats near Silverthorne Lake three years ago," said Vike. "And another one in a different area near the lake."

When Vike investigated the property, he stood in the same area on the east side of the house where the women had seen the creature in attempt to gauge its height.

"I am just over six feet and when I stood there she said she could only see the top of my head," said Vike. "Whatever the heck she saw that morning, she was able to see from the head to the chest, making it at least seven or eight feet."

Brian also found that the treed area she indicated the creature disappeared into had disturbances on the path where the grass had been laid down, as if something very heavy had slipped and possibly fallen.

"The creek there is dried up but the ground is still very swampy so I figured I would be able to find some impressions," said Vike. "I also found what could have been a track with maybe a couple of toes visible but I just can't be sure."

Vike didn't find any other evidence such as hair but he did say that there have been other sightings this summer.

Harrie doesn't know why the creature would choose to go onto her property, but the experience has left her a little shaky.

"I used to only lock my door once in a while, now I lock it all the time," she said.

# Estacada News

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## Bigfoot lore alive in Estacada area

Long history of alleged encounters in Estacada



This chainsaw-carved Bigfoot stands outside Mike's Secondhand Store, but it's not the only sighting in Estacada history.

While hiking along the snowy banks of the Clackamas River late one January afternoon in 1969, Millie Kiggins of Estacada, her husband and their friend Art Schneider found something that would thrust the Kigginses and the quiet wilderness surrounding Estacada into an international spotlight.

"We went to look at a Forest Service cabin up above Squaw Lake on the way to Cold Springs about 20 miles from Estacada," Kiggins said. "They were going to sell them, and we wanted to look at them. We started out late, and we were in about three feet of snow. There was a gate, and we couldn't get through. So we started to walk, and it looked like somebody had already gotten through, because there were tracks in the snow."

They noticed the large size of the tracks and their depth. "They were 18 inches deep", she said. "Whatever had made them was heavy, because ours were a couple inches deep. It had to have been walking on two feet...and its stride was 67 inches."

The path of the tracks was in an unusually straight line, too straight to be man-made footprints, she said. The hikers followed the imprints for about a quarter mile before they realized it was getting late and decided to turn back. Before leaving, Kiggins documented their discovery with a photograph and contacted the U.S. Forest Service.

"They said it was a snowshoe rabbit. I have no idea what it was, but if it was a rabbit, it would have to be a big one to make prints that big. I told him if it was a snowshoe rabbit they had better look out, because it's big enough to eat them," she said.

Back at home on their farm on the outskirts of Estacada, the Kigginses began to experience a series of Bigfoot-like phenomena.

"He was around here for a year," she

said. "We found footprints all over the farm. Once, they led to a five-foot fence and continued on the other side uninterrupted as if he stepped right over it.

"Sometimes we would smell him. Smelled like a bad nursing home. We heard loud screams and grunts all at once lasting 10 or 15 seconds. It could be heard miles away. The hair on the back of your neck would stand up. It spooked the cattle."

Kiggins sent a copy of her picture to Bigfoot hunter John Greene who later visited her with Roger Patterson, famous for the Patterson-Gimlin Bigfoot film footage from 1967. KATU interviewed her, and she was included in a British television documentary. Her photograph was published in a book written by a wildlife biologist and in a fifth-grade textbook.

During the early 1970s, Estacada became a hotspot for Bigfoot enthusiasts. Scientists, hunters, trappers and the media came from throughout the country and across the sea in the hope of gathering

evidence of the existence of an elusive, shadowy creature that walks the forest on two legs.

Many of the Bigfoot hunters also came looking for Kiggins. Eventually, the Estacada Police Department, back when Estacada had one, helped put a stop to it. "We had all sorts of crackpots up here," she said, "and I guess I'm one of them, because I saw the tracks, but I can't help that."

For anonymous firsthand accounts of Bigfoot phenomena, enthusiasts can now peruse the databases of websites, such as oregonbigfoot.com and bigfootencounters.com that collectively contain approximately 40 reports for the Estacada area alone between 1912 and 2006

A U.S. Forest Service employee, who does not wish to be identified, said she has never taken a single Bigfoot report in the 12 years she has worked at the desk of the Clackamas River Ranger District office in Estacada.

"We don't have a book or a piece of paper that states sightings at all," she said. She refused comment further for fear she would "get in trouble again."

There is at least one highly photographed, easily accessible Bigfoot in Estacada — a menacing replica created by a chainsaw artist. It guards the entrance to Mike's Second Hand Store and holds a sign warning potential shoplifters they will be eaten.

"I've heard second or third-hand stories," storeowner Mike Doolittle said. "I would think that if there was a Bigfoot, I would've heard about it on the six o'clock news. I know Santa Claus is real, because I've seen him. I've never seen a Bigfoot."

Kiggins has never seen Bigfoot either, and she is careful to emphasize that she is not exactly sure what created the strange tracks, the spooky sounds or the awful smell.





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Above, Trevor Parr, 8, poses with a mysterious animal that was roaming his family's land. The animal was shot by Parr's father. Right, the second chupacabra-like creature Phylis Canion of Cuero found.



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# ARE THEY REALLY CHUPACABRAS?

