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#### Former astronaut says Roswell UFO crash true

Steve Hammons

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According to a CNN report April 20, 2009, former astronaut Edgar Mitchell told an audience at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., that the basic story of a 1947 UFO crash in Roswell, New Mexico, is true.

Mitchell was an astronaut on the Apollo 14 mission to the moon in 1971 and he spoke at the National Press Club after the fifth annual X-Conference, an event focused on research involving UFOs.

CNN reported that Mitchell told journalists that there is firm knowledge that extraterrestrial life exists and this information is being held back from the general public in the U.S. and internationally.

Mitchell was raised in Roswell and knew many of the townspeople there. He said they confided to him years later about what they knew, although they had been told to keep the information quiet.

In addition, Mitchell said that about 10 years ago a Navy admiral working for the Joint Chiefs of Staff confirmed to him that a UFO had crashed at Roswell.

Citing the existence of evidence, Mitchell stated, "No, we're not alone."

#### ROSWELL AND SECURITY

Mitchell's statements are not surprising to many researchers and average citizens. Other people might find Mitchell's comments unsettling because there is also a natural skepticism about claims of UFOs and visitation to Earth by beings from other planets (and/or dimensions).

Claims of this kind coming from a respected and highly-trained person like Mitchell are not easily dismissed.

Information about an alleged crash of a spacecraft piloted by intelligent beings has been around for decades. Books, articles, movies and TV shows have told the story.

However, thinking about the possible reality of such a situation leads to many other questions: What else has happened in the area of UFOs? Have we made contact with other civilizations visiting our planet? Are they friend or foe? Can they help us solve some of the problems of the human race? Why has there been so much secrecy?

In the many accounts and tales about the Roswell incident, it is often noted that in the summer of 1947 the U.S. had just ended a devastating period during World War II. Military secrecy and security had been of the utmost importance during the war.

Some of the first people to learn about the Roswell crash were Army Air Corps (forerunner of the U.S. Air Force) personnel from the nearby Roswell Army Air Field, including intelligence officers.

Despite an intriguing press release that was issued to the media by the RAAF public information officer about a flying saucer being obtained by base officials, higher command quickly dismissed the story as a case of mistaken identity – the debris found was actually a weather balloon-type device, news reporters were told.

Behind the scenes of such a scenario, it would be logical to consider that the Truman administration, Pentagon and intelligence officials would have been shocked and concerned, both about the incident itself and the psychological, emotional and social ramifications for Americans.

## Exeter UFO Festival could be out of this world

Exeter to commemorate 'sightings' with family friendly activities



A papier-mache bust of an alien made by Marjorie Fish based on the description from Betty Hill of her abductors is on display at the UNH museum at Diamond Library in Durham.Scott

By Jennifer Feals  
May 10, 2009

EXETER — On Sept. 3, 1965, Norman Muscarello rushed into the Exeter police station blown away by the hovering craft with five red flashing lights he had just witnessed. Following his report, a series of similar stories throughout the area began emerging.

This year on Sept. 5, a series of events will kick off at the very spot Muscarello shared his story, the Exeter Town Hall, as part of the first Exeter UFO Festival which will celebrate incidents in Exeter and the surrounding area.

The free event — which will include talks from researchers and authors in the "ufology" field, events for children, a 1960s Rock & Roll Dance and more — is being coordinated by the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce, members of the local business community and locals with interest and experience in the field. Through the Exeter Kiwanis Club, it will also benefit local charities such as the Head Start Program.

Local historian and festival coordinator Dean Merchant said the UFO Festival will show what "an out of this world opportunity" Exeter is.

"My vision, and particularly right now because we are in a poor economy, is for people to have

a day of fun, family activity. A day for people to have a good time and a fun distraction, a nice party day," he said.

"Also, the research is coming from very respectful authors and researchers who are thought provoking. It's a chance to talk to people of great expertise, ask questions. It's really a learning experience."

The Exeter UFO Festival sprung from a series of stories Merchant wrote for Seacoast Media Group featuring locals who had UFO experiences. He then heard of festivals in other "active" areas of the country and thought Exeter would benefit from a similar event. In Roswell, New Mexico — an incident involving the recovery of materials near Roswell in 1947 — the city's UFO Festival drew 30,000 visitors in 2008 generating millions of dollars in revenue for local businesses.

The Exeter UFO Festival branched out from there, drawing interest from local businesses, residents and even those around the country. Kathleen Marden of Stratham, the niece of Betty and Barney Hill — who were the subjects of one of the most famous and early documented alien abduction incidents — is the author of "Captured! The Betty and Barney Hill UFO Experience" and has signed on to MC the event.

As a UFO researcher, author and lecturer, Marden has helped Merchant recruit five speakers to visit the festival. While each will speak on a specific topic, the speakers will also join near the end of the day for a panel discussion.

"I think it is important to get the word out about scientific evidence, that's my goal," Marden said. "As a scientific ufologist, I do this in as objective and unbiased manner as I possibly can. Everyone who will be speaking at the festival is a scientific investigator. That is what is important, to give the general public the opportunity to understand the science behind the phenomenon."

Peter Robbins, a freelance investigative writer and public relations ambassador for Roswell will look at the ridicule surrounding UFOs and why they need to be taken seriously.

"There is an opportunity to educate the public as to the reality of the subject," he said. "Those

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of us who study these things maintain that a very serious sequence of events happened in the (Exeter) area in the 1960s and deserve the acknowledgement."

After experiencing the success of the Roswell UFO Festival, Robbins is "delighted" that Exeter will have a similar event and said it could prove to be an asset to the community.

The festival could bring more service to local hotels, merchants and restaurants, he said. "This can absolutely be one more bullet in Exeter's gun of helping to build tourism year round," he said.

In addition to the speakers, a UFO/ET children's art show will be held at the town hall and children will be welcome to draw aliens throughout town with chalk, participate in an alien costume contest and a downtown alien parade. Some of these festivities are tentative and will rely on volunteer support. If interested, contact [features@seacoastonline.com](mailto:features@seacoastonline.com) or the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce at 772-2411.

Linda Anason, owner of The Yellow House Art & Tiques Gallery, will help children of all ages create a UFO at Founders Park. The UFO will be made free-form out of recycled green plastic bottles and Christmas tree lights, she said.

"I'm hoping it's just a beautiful weekend and people will come out," she said. "Maybe there is going to be some story telling going on."

## 'UFOs Over the Ocean?

CAPE MAY — The Web site of Examiner.com reports that in Cape May on March 2 "a group of witnesses observed an extremely bright light that appeared to be heading directly toward them. They became alarmed due to how low the object was flying. The object flew directly overhead and emitted no detectable sound. The witnesses then observed a second smaller lighted object traveling above the first object at a 45-degree upward angle, traveling at exactly the same speed. The witnesses observed many more similar objects flying everywhere they looked. The activity continued for over three hours." The Web site also reported a sighting of an orb shaped object, orange in color, trailing smoke and falling straight down viewed from the Flagship Hotel in Atlantic City. The Web site reported similar activity that night in Southern California and Texas.

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# UFOs

A philosophical examination of some of Easter's key players.

An endearing look into the life and struggles of a woman trapped in the body of a man.

That's lifestyle, folks, and those are two of my better stories. Seriously, read them both, if you haven't already — enlighten yourself.

But, even though my brain is mush at this point. After writing them, I'm going to further this week's Us package with another rousing read from my personal life about another thought-provoking topic: unidentified flying objects.

Wednesday night, I was sitting in my garage playing guitar (no, that scene is not some gonzo construct I've developed for The Backroads, simply all I ever really do) when I heard a roar that seemed to shake the very walls protecting me from the nighttime sky.

It was some sort of turbine engine or something, though far louder (or closer) than any airliner I've ever heard. Getting louder as it approached. It was the kind of sound that made me briefly, but seriously, con-

template an apocalyptic scenario.

Oh boy, I thought, maybe the North Koreans were further along in their "satellite" project than anyone thought. Kim Jong Il must have singled me

out as "an American too cunning to ignore," and my end was rapidly forthcoming.

I kissed my darling dog goodbye and looked for my cat to deliver a final farewell. The crazy feline was jumping up against the garage door and up and over an old recliner. Maybe it's best not to tell him. I thought, so young and full of life.

"Goodbye, ninja kitty," I said under my breath as I opened the door and headed outside. "May Buddha smile on your charred remains. I'm sorry I got you into this."

From up on my roof just south of Vale, I saw the noise was not coming from a North Korean missile but a series of at least three UFOs that approached from the south-southeast and proceeded, when they were about directly above me, to veer westward out of sight.

Oh boy, I thought, the galactic community must have labeled me as "an American too cunning to ignore" and were coming to dispatch me.

With a single red light on their underside, the three indistinguishably shaped aircraft flew in a single-file line until they were barely visible on the western horizon, when they may have changed formation.

Safe for now, I thought.

My jubilation at being alive was interrupted, though, when a second set of three passed by in the same flight path as the first, maybe 15 minutes later. Another three flew by at the same time, about 11 p.m., the following night.

So, am I completely alone in this UFO sighting? Surely, somebody else saw them. Please, vindicate my rantings. Log on to [www.argusobserver.com](http://www.argusobserver.com), click on this story in the Us section and write a little blog, just so I know I'm not going crazy. Or at least, any crazier than I already am. You can only take these things so far before people start to wonder.

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THE  
BACKROADS

Sean Hart

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## UFO event touches down at Skokie Theatre

April 30, 2009

By LILLI KUZMA Contributor

Almost everyone has seen something in the sky that looked strange: an aircraft that didn't move like a jet or airplane, or suddenly disappeared from view, or maybe a weird flash or orb. Most chalk it up to an optical illusion, the result of an overactive imagination, or perhaps accept that they might have seen an experimental craft that the government wants to keep under wraps. But others are adamant that they have seen something from outer space, and in some cases even describe alien craft, creatures or experiences.

UFOs, or unidentified flying objects, continue to fascinate people, and to generate impassioned discussion and argument.



**UFO investigator Sam Maranto, president of the Illinois Mutual UFO Network, is leading three discussions on UFOs at the Skokie Theatre.**

*(Irv Leavitt/Staff Writer)*

"UFO accounts go back thousands of years," said Sam Maranto, president of Illinois Mutual UFO Network. He is recognized internationally for his knowledge and expertise in the field of UFO investigation.

"It's a crock to relate UFOs just to the recent sci-fi era. This goes back to ancient times -- flaming chariots, Ezekial's wheel in the Bible, and not just western cultures, but all over the world. The so-called 'modern era' of UFOs started in the 1940s, with the Kenneth Arnold sighting, that's where the term 'flying saucer' comes from."

Maranto will host UFOs Over Illinois May 1-3 at the Skokie Theatre. He will present multi-media programs, History of Illinois Sightings and Modern Illinois Sightings, and lead discussions with the audience. The programs will highlight Illinois UFO history dating from the 1800s to sightings in Tinley Park, Rockford, and most recently the mass sighting over O'Hare Airport in 2006. Maranto will present the results of his own personal investigations, including specific details

and video, recorded interviews and eyewitness testimony.

"We have proof, we have a mountain of proof, that UFOs exist," said Maranto. "But the evidence is intentionally ignored by academia and segments of government. There is no doubt about the genuine phenomenon. With UFOs Over Illinois, this is a chance for people to engage their intellect. I'm not asking for anyone to believe -- I want them to know. We are not alone."

