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Fiery, Fast-Moving Object Seen In Sky



**In Memoriam
John Alva Keel
1930-2009**

Photo Special to the Sun

Pauline Petsel, of Birds Bridge Road, photographed this fiery object in the night sky on Monday from her home on Birds Bridge Road. She and her husband, Carl, say they don't know what the object was.

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The Greeneville Sun
Greeneville, TN

Three Observers Aren't Sure What They Saw Monday

BY BILL JONES
STAFF WRITER

A Birds Bridge Road couple saw, and photographed, a fiery, fast-moving object in the sky over southern Greene County on Monday night. Carl and Pauline Petsel say they don't know what the object was that they and a friend, who was visiting their home, saw about 10:30 p.m. Monday.

Carl Petsel, who is a retired St. Petersburg, Fla., police officer, said he first noticed the object in the night sky as he looked south toward Camp Creek Bald (sometimes called Viking Mountain) in an attempt to see fireworks. He noted that the object was moving rapidly in a southerly direction toward the mountains that form the border with North Carolina. Carl Petsel said he is convinced that the object was moving away from the area where fireworks were being shot into the air by a neighbor and appeared to be moving faster than space satellites he was seen in the past.

After he told his wife and their friend, Patti Ritter, what he had seen, Carl Petsel said, his wife, who is a skilled amateur photographer,

rushed outside and took several photos of the fleeting object with a digital camera. On Tuesday, Greeneville Sun photographer Jim Feltman attempted to enhance the digital images of the object Mrs. Petsel photographed.

After reviewing the enhanced photos, Carl Petsel said he thought the object might have been a meteor that was entering the atmosphere. But Pauline Petsel said she was unconvinced that the object was a meteor. "When I first saw it, it looked like it was on fire," she said, noting that the object appeared to her to have dropped vertically toward the earth before making a sudden "right turn" and speeding away toward the Asheville Highway (Tennessee Route 70 South).

Mrs. Petsel also said she believed the object had been moving along horizontally at a level below the top of the mountains that border southern Greene County. However, Mr. Petsel said he believed the object could have been higher than the mountain tops.

In a written statement, the Petsel's friend, Patti Ritter, said the object initially appeared to be roughly about three-quarters of the size of the full moon. She described the object as being orange in color and noted that it appeared to have "flames on it toward the bottom." In her statement, Ritter wrote that the wind was blowing in a direction opposite to the object's direction of travel when she saw it. "It took only a very short time to move and be out of sight," Ritter wrote. She noted that she was surprised that the object did not appear larger in the digital photos that Mrs. Petsel took.

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Rod Dyke

Boca UFO? Naaaah!

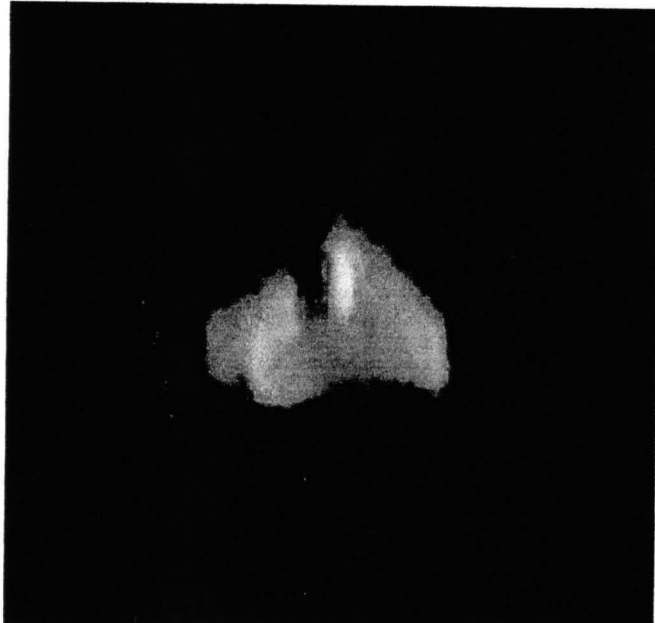


Image seen over Boca Raton Monday night (WPTV-Ch.5)
WPTV-Ch.5

BOCA RATON - Residents in a Boca Raton neighborhood say they looked up Monday night around 9 p.m. and saw a mysterious green light.