## Sightings of strange animals increase

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More than a year after tales of a chupacabra in Cuero made headlines across the country, sightings of strange quadrupeds roaming the area are increasing. Mostly described as gray in color, with little to no hair, short front legs and several fanged teeth, the debate over what these creatures are continues.

On July 28, a small coyote-like animal was killed by Rosie Camacho's son-in-law and grandson after it began preying on a nest of ducks on their private property in Goliad County.

"I saw it after they had killed it and it looked horrible close up. It gave me chill bumps," Camacho said.

Looking at the photo of the animal, Dr. Alice Blue-McLendon of Texas A & M University couldn't pinpoint exactly what the animal was from the photo but said she estimates that it is a dog, fox or wolf.

"(It) looks like it has a skin condition no matter what the species. It looks most like a fox

because of the large-appearing ears," she said.

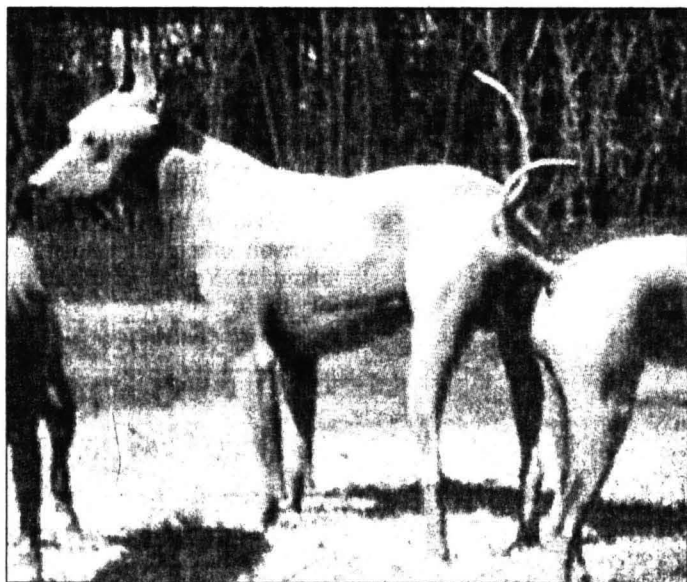
Six weeks ago, Estella Zermeno was woken up at 2 a.m. by a strange animal cry outside her home in the La Bahia area of Goliad.

"At first I thought it was a worn-an crying. It was a weird sound, almost like someone laughing, then crying, then laughing again," she said. "Our dog seemed afraid of it."

Three weeks later, she heard the cry again at 5:30 a.m. With the dawn breaking over the horizon, Zermeno went outside and spotted a creature about 100 yards from her patio, which she described as having a long face and being grayish in color.

"It definitely sounded different than a coyote cry," she added.

On July 5, Zeke Zieschang of Mission Valley killed an animal that was chasing deer on his land. He described it as having no hair on its belly, being a brownish color on top and gray on the sides. The animal also had more than four fanged teeth, which Zieschang said he had never noticed in any other animal before. In the past, he said he's also seen a similar



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Some say the Mexican hairless dog, shown here, resembles some of the mysterious creatures.

## CHUPACABRA SIGHTINGS

**Aug. 19, 2008:** Donald Nedeau and his family spotted a slim grey quadruped near the corner of Old Beeville Road in Fannin.

**Aug. 8, 2008:** Two DeWitt County deputies came across and shot footage of a strange animal as their patrol car rounded a curve on Thimble Road near the Nordheim area.

**July 28, 2008:** A strange animal that was preying on a nest of ducks was sighted and shot on private property in Goliad County.

**July 5, 2008:** Zeke Zieschang sighted and shot a coyote-like animal with several fanged teeth on his private property in Mission Valley. Over the past year, he has also spotted other similar-looking animals in the area.

**Beginning of July, 2008:** A couple living in the La Bahia area of Goliad were woken up in the middle of the night by the strange cry of an animal. Three weeks later they heard it again and caught sight of a grayish animal with a long face.

**May 7, 2008:** Phylis Canion of Cuero, who discovered the first body of a strange animal roaming in the area, discovers a second animal carcass similar to the one she found a year before.

**July 16, 2007:** Phylis Canion of Cuero discovers the first body of an animal that can't be readily identified. The animal began to be called the "Cuero Chupacabra."

## CHUPACABRA: 'A new discovery'

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creature that was black in color around the area.

These stories, along with other recent sightings in Fannin and a video of a strange animal caught by two DeWitt County deputies, have continued to surface since Phylis Canion of Cuero made her first discovery of what was then thought to be a possible chupacabra carcass last summer.

"The good thing about all these sightings is that it means more people are aware of what these creatures look like and they are looking for them," Canion said. "But many of these sightings are actually people just seeing mangy coyotes."

DNA test results from three different universities of the creature Canion discovered have confirmed the animal seems to be some kind of hybrid of coyote and wolf.

She added that the hybrids are completely hairless, have blue eyes and dead animals completely void of blood can usually be found in the same area as the hybrids are known to roam.

"These animals usually lick the blood dry from their prey," she said.

That's not to say people haven't spotted the real deal. She has received photos and heard stories about sightings of creatures from all over South Texas which have the exact same characteristics as what she found. Canion added that she will continue to

research these animals until they finally discover exactly what they are.

"I'm certainly not going to give up. It's fascinating and there is interest in this around the world," she said. "How can people say this is bad for the area? It's so great that we are on the edge of a new discovery."

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