Asked about the most recent O'Hare sighting, Maranto noted:

"It was an actual physical object, rotating counter-clockwise. It took on the color of the sky, as though it were trying to cloak. It was seen hovering at Concourse C, Gate 17, at O'Hare, at about 4:20 in the afternoon, and was seen by quite a few people -- the ground crew, pilots, people on the ramp. I talked to witnesses who saw the UFO from LaGrange Road."

Maranto thinks central Illinois is the hottest area for UFO sightings right now.

"In and about the area of Route 39 and close to El Paso there are a lot of sightings, and for some reason, out here in Chicagoland, in the Tinley Park and Orland Park area. And there is a higher incidence in Freeport, Illinois, too. Get night vision, infrared binoculars, and go look."

Al Curtis, Associate Director at Skokie Theatre, noted that the UFO event is family-friendly.

"This is for anyone. There is a public out there for this event, and we believe Illinois MUFON has the right to tell their story. We are building our audience, offering a (variety) of events."

### 'UFOS OVER ILLINOIS'

With UFO investigator Sam Maranto May 1-3 at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave. 8 p.m. May 1: History of Illinois Sightings; 8 p.m. May 2, Modern Illinois Sightings (Tinley Park and Rockford); 2 p.m. May 3 Modern Illinois Sightings (O'Hare). \$20 for each event, \$25 at the door, \$50 for all three programs. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit [www.skokie theatre.org](http://www.skokie theatre.org)

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ACCLIMATION THEN AND NOW

Are we any more psychologically prepared today than in 1947? Mitchell seems to think so. And so do many other researchers.

Despite the perceived need for robust security reportedly involved in the Roswell incident and subsequent developments, some researchers say that the American public has slowly and steadily received "acclimation" to get used to the idea of extraterrestrial visitors.

Some of this acclimation has allegedly been through the entertainment media and in fictional form as well as the management of information carefully released in indirect ways to the public.

American kids raised on TV and movies since the 1950s have become used to the idea of extraterrestrials coming to Earth. Of course, a real-life situation takes exciting movie adventures to another level and could naturally cause anxiety.

We humans don't have a great track record getting along with each other, let alone extraterrestrial beings who might be quite different from ourselves.

In addition to strange visitors, the situation could be quite complex. Our understanding of science and nature, the Universe, spirituality and even the human race itself could be given quite a shock.

If Mitchell is accurate in his statements, then certainly much has been learned since 1947 by people who have been given the task of handling such an important and complex situation. How much information is the public able to understand and accept? Is it good news or bad news, or a mixture of both?

If the Roswell incident was real, as Mitchell claims, what has been going on since that time related to extraterrestrial visitors? Were some of the security measures, scientific research and other activities questionable – either by human officials or visitors?

One thing seems clear, Mitchell has moved the ball forward on acclimation of our society and people internationally about the possibility, or probability, that the human race and Earth are being visited from elsewhere and that we need to prepare ourselves.

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UFO  
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Local man researches  
the mysteries of the  
unexplained.

BY CINDY POORBAUGH  
THE INDEPENDENT-OBSERVER

An unexplained incident from Dec. 9, 1965 has propelled a local man on a life-long quest seeking the truth.

"I've been researching the Kecksburg incident since it happened," said ufologist and Greensburg resident Stan Gordon who was 10 years old at the time of the occurrence. "Now the case has drawn national and international attention."

Gordon's interests of the unexplained lies not only in the past but is very much based in the present day. In 1970 he founded the first of three scientifically oriented volunteer research groups investigating UFO sightings as well as Big Foot encounters and other strange events around Pennsylvania. While many UFO-sightings are determined to be natural or man-made in origin such as stars, meteors, or searchlight beams. Big Foot sightings often result as those of large dogs or bear.

Hailed as the primary investigator of the 1965 Kecksburg UFO

crash, Gordon notes the interesting circumstances surrounding the Kecksburg crash are the number of witnesses.

"There were so many witnesses who saw something that night. Hundreds of people saw what many thought was a plane on fire in the sky."

Witness accounts of an acorn-shaped object bearing unrecognizable lettering and masses of military presence surround the 1965 incident.

"It didn't come crashing down," according to witnesses interviewed by Gordon. In fact, the object reportedly changed directions and seemed to have had a controlled landing culminating in a "puff of blue smoke that dissipated quickly."

Recently featured on the History Channel's "UFO Hunters," Gordon continues his research into the incident. "People want to know what it was," he states believing that someone holds the key that will unlock the mystery. The rumor that photographs exist has been circulating for years. "If they would come forward, it would solve the mystery."

Gordon is often the guest speaker and conducts lectures on UFOs and other topics of the unexplained. Upcoming events include Butler's Paranormal Conference, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., April 4 at the Tanglewood Senior Center in Lyndora, PA, and the Pennsylvania MUFON Conference, Oct. 17, at the Westmoreland County Community College in Youngwood.

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WHAT OTHERS SAY



ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

The Extraterrestrial Highway, near Rachel, runs along the eastern border of Area 51, a military base on the Nevada Test Site.

And the quintessential Area 51 conspiracy – that the Pentagon keeps captured alien spacecraft there, which they fly around in restricted airspace? Turns out that one's pretty easy to debunk. The shape of OXCART was unprecedented, with its wide, disk-like fuselage designed to carry vast quantities of fuel. Commercial pilots cruising over Nevada at dusk would look up and see the bottom of OXCART whiz by at 2,000-plus mph. The aircraft's titanium body, moving as fast as a bullet, would reflect the sun's rays in a way that could make any-

one think, UFO. In all, 2,850 OXCART test flights were flown out of Area 51 while (Col. Hugh) Slater was in charge. "That's a lot of UFO sightings!" Slater adds. Commercial pilots would report them to the FAA, and "when they'd land in California, they'd be met by FBI agents who'd make them sign nondisclosure forms." But not everyone kept quiet, hence the birth of Area 51's UFO lore. The sightings incited uproar in Nevada and the surrounding areas and forced the Air Force to open Project BLUE BOOK to log each claim.

Annie Jacobsen,  
talking to Col. Hugh "Slip" Slater, 87, commander of the Area 51 base in the 1960s,  
and four others who worked at the top-secret base. They break their silence in  
"The Road to Area 51" in Los Angeles Times Magazine



## News 12 Special Assignment: "Night Lights"

May 5, 2009

Reporter: Richard Rogers

AUGUSTA, Ga.

For centuries, people have been looking up into the night sky, wondering, is there anybody else out there? That sense of wonder is heightened even more by strange sightings. Things in the sky that just can not be explained. People in this part of Georgia and South Carolina seem to be very familiar with the night lights.

We know that, because they call the newsroom to tell us. They send us e-mails too. What they don't usually want to do is go on camera. Kenny McGee and Casey Campbell look more like bikers than astronomers. But the guys saw something strange in the sky. Not way out in the country somewhere.

But here on a busy stretch of Wrightsboro road between the mall and Daniel Field.

"One sphere, 2 spheres, 3,4,5," Kenny explained. "It was like, if you was to take your fingers and go 1,2,3,4,5. That's how it appeared- deh-deh-deh-deh," Casey added.

Casey actually saw it first by himself. He laughs about it now.

"I told everybody about it. I told Kenny and told the other guys that work here and they laughed about it. Like ha ha, whatever, you know."

But a week later Kenny saw it too. The lights looked to be a few miles away just above the treetops. Red glowing orbs. Ten seconds later they disappeared.

"They were gone, then another 30 degrees over in the sky there were two more of them," Kenny told us. "And that process repeated itself again and they went out and they were gone."

Casey picks up the story. "And it stayed lit maybe 6,7,8, seconds and then it blinked out. Then all the sudden it was over here but there was only 2 of 'em. And to travel that distance that fast within literally a second or 2. No, nothing I've ever seen could do it."

And as odd as it all sounds- they're not alone. A 2008 poll by Scripps Howard News Service and Ohio University shows 56 percent of adults believe it is very likely or somewhat likely that intelligent life exists on other worlds. Eight percent say they have seen a mysterious object in the sky. And about 33 percent believe that aliens have visited our planet.

Which brings us back to Kenny and Casey on Wrightsboro road. They're both ex-military by the way. Casey was in the Navy. Kenny with the Signal Corps at Fort Gordon.

Kenny says they're not ones to believe "like- hey, aliens are fixin' to land. You know? And we don't think it's extra terrestrials for that matter. We don't know, but we know we saw something that was

completely unidentifiable and that was oddly strange and large in size.

So, what did they see? Casey will only say "Lights." That's about as far as he's willing to go with it. "Exactly," Casey says. He's not a UFO freak? "Oh no, no."

Whatever it was- they did some research and found the same reports have been documented- for years. Right here in our night sky. Casey says, "There have been state troopers that have seen it, there have been military that have seen it."

Which leads us to the campus of USC-Aiken and Doctor Gary Senn. He makes his living looking up. You can read more of what he has to say about all of this in part two of our Special Assignment Series: Night Lights.

\*\*\*PART TWO\*\*\*

Have you ever looked up at the stars and thought about what might be out there, beyond our own solar system? With all the advances in science, we're learning more about our universe all the time. But it's the unusual sightings in our own sky, these night lights, that really seem to capture our imagination.

Go to you tube and search for 2008 UFO sightings... And you'll see 32 thousand videos. You'll see UFO'S in the daytime. UFO'S at night, in cities and out in the country.

There's even a video from the space shuttle Atlantis. Something out there had NASA'S attention. You can hear the conversation between the crew and Mission Control. "We do see that."

"Ok. That's looking out in front of the orbiter. You see two rings right 'there- they're the ones we had the late 'tally-ho' on."

Space junk? Or something else? Dr Gary Senn is the director of the DuPont Planetarium at USC-Aiken.

Dr.Senn: "Certainly, people are seeing objects. Most of them can be explained very easily, but I do understand there are some things out there we do have a hard time explaining- and that's my response. I don't have an explanation sometimes.

(News 12) "So have you ever seen anything you couldn't explain?"

"I have. I know when I was younger, I saw some kind of a light that appeared to rise up, hover for a while and then take off quickly in one direction."

(News 12 ) So what would capture your attention in a sighting?"

"Something that appeared to be moving in one direction in the sky and suddenly appear to move in another direction. I've heard a number of reports of those kinds of things and they're usually the ones that are unexplainable."

Which is a lot like what Kenny McGee and Casey Campbell say they saw on a busy stretch of Wrightsboro road. A series of lights that just appeared out of nowhere. No way it's a meteor.

"No there's 5 of 'em somewhat clustered and not in a pattern," Kenny told us. "We've got Daniel field airport down here- is that a plane? Could we be looking at an angle of a plane with the lights on the wing or something? Way too big."

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Casey picks up the story.

"And it stayed lit maybe 6,7,8, seconds and then it blinked out. Then all the sudden it was over here but there was only 2 of 'em.

And before you jump to conclusions about Kenny and Casey, they are both ex-military and still skeptical about what they saw that night. Most people won't even go on camera like they did.

News 12 got an e-mail from a local businessman who saw the lights too. He even diagrammed the cluster for us, giving each light a number. His diagram matches Kenny and Casey's description very closely.