"This thing was going crazy zig zagging, like shot across the sky," Ryan Helfrich said. "That was unbelievable! Like nothing I've ever seen before."

They claim it drew images in the sky for two and a half hours.

Eric Vandernoot, an astronomer at Florida Atlantic University, said it wasn't the space station, but it definitely was not a UFO, either.

Vandernoot told NewsChannel 5, "I think it's something here of earth nothing extra terrestrial."

He had a few theories on what it could really be.

Vandernoot claimed it looked similar to debris falling from a satellite, but that wouldn't dart across the sky the way the witnesses described.

Vandernoot explained that it could just be a hoax.

He said someone could have been flashing a green laser onto a balloon or something else floating in the sky.

But the teens said what they saw was real. They said there was no way a laser could have done the things they witnessed.

Boca Raton police said one of their officers also saw that green glow and called his supervisor to report it.

"There's no way this is a hoax," Helfrich told NewsChannel 5. "I know it looks like a hoax cause it's just kids, but it's not a hoax."

Vandernoot said, "I know they want a good UFO story, and trust me, scientists, especially space scientists, would love a good UFO story too but they have no evidence."

But Helfrich said he had enough proof and sense of humor to stick with his story that a UFO did visit South Florida.

"Maybe it was just looking for a good place to retire. I don't know...it's Boca," he said.

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Idaho UFO makes two 'crash-like' maneuvers; hovers low over field

July 3, 2009

There may be multiple witnesses to this June 30 UFO sighting, as reported from an Idaho witness who was driving and saw what he first thought was an airplane about to crash, according to witness testimony from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) database.

"It was going so fast towards the ground and then stopped abruptly," the witness wrote.

The object then hovered momentarily, and took off into the sky again.

Then it moved at a high rate of speed toward the ground again as though it was going to crash, but stopped again.

The witness continued driving toward the object until the object was very close. The witness says the object on close inspection had a series of blue and white lights and was hovering 3 to 4 feet over a field, before flying right by the witness.

The witness also observed other vehicles had pulled over behind his vehicle and were watching the object as well.

Please keep in mind that most UFO reports can be explained as something natural or manmade. If Idaho MUFON Director Augustine Fawkes investigates and reports back on this case, I will update this page.

The following report is unedited.

ID, June 30, 2009 - It was flying really fast, with really bright lights.

i was driving home from a friends house at about 11 pm on june 30th 09. i thought i was seeing an airplane about to crash into the ground 2 mins from me.

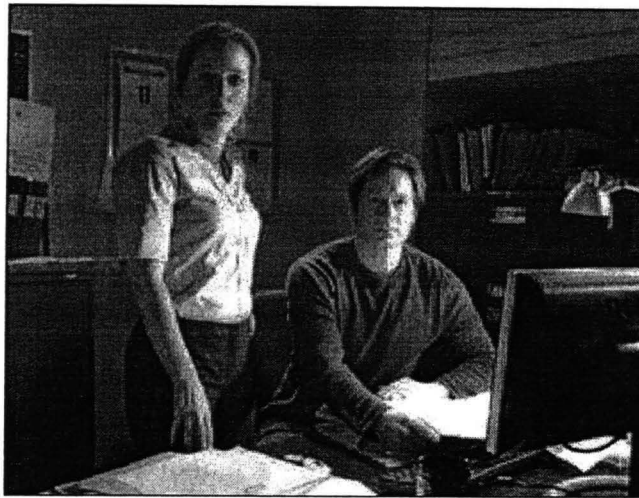
i was so scared because i thought it would blow up right there in front of me. it was going so fast towards the ground and then stopped abruptly.

it hovered for a second and took off really fast towards the left at a 45 degree angle.it was so strange so i started to pay attention.

then it looked like it was about to crash a second time, but didnt once again. about 1 min later i was driving right next to the thing. the lights were really really bright. big white lights and smaller blue ones in a pattern. [white, blue, white, blue and so on]. not like any aircraft i have seen.

it was hovering 3-4 feet over a field. then it took off past me right as i was driving by. there were a few people pulled over behind me so im sure they were watching it too.