Back at the planetarium, Dr. Senn hears the stories all the time. He says better technology makes hoaxes more likely, but there's a flip side.

"With the number of people currently who have more sophisticated cameras- still cameras and video cameras, there are actually much fewer reports of UFO's than there were 30 and 40 years ago," Dr. Senn tells us.

And that same technology is showing us parts of our universe we've never seen before. The Hubble space telescope has been an eye opener.

Dr Senn explains- "What they did is they took Hubble and pointed it at an area that was kind of an empty area."

We're talking about an area about the size of a postage stamp if you held it up against the sky. They kept Hubble pointed there for about 10 days. The picture contains about 15 hundred galaxies. Here's a link to see it for yourself:

[http://hubblesite.org/hubble\\_discoveries/hubble\\_deep\\_field/](http://hubblesite.org/hubble_discoveries/hubble_deep_field/)

Dr. Senn: "And when you see all these teeny points of light essentially, it really demonstrates how massive the universe is. It's really, I think almost mind boggling to understand how big the universe actually is.

It may be enough to make you wonder, how could we be alone?



## A UFO reported near Lafayette in 1897

APRIL 12, 2009

You want a famous date in Lafayette history? How about today, April 12, and the year 1897? That's when our newspaper ancestor, the Lafayette Evening Courier, told its first UFO story.

It went like this:

"Nearly every town in this part of the United States claims to have seen the phantom airship, the 'Flying Dutchman' of the midnight air. ... Some strange object is being seen in the air (with) funny little lights, red, white and green, (that) flit about ..."

This led the Courier's rival, the Morning Journal, to report in early May 1897 that "a well-known young man told of seeing a cigar-shaped flying ship with lights and two men aboard. It landed in a meadow on a dark road between Stockwell and Crane Station while the man was bicycling about 9 p.m."

This eyewitness said he had been "wheeling" (bicycling), presumably on country roads now numbered 560 South, 900 South, 500 East, 525 East, 700 South and Stockwell Road, near today's Woodland Elementary School.

The "well-known young man" (call him WKYM) continued:

"It was dark, I was alone and moving. ... All at once there was a loud, hissing noise similar to the escape of steam from a locomotive. ... My hat was almost lifted from my head by the wind of an object passing over my head. I threw my hands up to catch my hat. My wheel struck a rock or something and I fell on my back on the road.

"Only a few yards away in a small meadow I saw the strangest object that any mortal has ever seen.

"It looked like a perfecto-shaped cigar about 20 feet long and perhaps 8 feet in diameter at the biggest point. A box or car was suspended from the cigar-shaped arrangement by a network of tubular wires. The cigar-shaped affair was pointed toward me. From the end there flashed a large light. It was a scintillating blaze and different colors came and went with startling rapidity. "Two men were standing on the ground by the side of the strange object and seemed to be busy with several of the wires. I heard one say, 'I wonder where we are?' He spoke with a foreign accent and I thought at the time he was some French scientist. His companion replied in excellent English, and I supposed he was an American."

When WKYM decided to overcome his fright and make friends with the strangers, he told the Journal: "The men saw me. Lights flashed from both ends of the cigar-shaped arrangement. In another instant it rose like a thing of life and was many hundred feet high in the time it takes to tell it."

But the Courier created its own credibility gap when it quoted WKYM as having said: "I picked up my wheel, took a small pull at an amber-colored fluid I had purchased at Lebanon, and pedaled for home as fast as I could."

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# Great balls of fire in the sky



MIKE  
ARGENTO

OK, enough already. Ever since reporting, two weeks ago, that a Red Lion woman saw some strange lights in the sky, I've been inundated with reports from others who have also seen the lights, rows of them forming geometric

patterns in the southern sky. And then, Sunday night, there were reports of a fireball over the southern sky, seen as far as away as Virginia, where witnesses also reported hearing a loud explosion.

The good news is that one has been explained.

The lights seen in our sky, not so much, but there are some theories.

First, the fireball.

It was reported mostly in Virginia. Witnesses flooded the 911 center in Virginia Beach with reports of seeing a streak in the sky, like an orange fireball crashing to earth, accompanied by the sound of a thunderous explosion.

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There were also reports of it being seen in York County, without the soundtrack.

Fortunately, as far as I know, there were no reports of a fireball spotted in Grovers Mill, N.J., so, at least for now, we're safe from rampaging hoards of skeletal beings from Mars, or wherever those critters were alleged to have come from, and their death rays.

Good thing, too. Most homeowners' policies, I believe, do not cover obliteration by beings from another planet. (Maybe AIG can offer this kind of coverage, get back on its feet with something less fictional than credit default swaps.)

The National Weather

Service — which, I'm guessing, has accepted the responsibility of investigating UFOs — received reports from the Virginia/North Carolina border to Dorchester County, Md. That could be expanded to York County, as a couple of friends of mine reported seeing the fireball Sunday night.

Witnesses, the Virginian-Pilot newspaper reported, said it was a bright light, so bright it "terrified" one witness, low in the sky, plummeting to the earth. One witness said, "It was the strangest thing I've ever seen."

Some people need to get out more often.

There is a rational explanation.

Initially, the Web site Space.com reported, "The mysterious boom and flash of light seen over parts of Virginia Sunday night was not a meteor, but actually exploding space junk from the second stage of a Russian Soyuz rocket falling back to Earth, according to an official with the U.S. Naval Observatory."

The story quoted Geoff Chester of the Naval Observatory saying he was 99.04 percent sure that the fireball was part of the Russian rocket. He said a satellite tracking program indicated that the second stage of Soyuz would be plunging to earth at about that time.

Then, the next day, the Naval Observatory reversed itself and said the Russian rocket re-entered the atmosphere over Taiwan and that the Virginia fireball was actually a meteor.

"Well, we're all entitled to a 'mulligan' now and then,

right," Chester wrote SPACE.com in an e-mail after the U.S. Strategic Command reported the Russian rocket was nowhere near Virginia.

So that's one mystery solved — at least until the Naval Observatory or the Strategic Command change their minds again and determine that the fireball actually was an intergalactic U-Haul stuffed full of the belongings of the Joads from the Andromeda galaxy.

But what about the lights that people keep reporting in the southern sky?

For an explanation, I went to Bill Kreiger.

Kreiger is a professor of earth science at York College and an all-around science guy. Of course, every time I talk to Kreiger, he has a joke. This time it was about a manager giving an employee a raise, and when the employee asks when it'll be effective, the manager says, "When you are."

"Will Rogers," Kreiger said. "He had a million of them."

OK, to the science.

Kreiger said there could be a bunch of explanations for the lights in the sky. The atmosphere, he said, can do weird things.

The lights could be sunlight reflecting off gases high in the atmosphere, he said, causing a kind of aurora effect.

We're talking swamp gases, or large amounts of cow flatulence.

Or they could be caused by ice crystals, or bits of meteors suspended in the upper reaches of the atmosphere, he said.

Or, he said, they could be cosmic debris.

"There's a lot of space debris and it will reflect sunlight," he said.

Or, he said, they could be radiosonde balloons — other-

pear.

"I didn't know what they were," he said. "We'd see them every week."

He figured it out, though.

The lights were jetliners flying out of Philadelphia International Airport. The flight path, he said, crosses to the south of York County and planes taking off or approaching the airport would follow that path.

"I'm positive that's what it is," he said. "I'm sure of it."

So there you have it. The lights are either swamp gas or weather balloons or cosmic debris or airliners flying out of Philadelphia.

They certainly aren't

aliens in search of intelligent life. What makes you think they'd come here?

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wise known as weather balloons.

Whatever it is, he said, "It's good that people are seeing that. It means they're paying attention to the sky."

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And then, we have an explanation from Charlie Leib.

Leib is a retired Harley guy who's been around the block a few times. Well, more than a few times. He's been around the block so many times, the cops have been called to see whether he was casing the neighborhood.

Leib is 88.

He's seen stuff.

He recalled seeing the lights in the sky some years ago. He would see them Thursday nights, while driving from his West Manchester Township home to choir practice at St. James Lutheran Church in West York. They were always in the southern sky.

There would always be a row of lights, or a couple of rows of lights, that would cross the sky and then disap-



Bill Kreiger, a professor of earth science at York College, explained the lights can be caused by a bunch of different things.

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# FROM THE ARCHIVES

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## Shy but friendly sky visitor haunts Brushy Creek area

By JOSEPH T. GALLAGHER  
Globe-Democrat Staff Writer

A shy but friendly unidentified flying object that follows automobiles has been spotted by at least a dozen residents of Piedmont, Mo.

They call the UFO shy because it only appears on dark nights and zooms away before anyone can get close to it. They consider it friendly because it brightly illuminates the highway in front of cars moving down Route 49.

**THE FIRST SIGHTING** near the town of 2,000 about 135 miles south of St. Louis was made on the night of Feb. 21 by Reg Bone, coach of Clearwater High School, two assistant Piedmont team managers and three players returning from a basketball tournament at Essex, Bone said.

Bone said he was driving the school's driver education car along U.S. 60 near Elsimore when he and the five boys saw a bright shaft of light beaming down out of the sky.

As the car pulled onto Route 49 near Brushy Creek, one of the boys, Randall Holmes, said he yelled out, "There's that thing we saw back on Highway 60."

Bone said he stopped the car on the shoulder of the highway and he and the boys got out to get a better look at the bright but silent flying object.

"It looked like it was about 50 feet off the ground and maybe about 200 yards away — it was impossible to determine the size or shape because of the darkness.

"ANYWAY," Bone said, "we all saw four lights — like maybe coming from portholes — red, green, amber and white. We figured they were about three or four feet apart, all in a row."

Cary Barks, who is listed in the Who Is Who of American

High School Students because of his academic excellence, said, "We stood there and watched it for five to 10 minutes.

"Then it went directly up in the air with absolutely no noise and just disappeared over a hill."

Word spread quickly around Piedmont and the next night, Mrs. Kathy Keith, her brother, Roy Burch Jr., and his wife were driving near the Brushy Creek area when, they said, they spotted the object blinking in white, green, amber and red.

"Red seemed to predominate," Mrs. Keith said, adding, "All of a sudden it started bouncing around, and the lights started blinking again."

AS THE OBJECT began moving along the highway, Burch said, he attempted to catch up with it in his car.

"Roy started speeding up to get close to it. He was doing about 70 but we lost it," Mrs. Keith said, "We got to the Brushy Creek area and there were some other Piedmont people there — Bob Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Almon Coleman — standing on the road looking at the thing hovering over the field.

"One of the men had a pair of binoculars but it was so dark he couldn't figure out what it was. It stayed at the same height for about 10 minutes," Mrs. Keith said, then disappeared over a hill.

**TWO MISSOURI** State Highway Patrol Troopers, Jerome Burford and Alton Blake, who live in Piedmont, say they have driven up and down the road at night but have seen nothing.

Others like Craig Twidwell, Tim Martin, Fred Allen and Barks — who were in the car with coach Bone when they saw the UFO — say there is something strange going on near the water of Brushy Creek.

## We Saw The Light

By John Prince  
And Stan Berry

Well—er—we saw a light—er—the lights. Well, never mind, whatever it was it was pretty darn unusual and we're at a loss to explain just what it was.

We left Poplar Bluff at about noon Thursday on a fact-finding mission to try and determine what's behind all those flashing light (UFO) reports originating from Piedmont.

We spent most of the afternoon interviewing people who have seen the "lights." As darkness approached, our inquiries into the best possible site to locate a UFO led us, of all places, to the Piedmont City Dump.

The dump is located atop a large, steep hill, appropriately named Pyle's Hill, just south of Piedmont on Highway 34.

At the very top of the hill is a promontory which overlooks Piedmont and a large part of its surrounding area.

We were told to get there early (even on a Thursday night) or we might not find a place to park. So, here we were at 7, parked at night in the City Dump overlooking Piedmont.

We were lucky. We didn't have any trouble finding a place to park. Our's was the only car there.

Well, we weren't quite all alone. We were solaced by the screeches and yelps of stray cats and dogs rummaging through empty tin cans.

Occasionally we were even joined by human beings. But, they only stopped long enough to stare at our parked car and dump the day's garbage on a bonfire that constantly burned.

We were beginning to feel a little sheepish. After all, how were we going to explain to the city editor that we spent the night in the Piedmont City Dump.

Here we are, two grown men, parked in the City Dump at night, freezing our tails off and looking for flying saucers. We were beginning to feel pretty stupid—wait, what's that light!!!

The two of us grabbed our cameras and binoculars and scrambled out of the car to get a better look.

There was no mistaking it. It had to be what we were looking for. It was flashing red, an off-color white and blue-green

colors.

The flashes did not have a steady blink like an airplane's lights. And besides, the flashes were crazy-quitting themselves across the sky in all sorts of erratic patterns. They were travelling at a high rate of speed and turning and jumping from side to side in no predictable manner.

We first spotted the flashes at about 7:30 high above an area that could have been over the lake. The flashes "Crazy-quilted" themselves across the sky in a northeasterly direction until we lost sight of them due to distance and clouds.

We observed the flashes for about five to ten minutes and were joined during the latter part of our vigil by Piedmont City Policeman Don Shatley who also observed the flashes.

The flashes were too far away to photograph. Binoculars brought them closer but were unable to discern any distinct shape during the flashes.

We remained in Piedmont until nearly midnight, and were later joined at the dump by about a dozen other cars, but the remainder of our vigil proved fruitless.

Driving back to Poplar Bluff we tried to rationally explain what we saw. Marsh gas? Doubt it. From what we've heard the lights are too high for one thing and the climate, especially with the flood waters, isn't right.

A jet pilot doing aerobatics? Naw. Do we have a jet that can travel that fast, and do we have a pilot with a stomach strong enough to do crazy-quilt patterns at high speed clear across the sky?

A formation of jets? Nope. Would have been one irregular formation and surely we would have heard some noise from that many jets. Dead silent.

Secret government test? Maybe.

What else? Don't know.

Quite frankly, we were not really prepared for what we saw.

Our policeman friend, Shatley, probably summed it up best when he said: "I don't believe in flying saucers, but there is something unusual going on up there.

Here, here Mr. Shatley.





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# 'Allo, 'allo, 'allo, what's going on up there then?

SouthWales Echo  
England  
Mar. 24, 2009

A POLICEMAN thought he saw a UFO targeting South Wales one night.

The officer spotted two "very bright" white UFOs, "circular with tails" flying "very slowly" north at about 400ft, it has emerged.

And he was not alone - 20 people in Wales and England reported the objects, reveals the report from RAF West Drayton to the Ministry of Defence.

The Merthyr Tydfil policeman, who watched the lights float above the town's Gelligaer Common, was among "hundreds, probably thousands of people" in South Wales, the West Country and south-west Ireland" who spotted the UFOs. Two policemen saw the craft flying from South Wales over the Bristol Channel.

"Stopping their patrol car, they watched as the lights drew nearer to them," says the report. The lights or object(s) passed to the west, going in a south-east direction."

A pilot flying over Wales also reported the UFO. But the MoD has now revealed that the incident at about 1.15am on March 31, 1993, was actually a Russian rocket breaking up as it re-entered the Earth's atmosphere.

Its X files - laid bare almost 16 years to the day later - claim the sightings were "later traced to the re-entry of a Russian Cosmos rocket body which burned up, decaying over the North Atlantic".

One witness said: "I thought they were a couple of meteorites, but instead of vanishing quickly, they kept on com-

## Ministry of Defence shows that the truth out there is stranger than science fiction

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ing. They were travelling parallel to each other, travelling very precisely. They were like very big stars, they were as bright as Sirius (the brightest star in the night sky) and about four times as large."

The witness added: "The lights were white like stars and the trails were white like fog. The trails came from directly behind the objects and were a single thick trail, not like those given off by large airliners which are split in two.

"My first thought was, 'My God, what's that?' They were obviously some kind of controlled craft, but not like anything I'd seen before."

Another witness said: "There were two bright, shining orange lights moving at great speed.

"They had flown over the rooftop and were heading in the direction of the sea. There was complete silence and the speed was greater than any plane, shooting star or other object I've ever seen."

In a separate incident on December 9,

1991, at 4.50pm "dozens of people" reported "burning white lights, flames and rumbling sounds" in the sky on the Wales-England border.

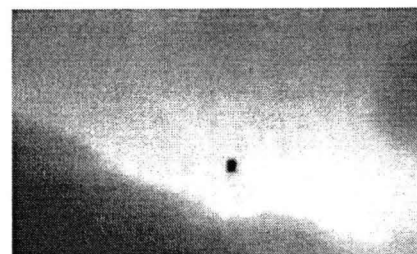
"The object seen was a bright, white light at high altitude with flames (or an illuminated vapour trail) in its wake," say the X files.

"Many witnesses believed they were witnessing an aircraft accident and some reports indicated the object broke up. A few seconds after the sighting, a low rumbling sound was heard and some windows were seen to be shaking."

But, scotching conspiracy theories, the MoD claims the incident was "traced to a USAF pilot who jettisoned fuel that was ignited by the aircraft's afterburner".

Former MoD official turned UFO specialist Nick Pope said: "There are some UFO sightings here which had us genuinely puzzled."

**CLICK ON**  
watch UFO expert explain  
the sightings in Wales  
[WalesOnline.co.uk/video](http://WalesOnline.co.uk/video)



### China: News service reports UFO seen by own journalist

A Chinese newspaper reported this week on a UFO sighting made by one of their own Journalists. Jing-Sen Gao of Dunhua, a city in the ethnic Korean enclave of Yanbian was walking with friends to a cultural event on 18 April at around 4pm when they saw a strange black object in the sky above them.

The object changed shape constantly. It went from being square to triangle to saucer shaped. Mr Goa then started filming the object with his mobile phone camera. At this point the object started emitting a flickering white light and then after a few minutes it vanished completely.

On showing people his recording some declared the object a UFO of extraterrestrial origin while others claimed it was a vision of Buddha. The film has not come to light and is believed to be in the process of being examined by a local Chinese astronomical society. The above picture has been released however.

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## Did Aliens visit Bendigo?

Sunday Herald Sun  
Mitchell Toy  
May 09, 2009

Australia

**Did aliens from outer space become extra terrestrial tourists in Bendigo last month?**

A local man has captured footage of a baffling bright light, which he says moved slowly over his Ironbark property near Bendigo on April 14. The blurry footage shows an apparently disc-shaped object hovering across the dark sky for about two minutes.

The man, who wishes only to be known as Anton - for fear he will be ridiculed over his discovery - said he was enjoying a cup of tea on his front porch at about 6.30pm when he saw the strange object.

"I had about ten seconds to go inside and grab the camera," he said.  
"I don't know what it is. I think it's up to people to decide for themselves."

He said he had been contacted by another local who had seen the bright light while walking his dog.

The following night, Anton captured a second hovering light, which a satellite tracking website later confirmed was the International Space Station.

The International Space Society chairman Kirby Ikin, who studied the footage, said the object could be a satellite, but its trajectory seemed unusually long.

"My gut reaction is that it's moving too slow for a satellite," Mr Ikin said.

"It also seems pretty low on the horizon. For all you could tell it could be a helicopter flying over."

Mr Ikin said it was not uncommon to spot moving objects in the night sky.

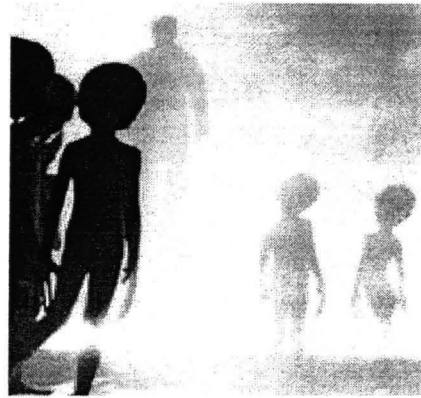
"If you wait and watch, you can see satellites passing overhead every night."  
But there were still plenty of galactic events that remained unexplained.

"I've spoken to astronauts who have seen things that they can't explain," said Mr Ikin, who is based in Sydney.

"A lot of aviation professionals see things that can't readily be explained - some weird and wonderful things go on."

It would not be impossible for classified military aircraft to be flown over Australia, sparking UFO sightings, Mr Ikin said.

More than 100 satellites pass over Australia's skies in the course of their orbit. According to UFO interest site ufoinfo.com, there were more than 150 reported sightings of UFOs across Australia last year with 40 already this year.



## Saudi witnesses report UFO crash and manoeuvres

April 20, 2009

Canada

Edited by Albert S. Rosales The following apparent UFO/alien sighting took place in the evening of 7 January 2009 in night in the Al Qasim region, Saudi Arabia.

Arabic language forums are abuzz with Saudi citizens claiming to have witnessed what is even being described by some in the normally conservative Saudi Arabian press as a possible UFO either crashing to earth or simply executing manoeuvres designed to scare humans. Others are claiming the object was an asteroid or a satellite. Witnesses are reported to be waiting for an explanation from local meteorological bureau's but have received no answers yet.

On Wednesday 7th of January after evening prayers a large noise was heard in the sky followed by the sighting of an intense large light heading from the west above a region east of the capital of Riyadh. Many locals had seen meteors prior to this but claimed this one did not fit the description at all: it was a blue green colour and was shooting out green lasers (flashes?). One witness, Khalid, commented, 'No one has ever seen anything like it'.

Amazingly for an incident that didn't make the news in the West, it was seen as far away as Kuwait. Locals in the region where the object appeared to be heading claim they heard an explosion and felt a large tremor indicating that the object crashed. The Saudi government has not released information regarding the crash site but is reported to have sealed the area.



Mystery flashes in night sky prompt a range of explanations

# UFOs or a trick of the light?

Grimbsy Evening Telegraph  
England  
April 4, 2009



● Is this the source of the mystery? NASA provided this artist's concept of an Iridium satellite orbiting the earth.

**SATELLITES and space stations have both been offered as explanations for strange lights seen in the sky over North East Lincolnshire.**

As reported, two people independently contacted the Grimsby Telegraph about the odd occurrences which they saw in the Laceby area.

Hereford School pupil Emma Broadbent (15) and Nige Allison (35), from Grimsby, both saw "protractor shaped" flashes in the sky which they could not explain at about 8pm on March 23.

Meanwhile, Pat Jones (52) and her daughter Claire Smith (20) were with their neighbour, Amy Newport (19), when they spotted a multi-coloured flashing object hovering in the sky above their homes in Grimsby's Grafton Street.