New England UFO network leader seeks area investigators



Calling Seacoast Mulders and Scullys...



Portsmouth, NH

By Lily Robertson

June 18, 2009

Steve Firmani is looking for New England residents who have their eyes to the sky. He wants people who want to believe.

As the newly appointed director of New England MUFON (Mutual UFO Network), Firmani has been given the task of reorganizing six states into a tightly knit and well-oiled structure.

Previously, the New England chapter was split into various states. Communications broke down, directors came and went, and the organization lacked coherency and stability. The organization wasn't organized. Firmani saw the problem and brought it to the attention of the National MUFON Director James Carrion, who agreed that steps had to be taken. He charged Firmani with the task of bringing New England together. It may seem like a daunting task, but Firmani has been a dedicated researcher for more than 30 years and gladly rose to the challenge.

His interest in UFOs began as far back as elementary school. A few of his fellow classmates reported a sighting and they were ridiculed by most of the students. Firmani stood by them because he believed there had to be more to this universe than just the comparably small number of people on this planet. His research began in earnest in his early

twenties and he's been actively involved in UFO investigation organizations ever since.

While a lot of people may call UFO researchers and believers "crackpots" or worse, Firmani is an example of those who put the name callers to shame.

"You can't prove an unidentified flying object, but you can prove an identified one," says Firmani.

The first thing MUFON does when it receives a report is to investigate all the surrounding possibilities. The incident report form requires that you state the location, time and date of the event. The investigators for MUFON check weather anomalies, FAA reports, military activity, and a host of other possible conditions that may prove the sighting to be something perfectly normal that was simply misconstrued.

"Recently we had reports from several individuals about a series of blue flashing lights in the sky. It turned out to be a blown power transformer."

Like Sherlock Holmes, MUFON takes the approach that when you rule out the impossible, whatever remains, no matter how improbable, must be the truth. Chicken Little, they're not.

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There are four classes of sightings. The first two categories are "light in the sky" related. The third category is actual physical ground contact by the object or human contact with an object or being. The fourth involves abductions. If, after ruling out normal terrestrial factors, MUFON cannot discover a natural explanation for the reported incident, and the individual reporting it seems rational, further investigation will be deemed warranted.

Bigelow Aerospace has recently teamed up with MUFON to fund and create SIP (the Star Impact Project). In cases of type 3 encounters, a team of scientists will arrive to investigate on a forensic level within 24 hours of the initial report. The "regular" investigators for MUFON aren't just a bunch of starry-eyed dreamers. They go through rigorous study and testing, as well as buddy-system training with veteran investigators. Study covers a wide range of subjects from atmospheric phenomenon to astronomy.

New England MUFON encompasses a lot of territory. Included are Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont, as well as working with New York on cases that cross the state lines.

With more than 30 years of research and investigative background under his belt, Firmani has a clear vision of the restructuring of New England MUFON. By making the New England network better organized and grounded, Firmani hopes to attract investigators.

He's not looking to break up the organization into states. He wants to focus on territories that cross state lines;

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"zone directors" who have the time and willingness to dedicate themselves to their posts.

Along with their organizational and investigative duties, they will host monthly meetings for both members and non-members alike. While youths from ages 12 to 17 are welcomed and encouraged to learn about the field by MUFON, only adults can become investigators.

Although he was invited to speak at the upcoming Exeter UFO Festival, Firmani is more interested in attending the event than speaking.

"Reorganizing New England is quite a task, and I'm not sure I'd have the time to put something together. Besides, there are a lot of presentations I'd like to attend. It's going to be a fun event and I'll definitely be there!"

Firmani recently launched a new Web site that's informative, entertaining, and user friendly. It features tools and links for learning more about Ufology.

The sighting report page was built to be comprehensive and easy to understand in order to aid anyone contacting the organization.