They say they spotted the object at about 9.30pm on Wednesday night.

Various theories have been offered about what they might have seen.

Miguel Cooksey (44), from Grasby, said: "There has been a lot of activity in the sky over the last week with the International Space Station being visible in the sky as it re-angled its solar panels."

The station is being constructed in orbit, and will be finished in 2011.

By CONRAD EMMETT  
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"There has also been the launch of a space shuttle, which was on Thursday," he added.

"Both have been visible from our area recently."

However, astronomer Mike Brightmore, secretary of the Cleethorpes and District Astronomical Society, said: "It wouldn't be the space station. They look like a bright star in the sky but it could be an Iridium flare."

"Iridium is a company responsible for up to 80 communication satellites in the sky which have very large antenna attached to them."

"When they get turned around they catch the light and the result is a flash which can last anything up to three seconds. That is known as a flare."

"Although we probably can't look back to March 23, there are websites which will be able to say when you will see them over the next week."

"You can see them fairly often but many people will dismiss what they see as their eyes playing tricks on them."

But Mrs Jones remains adamant that she spotted a UFO in the sky above Grimsby.

She said: "I've been reading the stories in the Grimsby Telegraph and they scare me quite a bit."

"I just hope we are not being bombarded by aliens."

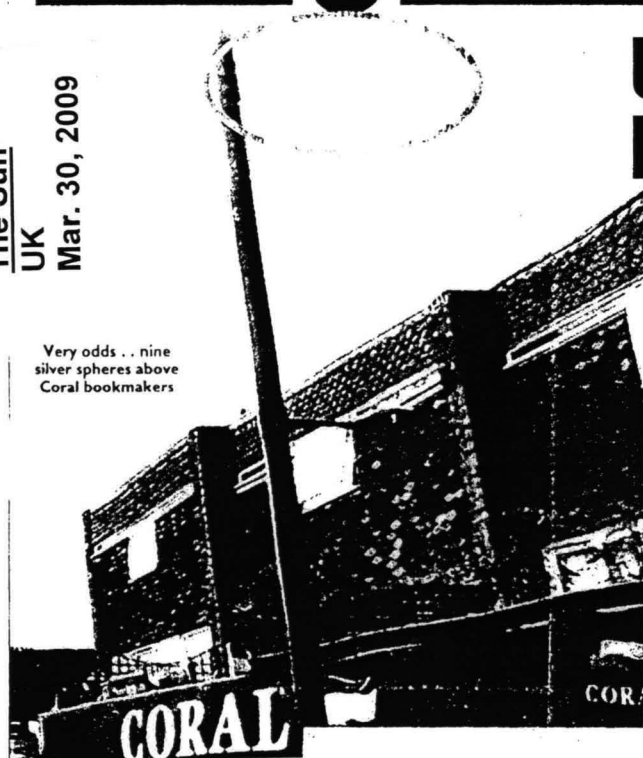
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The Sun

UK

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Very odds... nine silver spheres above Coral bookmakers



## UFOs SPOTTED IN EAST END VIEWS

Fascinated... expert Nick Pope



**A FLEET of UFOs in formation has been photographed — on Google.**

The nine silver spheres hover above a row of shops, including a Coral bookies, on the internet giant's new Street View service.

Sun reader Faye Sharpe, 18, discovered them while viewing her neighbourhood of Wolverley Street in Bethnal Green, East London.

Faye said: "I was checking out the road to see if I could spot my mates. I thought it looked very strange and zoomed in."

"I thought it was some planes but they look pretty close together for that. Maybe they are UFOs."

Yesterday baffled ufologist Nick Pope said he was "very excited" by the image, which he labelled "truly fascinating".

He added: "It appears to show nine objects flying in near perfect formation. About the only thing I

EXCLUSIVE by PHILIP CASE  
and ANDY CRICK

know that can do this is the Red Arrows... and it's not them."

Mr Pope, who used to investigate sightings for the Ministry of Defence, said: "I've run through the list of possibilities that normally explain these things, but I can't find an answer."

Yesterday the Sun visited the street to talk to locals about the mysterious find. Holly Riding, 19, said: "It's definitely weird."

Karishma Daswani, 22, added: "The fact that they are flying in formation is very strange."

Oriele Calvert, 44, said: "This is definitely the strangest thing I've ever seen in Bethnal Green."

Street View, on Google Maps and Google Earth, shows 360-degree views of 25 cities throughout the country.

See more UFO evidence at  
thesun.co.uk/britishxfiles  
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## Palmo UFO is spotted in Qld

Queensland, Australia

May 12th, 2009

**TWO men on Queensland's Gold and Sunshine coasts have reported seeing a mysterious white light shooting through the night sky about the same time a Territory woman claimed to have photographed UFOs near her Palmerston home.**

The Territory mother-of-three, who wished only to be known by her first name Kym, photographed two "discs of light" in the sky as she watched the dark rain clouds roll towards her Palmerston home last month.

Kym said the image was taken on her mobile phone and that she didn't notice the strange lights in the clouds until she downloaded the pictures on to her computer.

The *Gold Coast Bulletin* has revealed that Nerang resident Michael Baker was standing outside the Worongary shopping centre looking at the sunset on the same day when he saw the strange light travelling from the west about 5.50pm.

"We were just taking in the sunset, looking at the clouds and suddenly we saw a big white streak," he said.

"As it came down towards the ground, it turned blue and then green and it broke up with a bit of a sizzle and a spark."

About the same time, Ian Mayes was taking his 10-year-old daughter Chloe for a walk at Peregrine Beach on the Sunshine Coast when he saw an unusual light.

"We just saw this bright white light, like a star, burning for a few seconds and then it fizzled out," he said.

But Springbrook Research Observatory astronomer Andre Clayden said the Queensland sightings were probably a meteor shower.

Kym said she had never had any previous UFO encounters.

"I've never really thought about them or had a view on them," she said.

"But my motto is never say never - anything's possible."

Have you seen or photographed a UFO in Territory skies. Send in your pics to [newsbreakers@ntn.newsltd.com.au](mailto:newsbreakers@ntn.newsltd.com.au) or phone 8944 9724 to tell your story.



## Swedish group opens 'world's largest' UFO archive

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The world's largest UFO archive, with over 18,000 Swedish reports, pictures and foreign reports over mysterious happenings was opened to the general public in Norrköping in eastern Sweden on Sunday.

"There was a great interest," said Clas Svahn at UFO Sweden.

A Swedish pilot in a Draken plane was flying over Småland in a training exercise in the 1970s. He received the order to break the exercise and fly towards an unidentified object lying still on the water.

As he approached the object suddenly shoots straight up - and the pilot takes up the chase. Despite full speed the pilot soon loses the object and it is never identified.

The event which confounded the pilot, is just one of the reports recorded in the world's largest UFO archive in Norrköping in eastern Sweden. It is one of up to 1,000 reports worth taking a closer look at, according to Clas Svahn.

The Swedish UFO association held a series of lectures on Saturday in connection with the temporary opening of the archive.

"175 came to listen and there was a great interest. There were more than we have seen in recent years and there was a serious interest. We are very happy," he said.

There were then around 70 people in Norrköping for the opening of the archive on Sunday.

The archive is now closed once more, as the association works on a voluntary basis and does not have the time to do more than show the archive to, for example, researchers.

"One can come and have a look but in that case you have to arrange an appointment."

In response to the question over whether he believes in the existence of UFOs, Svahn answered:

"I am completely convinced that there is life in space. If life can exist here then it can exist elsewhere. But can they travel here? There is no conclusive evidence, but I do not want to answer for certain. There are mysterious phenomena that we can not identify, and they are not only optical illusions," Clas Svahn said.

# My close encounter

## Take it as RED, Leonard saw UFO in wood

By TOM POTTER

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IT WAS a close encounter of the red kind!

For 20 years Leonard Gibney has remained silent about coming face to face with what he believes was a UFO in an Ipswich wood.

But today he has plucked up the courage to come forward following a string of unusual sightings reported in The Evening Star.

There have been so many apparent sightings of UFOs in the county that some believers claim Suffolk is a portal for visiting alien craft.

Mr Gibney, 67, of Bromley Close, Ipswich, said his encounter took place in the summer of 1989.

He was living in a flat overlooking Belstead Brook and Spring Wood when he first caught sight of what he described as "reddish pink lights" swarming across the sky.



He said: "My flat was fairly high up and looked down on to the A14."

"I kept seeing these lights darting across the fields."

"First I thought someone must have been messing

with lights. They were visible for a few moments then disappeared."

"I didn't want to jump to any conclusions but I talked to a neighbour soon afterwards and he told me he saw a red sphere from his window at around the same time."

"I can recall also the Rendlesham Forest incident when some airmen talked of seeing spheres."

Things were about to get even stranger for Mr Gibney when he actually came face to face with one of the mysterious red spheres.

As he strolled through Spring Wood one evening, he suddenly saw a "luminescent orb" descending from the clouds.

It hovered 50 yards away from where he stood for around ten seconds before vanishing completely.

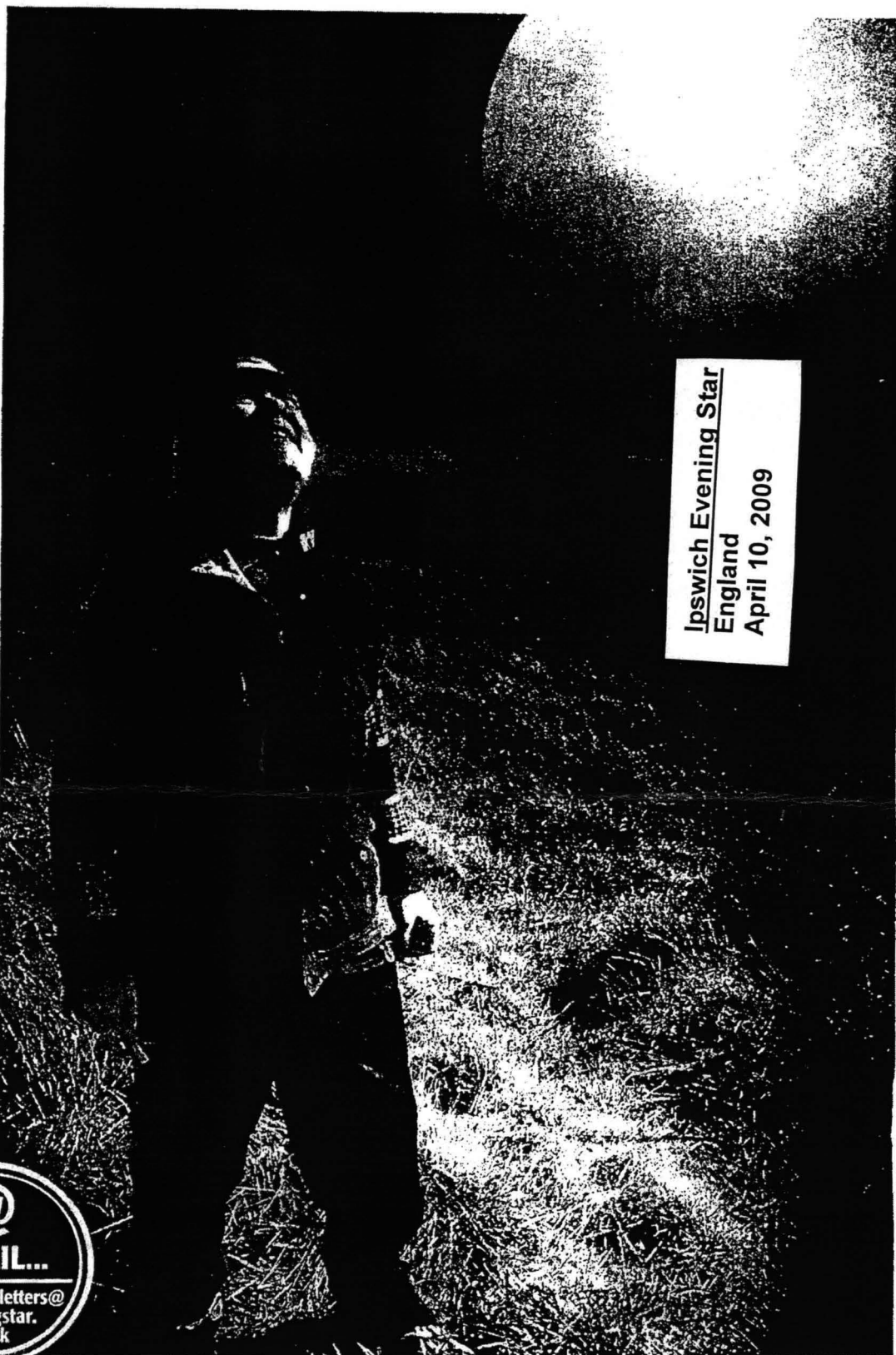
Mr Gibney said: "I could have thrown a stone and hit it. It was like a big bright red beach ball, 10ft across. Then it just disappeared like someone had flicked a switch."

"I can't prove what I'm saying is the truth. I'm not certified insane and I am in charge of all my faculties. I'm as sceptical as anyone else but I'm just saying what I saw."

■ Have you had a close encounter with a UFO? Write to Your Letters, Evening Star, 30 Lower Brook Street, Ipswich, IP4 1AN.



I'M SAYING WHAT I SAW: Leonard Gibney



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England  
April 10, 2009



**BREAKING HIS SILENCE:** Our artist's impression of Leonard Gibney's sighting of a UFO in the summer of 1989.

Photomontage: JON ELSEY

### Fastfacts

#### Other unusual sightings in 1989

■ Sightings of UFOs were rampant during 1989 – nowhere more than over Belgium.

On November 29, 1989, a triangular UFO with lights sparking underneath was seen by multiple witnesses, including three groups of policemen.

On more than one occasion, two F-16 fighter jets chased the unknown flying craft, but without results.

The triangle moved very low and very slowly over the city of Glons, southeast of Brussels. Five radar stations reported the object, which would not answer requests to identify itself.

Radars showed the UFO dropped from

10,000 to 500ft altitude in five seconds. Sightings of the giant triangles continued for months, being witnessed more than 1,000 times.

■ The Ministry of Defence last month released paper records of almost 1,200 UFO sightings reported between 1987 and 1993.

The files were posted on the National Archives website and included the story of an alien banana-man spotted in west London in May 1989.

The records also showed a member of the public reported seeing "one bright yellow/white light with a small red light" near the A14. Another woman

said that while walking her dog near Norwich, in November 1989, she was approached by a man with a "flying suit" and "a Scandinavian-type accent".

■ On March 31, 1989 British policemen were sent to investigate a glowing flying saucer after hundreds of people reported seeing it land in a field in Surrey.

As they approached the craft, a door opened and a small figure wearing a silver space suit walked out. The flying saucer turned out to be a hot air balloon that had been built by Richard Branson, who had taken off in the balloon the day before.

# HIGHLAND NEWS

## More UFO shocks in Highlands By Donald Wilson

30 April, 2009  
Scotland

A UFO alert in Inverness has sparked reports of similar sightings on the same evening in another part of the Highlands.

Last week, the Highland News revealed how Inverness woman Joan Morrison was astonished when a glowing orange and yellow rectangular light passed her kitchen window at Burnside Cottage in Towerhill Brae South after 10pm on the evening of Friday, April 17.

The mystery deepened this week with reports of another UFO sighting at Corpach in Lochaber about the same time.

The RAF at Kinloss has confirmed it had no aircraft operating in either Inverness or the Lochaber area and Inverness Airport said it was closed by 10pm.

Anne Macdougall, a senior service point administration officer with Highland Council, was climbing some steps to a garage at her home in Corpach between 9.45pm and 10.15pm when she had a strange encounter which remains unexplained – but was witnessed by other local people including a couple the other side of Loch Linnhe in Fort William.

"I had gone up to the garage to get some milk and it was a lovely clear night," recalled Anne.

"I have seen shooting stars in the past and this wasn't a shooting star. It was a long white light with a tail that seemed to peter out. It looked like it was going to fall down on the hill in the forest.

"I have never seen anything like it. It was the strangest feeling but I just feel I was so lucky to see something like that."

And Anne said she had been reassured that she had not been seeing things because it was witnessed by other people in area at the same time.

"I was walking with a friend who lives in Corpach the following evening who told me her husband saw the same thing out of their living room window.

"They have a big window and she told me he nearly leapt out of the chair when he saw it.

"Another couple I know were in Fort William for a meal and they were walking along the street with a clear view across Loch Linnhe and they saw the same light.

"It wasn't the same as the woman in Inverness described because it was white and had a long tail.

"But I have never seen anything like it before and I was really quite amazed.

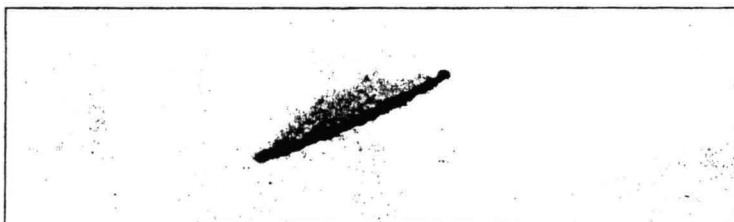
"It was over in seconds. It was like a rocket and it was over in seconds. I just wished it was higher in the sky."

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## Slade star's close encounter in Bournemouth



SHAPE IN THE SKY: One of the alleged UFO sightings in Dorset

# I saw a UFO and I'm not crazee...

DON'T accuse him of being all crazee now – but rocker Noddy Holder of Slade says he felt the noize when he had a close encounter with a UFO in Bournemouth.

The colourful star, most famous for the ubiquitous festive hit Merry Xmas Everybody, said he saw a circular flying saucer, emitting beams of light, flying over the sea while staying in the town.

Recounting the tale on Radio 2, he said his Bournemouth hotel room had suddenly filled with "white light" at midnight, which at first he thought was coming from a police helicopter.

**By Juliette Astrup**

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"I puts my paper down, looks out and it was a flying saucer," he said. "I'm serious here – it was a flying saucer. It whizzed across the sea, just like you see in the movies. It was circular with all beams of light coming out of it."

He described how it raced over the surface of the water at such speed that "massive waves came up". But his wife wasn't so convinced.

"She would not believe I'd seen this flying saucer," he added. "She

said 'Ah, you're drunk you fool' – it's one of them police helicopters".

But the day after the sighting, which happened some five years ago, he said he turned on the BBC news to see reports of UFO sightings "in a straight line" from Gloucester to Bournemouth and along the south coast.

It is not the first time the area has experienced such a visitation – in fact it appears to be somewhat of



'COZ I LUV UFOS: Noddy Holder in Slade's 1973 heyday

a UFO hotspot.

Strange lights spotted in the sky over the festive period prompted a flurry of calls to the Daily Echo newsroom. They were described as "moving around like an insect. It was as bright as a car headlight".

And in February last year, there were a number of sightings of a cigar shaped object in the sky over Poole Harbour and Swanage.

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**Bournemouth Daily Echo**  
England  
April 3, 2009

# Visitors from the stars are filling our sky

REPORTS of bright lights and mysterious hovering objects suggest Kent's skies may be home to more than meets the eye.

Information released by the Ministry of Defence shows there have been 56 recorded sightings of UFOs over the county in the last decade, with 10 last year alone.

Examples include:

- A huge disc-shaped object "approximately 20 times the size of an aeroplane" spotted flying above Rainham.
- Bright orange craft "similar in shape to inverted light bulb" travelling at pace 2,000ft above Kennington, Ashford.
- Three "very low, very bright lights" travelling in formation before doing "acrobatics" before a large "globe-like object appeared and changed colours in a pulsating way, in the skies of Littlebourne, near Canterbury.
- Lights in the sky which circled a caller's house in a "half-moon shape" in Folkestone.
- Sounding like an "industrial train", a UFO was spotted above Tonbridge flying around in

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

circles at the height of aircraft with a strange flashing coming from it.

The number of UFO sightings throughout the UK has risen dramatically over the last few years, from 97 in 2006 to 285 last year.

The figure of 10 in Kent was also the highest in 10 years.

Nick Pope, the MoD's former UFO project head, told the BBC the very fact the ministry was now publishing its files on sightings was generating interest in the phenomenon.

He added: "UFOs are a subject that almost everyone has an opinion on."

"It is one of those great subjects which if you mention it down the pub, someone will claim to have seen one, another will claim it's all a big Government cover-up and someone else will say it's all a load of rubbish."

Nineteen files covering sightings between 1986 and 1992 were made available to view for the first time last October.

They included a mysterious near-miss



**INTERGALACTIC VISITORS?** Newly-released reports reveal an increase in UFO sightings in the county's skies

between a UFO and a passenger jet in the skies above Lydd.

According to a report of the 1991 incident, the captain of the Alitalia airliner shouted to his co-pilot in surprise as a brown missile-shaped object shot past them overhead.

Other recorded sightings last year were not so detailed, with some members of the public notifying the MoD of UFOs without providing dates, times, locations or descriptions.

**Your Ashford**  
England  
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# I saw a UFO flying above the pub (and no, I hadn't been drinking)

by Pat Hills

SEEING stars is the norm for Gordon Maycock who keeps his eyes firmly fixed skywards as a keen space observer.

But the object he spotted twice high above the clouds over Withington on Sunday afternoon was, he believes, not of the terrestrial kind.

"It was really odd," he said. "A shape first caught my eye as I rode on a bus into the centre and then when I got off I saw it from a different perspective and it looked like it had a fin attached. It was moving slowly at first and then it suddenly just shot off into space out of sight. There was no vapour trail."

Gordon, 54, a frequent visitor to Withington from his home in nearby Wythenshawe, wonders if anyone else witnessed the UFO at 3-3.30pm on Sunday, March 29 afternoon as it came to hover above the Red Lion and local fire station in Withington.

"A man saw it at the bus stop and he said he couldn't make out what it was either," he said.



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April 2, 2009

Gordon Maycock: He spotted a UFO in Withington on Sunday

"I thought it was worth mentioning because I saw a similar sight last year in Bowden and then suddenly news of a UFO hit the newspaper headlines. I always keep my eyes to the sky looking for

what goes on there. Astronomy is so fascinating."

A spokesman from the Ministry of Defence said: "We have no reports of UFOs in that area at that time and on that date."

Harrow Observer  
England  
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## Photographer believes he may have seen a UFO in night sky

by Ian Proctor

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AN AMATEUR photographer who snapped a mysterious light from the window of his South Harrow home said it moved as quickly as a fighter jet.

Ahmad Zaigham, of Reverend Close, grabbed his camera when he saw what he believes was a UFO and said it was so fast he had trouble tracking it through the viewfinder.

He caught sight of the unexplained aerial object at 7.45pm on Tuesday, March 31 and uploaded the single image he managed to take to picture-sharing website Flickr.

He said: "The light coming from this thing is something I have never seen the like of."

"I don't think any aircraft has a light like this. And moments after this shot the object seemed to quickly fade in light and travel above at high speed."

"I did not hear any loud sound

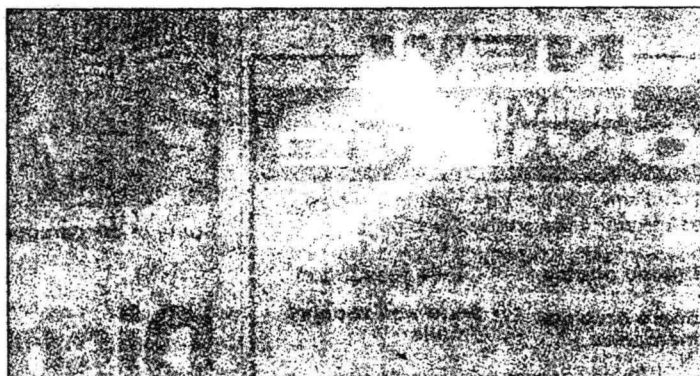
### Previous reported sightings

- April 1984 - Caterer Ruth Novelli spots UFO from back garden of Stanmore home
- March 1985 - Bright lights forming banana shape seen hovering above Wembley Stadium
- September 2008 - Police stage hoax UFO landing at Stag Lane Middle School as part of a story writing project

but I did hear a whistle kind of sound. I am still shocked."

The computer network engineer later told the Observer: "I was watching television sitting on the sofa. I was immersed in the TV programme and just by chance I saw this uncanny light in the sky."

"I was instantly mesmerised. As I am a keen amateur photographer, my camera is always in my reach at arm's length. I quickly turned on my Nikon and had one shot of



Caught on camera - a mysterious light moving over South Harrow last Tuesday.  
Picture contributed.

that ship while it was stationary.

"Then it moved rapidly up and above at incredible speed, a comparable speed to a fighter jet at full power."

"It was so fast that panning the camera in the direction was impossible."

Mr Zaigham said he may pass the picture to NASA, the American National Aeronautics and Space

Administration, although paranormal conspiracy websites have already started to question the photograph's authenticity.

This latest 'sighting' follows the release in May 2008 of previously-secret Ministry of Defence files on reports of supposed UFOs.

Upload your UFO pictures and stories at [www.harrowobserver.co.uk](http://www.harrowobserver.co.uk)

**Chichester Observer**  
**England**  
**April 9, 2009**

## Can anyone explain UFO above harbour?

A MOTORIST was left speechless when he spotted a strange object hovering in the skies above Chichester Harbour.

James Morgan said he and his friends were startled by the unidentified flying object which he described as a 'very visible disc-shaped object'.

The 22-year-old kitesurfing instructor from Earmley said: "It was approximately 200ft in the air within the vicinity of Birdham Road near the Chichester Harbour junction on Friday at about 5.45pm.

"It was rotating on its own axis and just staying there. It was metallic silver in its appearance and looked like nothing I have ever seen.

"Everyone in the car saw it straight away and I am sure lots of other people would have seen it as well.

"We even turned around to stop and have a better look, but it sped off to the cloud line until it was out of sight."

Mr Morgan added: "I am more than certain that it wasn't a plane, helicopter, balloon, remote control blimp or anything that the Ministry of Defence could explain."

### GET IN TOUCH

Did you see the disc-shaped flying object? Let us know by emailing [news@chlobserver.co.uk](mailto:news@chlobserver.co.uk)

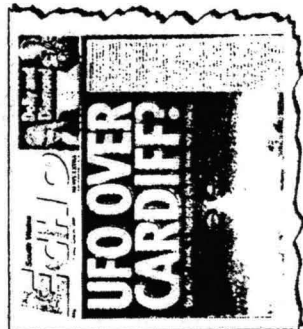
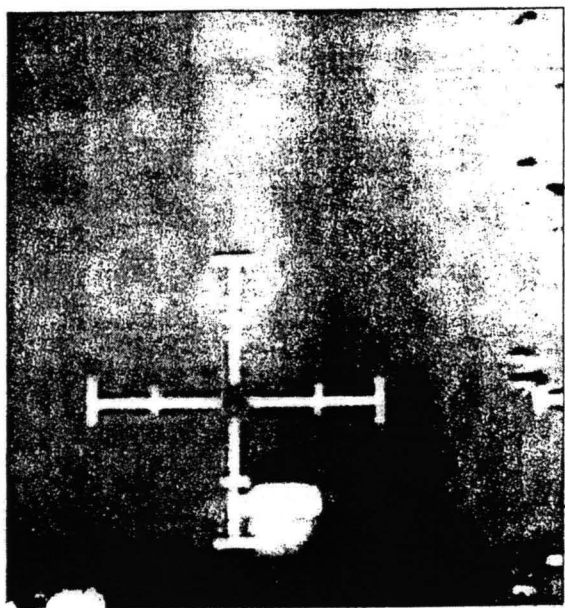
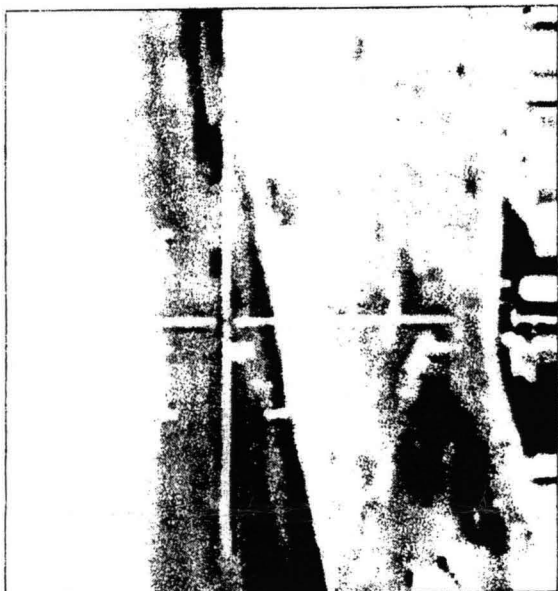
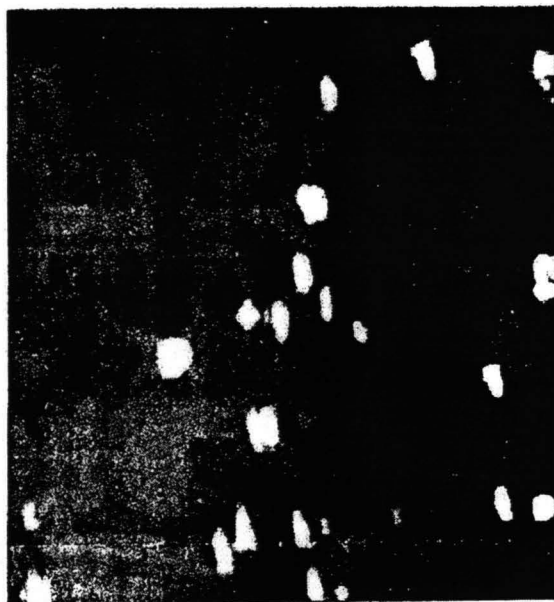
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**England**  
**April 17, 2009**

## UFO expert speaks

REGARDLESS of the Chinese lanterns behind most of the town's "extra-terrestrial" sightings, the country's top "UFO expert" is coming to give a conference for a local paranormal interest group. Nick Pope, former head of the Government's UFO research project, has lent his views on crop circles, alien abductions and other happenings to numerous television documentaries, books and lectures. He will join four other speakers at the Into the Unknown event. The conference has been organised by local group Into the Unknown, which meets every month to discuss the paranormal. It will be held on Sunday, May 31, between 9am and 6pm at Garston Manor. For details visit [www.garston-manor-weddings.co.uk/ufo-conference.html](http://www.garston-manor-weddings.co.uk/ufo-conference.html) or telephone 01923 675535.

Online.co.uk

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## Helicopter's close encounter with speeding UFO

Images of the UFO seen above RAF St Athan last year and, right, how we reported the sighting

The source added the mysterious craft flew towards Cardiff and out across the Bristol Channel. South Wales Police reported the sighting, which has yet to be officially explained, to the "relevant authority".

"They are convinced it was a UFO. It sounds far-fetched, but they know what they saw. These guys are hardened professionals and know people will take the mick, but they are certain they saw a UFO."

what appeared to be another craft hurtling towards him from below. A source said: "The chopper had to swerve sharply to avoid being hit. The guys said if they'd stayed where they were, they'd be dead - it would have been a direct hit."

LAST summer alien-hunters descended on South Wales after a police helicopter crew reported a UFO above RAF St Athan in the Vale of Glamorgan. The pilot was at 500ft awaiting clearance to land when he spotted



■ VICTIM: Zygmund Adamski died in 1980

## Plea for help in 30 year 'UFO' mystery

A RETIRED detective is calling for readers to help him solve a mystery death with links to Huddersfield.

The death of Zygmund Adamski, in June 1980, was never solved.

He was found dead at Tomlin's coal yard in Todmorden with strange burn marks on the back of

his neck. He had disappeared a few days earlier in the run-up to his god-daughter's wedding.

His death attracted a large amount of coverage, with some reports linking it to UFOs.

A coroner recorded an open verdict at the time but now, nearly 30 years on, former policeman John Hanson is bidding for the

cold-case to re-opened and to dispel any links with UFOs.

Mr Hanson said he was convinced there were people in the area West Yorkshire who knew the truth.

He said: "I've been up there and spoken to many of the people involved. It's an interesting story. he was certainly abducted and I

suspect that two of the people involved had connections with Huddersfield."

"I'm hopeful that I can attract the attention of somebody out there who wants to put the record straight."

Anybody with information can ring Mr Hanson on 0121 445 0340 or email: [johnhawn1@sky.com](mailto:johnhawn1@sky.com)

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**England**  
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FIVE PLACES

## Walk in the shoes of Bigfoot

The West Coast is the stomping grounds, literally, for the mysterious, elusive beastie whose aliases include sasquatch, yeti and ZZ Top guitarist. While most sightings and related sites are in Northern California and the Pacific Northwest, there are plenty of places to get into the Bigfoot spirit, if not actually follow in big footsteps. And you know what they say about big feet — there's always a festival or a souvenir stand somewhere nearby.

— Spud Hilton

### 1. Happy Camp (Siskiyou County)

Legend has it that Happy Campers have been spotting Bigfoot and his kin for more than a century, although in recent years most of the related action is at the annual Bigfoot Jamboree on Labor Day Weekend. Festivities include a parade, a concert and the crowning of the Bigfoot Jamboree Queen. The town, about 15 miles south of the Oregon border, occasionally holds the Bigfoot Summer Games on Memorial Day weekend. Visit the statue of the big guy (made entirely of donated scrap metal), and at night, bed down at the Bigfoot RV Park and Cabins, 112 Davis Road, (530) 493-2884. For more, call the Happy Camp chamber at (530) 493-2900.

### 2. San Diego Museum of Man

Unlike many "museums" with a Bigfoot angle, this one isn't a glorified gift shop that can be towed to festivals and county fairs. There's a curator, permanent walls and, most important, a reconstruction of a Gigantopithecus blacki, the extinct towering primate that is considered the closest kin to modern day Bigfoot. The full-size replica was built for the museum based on Giganto skeleton specs. 1350 El Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego, (619) 239-2001, [www.museumofman.org](http://www.museumofman.org).

### 3. The Bigfoot Lodge, Los Angeles

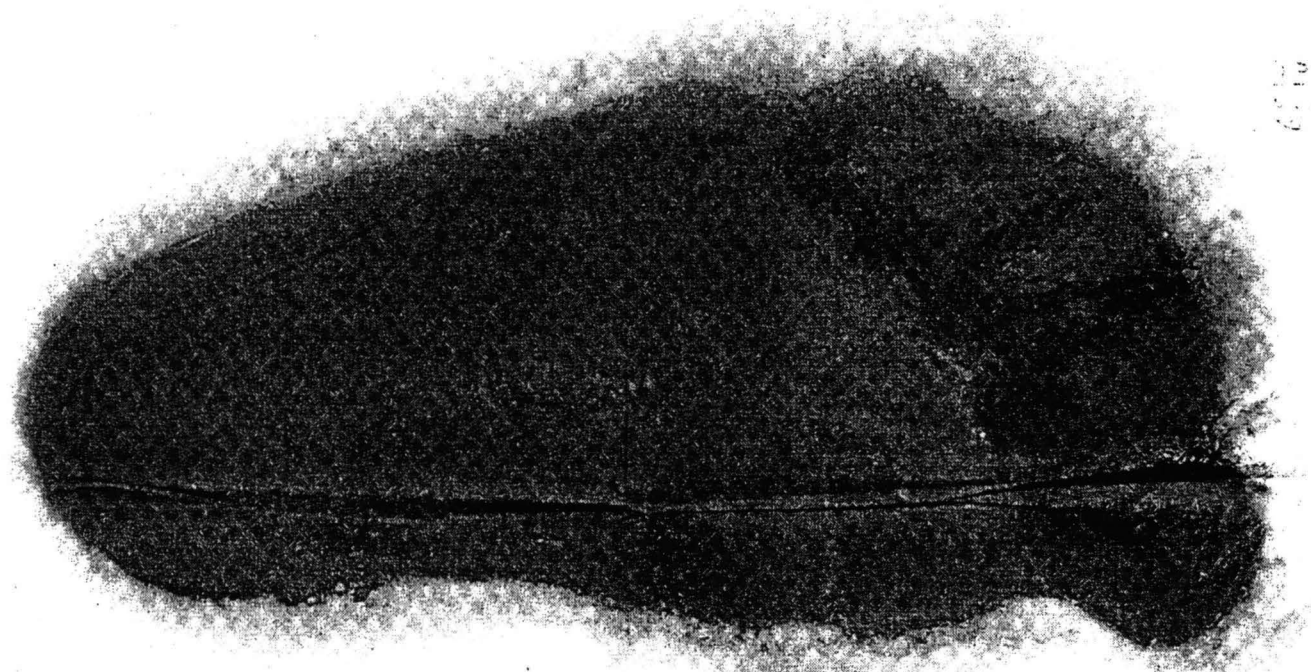
Not a lodge in the "lodging" sense so much as a hippish dive bar in a log cabin setting or, as one Yelp reviewer put it, what you get when you "mix Yosemite and Los Angeles." The waiters wear Boy Scout shirts, there's a huge sign for Sasquatch National Park and the drink menu includes the Toasted Marshmallow, the Sasquatch and the Girl Scout Cookie. Beyond that, there's not a lot of connection with the bar's namesake, although after a few Toasted Marshmallows, you probably won't care. 3172 Los Feliz Blvd., Los Angeles, (323) 662-9227. (There's a sister bar in San Francisco at 1750 Polk St., (415) 440-2355) [www.bigfootlodge.com](http://www.bigfootlodge.com).

### 4. Willow Creek, Humboldt County

This tiny town lays claim to Bigfoot heritage and backs it up at the Bigfoot Museum (more accurately, the Bigfoot wing of the Willow Creek-China Flat Museum) and an annual Bigfoot Days event with a parade, live music and a disc golf tournament (which sounds UFO themed, really). It's also where the most famous Bigfoot footage was filmed. Museum: 38949 Highway 299, Willow Creek, (530) 629-2653, [www.bigfootcountry.net](http://www.bigfootcountry.net). Bigfoot Days are in downtown Willow Creek on Labor Day weekend (Sept. 5-7).

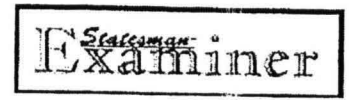
### 5. Bigfoot Discovery Museum

The last reported sighting of a hulking, hairy biped (other than surfers) in the Santa Cruz Mountains was 1980, but that didn't stop a Felton couple from starting the Bigfoot Discovery Project and related museum in 2003 "to encourage the nonexploitation and preservation of Bigfoot." The museum has plenty of high-minded resources about the study of Bigfoot — as well as kitchy, fun stuff and souvenirs for entertainment value. Get photos with the cool statues. 5497 Highway 9, Felton, (831) 335-4478, [www.bigfootdiscoveryproject.com](http://www.bigfootdiscoveryproject.com).





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# Sasquatch sited in Little Pend Orielle

Explorer has face-to-face encounter with creature

BY PACK U.M. LIES  
S-E Staff Reporter

David Thompson Davenport loves the outdoors. Since a boy he's been hunting, fishing, hiking and camping in some of the worlds most exotic areas.

"I remember tromping through the jungles of Peru and seeing Machu Picchu for the first time with Poppa, exploring wild places and seeing strange and new plants and animals," said Davenport.

His father, William Davenport, would lead American tourists all over the world in the 50's and 60's. But nothing could prepare David for what he would encounter in the wilds of Northeast Washington's Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge.

Inspired by the recent popularity of survivalist shows fifty-eight year old Davenport decided to use

his experience as a woodsman to write a book on surviving in the remote areas in his home area.

"I see these kids on TV going out jumping over waterfalls and eating raw fish and I thought I'd show 'em how to do it a little more civilized," said Davenport.

His camping journal over the period of one month would serve as the first few chapters about winter camping. Davenport packed an ax, a coffee can full of small supplies and a sleeping bag and set out into the Blacktail Mountain area.

The first nine days were uneventful and wonderful according to Davenport. He spent his time hiking further up into the mountains building snow forts and trapping small game. By day ten he was ready to set up a more permanent camp. Using his ax, Davenport constructed a rather sturdy shelter out of small pine trees.

Something out there...

By day thirteen he had a leak proof roof and even a makeshift hearth with a chimney made from an old rusted pipe he found nearby in what looked like an illegal dumping site next to an old logging road. That night was the beginning of strange events.

At about 11 p.m. a large rock came crashing through Davenport's shelter.

"I was scared half to death! I thought maybe a branch had fallen above me," he recalled.

When Davenport crawled out and looked around he says something huge moving in the woods approximately 15-yards away.

"I had just put my glasses on and my eyes were straining in the darkness. I thought the figure was a moose. I had seen their tracks earlier that week," Davenport said.

In the dark of night Davenport repaired the hole in his shelter and went back to bed. Davenport says, "All through the night I kept hearing knocking of wood and crashing. I was really afraid that the moose was upset about me presence and may decide to tear up

my little cabin. Moose can get pretty aggressive." It wasn't until the next morning that Davenport discovered that the branch that fell through his shelter was actually a bowling ball sized rock. Davenport says he was "confused as to where the rock came from". He had to walk about 30-yards to find the stones for his fire place.

That day Davenport went to check the traps he had set. He found that many of them had been set but all was left was bits of fur. Others had been disturbed or even moved off a great distance. Davenport admits he was still uneasy about the night before. "I started wondering if the moose I saw was actually a predator."

Davenport decided to move his traps further away from camp in case they were attracting a mountain lion. He spent most of the day writing in his journal about trapping methods. In addition to his snare traps he also set a medium sized leg hold spring trap.

In the early hours of the morning Davenport

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# Sasquatch in Little Pend Orielle

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was awoken to a horrible sound.

"At first it was like a scream. I thought maybe my trap had snapped at a cougar. But seconds later it was followed by an angry yell that reminded me of a large ape or orangutan."

*"I kept thinking it was a bear..."*

For the next few hours Davenport held up his ax in readiness for attack as the woods around him echoed crashing and thrashing.

"I kept thinking maybe it was a bear or something, but deep down I knew," stated Davenport.

Even now Davenport is reluctant to use the word Bigfoot. It started to snow heavily before dawn and after a pot of coffee and a few hours of reasoning, Davenport decided he would hike out to check his traps. His snare trap had caught a wild hare. Further on he found the source of the commotion, his Bridger #5 Leg hold Trap. He regretted hurting a big predator like that, knowing an injury like that could lead to starvation for the poor animal. He could see blood and hair but the animal had escaped. Then he noticed that the trap had been broken in two.

"I knew this was wrong. These traps are made

extremely well and I've never seen one broken. The strength it would take. Impossible."

Davenport also could see huge impressions in the snow but couldn't identify the animal because of the recent snowfall. Having not eaten much the day before Davenport collected wood and built a fire to cook his rabbit before heading back to his camp. With a full belly Davenport hiked back to camp a few hours later. What he found shook him to his core.

"My camp was literally pulled apart. My shelter was ripped apart. Logs and stones were thrown everywhere. My coffee can pot was flattened and my sleeping bag was torn to bits. All the stuffing was strewn about all over the place. I thought, 'It's time to leave, now.' I didn't know if it was a crazy man in the woods playing tricks on me but I was sticking around to find out."

Davenport quickly picked up what he could find and started down the mountain, ax in hand. About two hours into the trek David couldn't escape the feeling he was being stalked. Finally he stopped and turned around.

"At first I couldn't see anything but trees and snow. Then a bit of movement caught my eye. He was right there, standing a stones throw away next to

a large cedar." Davenport describes the beast as an enormous black, and gray ape that stood like a man. The animal had dark eyes, broad shoulders and was covered in long hair. Davenport says he met eyes with the animal and the animal began to charge. "I raised my ax and began to scream. I've never heard a scream like that come out of me. Absolute fear. I sounded like a little girl. Before I could bring the ax down to strike it had he in a tight bear hug. The pressure was so much I dropped the ax. I was still screaming and kicking wildly. Finally he wrapped his huge palm around my face. I couldn't breathe. I must have passed out."

David Thompson Davenport woke up in a ditch on Highway 20 just north of Park Rapids. A truck driver picked him up and dropped him in Colville where he called his grandson. Davenport sustained only scratches and bruises from his ordeal. Davenport has not contacted local wildlife authorities and was very hesitant to speak with The Statesman-Examiner. Davenport plans on finishing his book in the desert lands of Nevada, "where it's safer."

To report sightings of the Pend Oreille Sasquatch please submit a letter of your experience to P.O. Box 271, Colville, WA.