Firmani knows from experience that many people fear being considered whacked by their community if they speak out about UFO sightings, and he wants them to feel comfortable knowing there are people out there with scientific minds who will take them seriously. Firmani wants us to know that we are not alone.



YOUR CLIPPINGS of newspaper items are very welcome. We apologise here for being generally unable to acknowledge these items as the pressure of work on our tiny staff and on our postage resources is too great. However, please do not be deterred by this seeming lack of courtesy. We really do appreciate anything you care to send.

Local UFO research group looks into the unexplained



Joe Cambria, left, and Greg Berghorn of the New England UFO Research Organization

By Chris Bergeron/Daily News staff

Framingham, MA

Jul 05, 2009

For Greg Berghorn and Joe Cambria, "The truth is out there."

And they have spent decades analyzing claims of UFO sightings, poring over radar tapes and "official" reports, and interviewing people who saw things that can't be explained.

"When people ask me if I believe in UFOs, I tell them 'no.' That's for the shock value," said Berghorn, a mechanical engineer and long-time Framingham resident. "If I knew the answers, there'd be no point in looking. I find the questions fascinating."

Those questions range from "high-strangeness, high-credibility" sightings - mysterious objects over Woburn and Billerica - to reports of crop circles in New England all the way to a New Hampshire couple's claim they'd been abducted and examined by aliens.

Unlike Fox Mulder and Dana Scully, the odd couple investigators of the sci-fi TV series "The X-Files," Berghorn and Cambria are sober-minded engineers

more comfortable with quantifiable data than reports of little green men.

"We're investigating cases all the time. We've got an enormous case file," said Berghorn. "We've heard the weirdest things imaginable. But we're looking for the kernel of verifiable fact within."

They are the founders of New England UFO Research Organization (NEUFOR), a nonprofit group with about 50 members that meets the second Wednesday of every month in the Framingham library.

"Membership is quite varied. Mostly it's people who want to learn about UFOs and other phenomena," said Berghorn. "We all have day jobs."

Berghorn serves as director and Cambria as assistant director. They said "technical" meetings are open to the public while business meetings about the group's finances are not.

Last December, NEUFOR left its parent organization of many years, Massachusetts Mutual UFO Network, to broaden the geographic scope of its inquiries.

Maintaining a 24-hour hotline, NEUFOR volunteers investigate between 30 and 50 unusual sightings a year. Cambria said most sightings turn out to be commercial flights, unusual weather and reflections from satellites or comets.

"If there's something strange in the sky, God only knows how many people saw it," said Cambria, a Wakefield resident who works in the biomedical field. "One of the biggest problems for us is that few take the initiative to find us online and call us."

Since concerns about public ridicule discourage callers, Cambria said NEUFOR protects the confidentiality of all "experiencers."

"When someone calls, it's important to validate their concerns about what they've seen," he said. "One of

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the biggest problems is that these things don't stand still."

Breaking in, Berghorn called delayed reporting the "Keystone Cop effect because investigators often respond after the event is over."

During their free time, they investigate local claims while learning as much as possible about internationally famous cases. The most recent possible sighting, Berghorn said, came several weeks ago from a Saugus resident who claimed to have seen "a bright object over Logan Airport that took a sharp right turn and was gone."

"People experience something that can't be explained. We can't give everyone all the answers. But we can give them support," he said.

Several years ago, Berghorn met Betty Hill, who after hypnosis claimed along with her husband Barney, that they'd been abducted by extraterrestrials in September 1961. While both Hills have since died, Berghorn has unanswered questions about Betty's story.

When several similar reports occur from the same area or time, researchers label them "a flap," they pay special attention. "That's when life becomes fun," said Berghorn.

Few sightings, however, can be resolved with scientific clarity. "As my wife says, a lot of things end up murky and unresolved," said Berghorn. "You're not always left with a comfortable solution."

When evaluating claims, Berghorn "graphs each case according to the credibility of witnesses and the level of strangeness" of the claims.

Since their resources are stretched thin, he said group members don't have the time to track down every call about "lights in the sky."

Instead they use software that tracks planetary movements and radar records to eliminate the mistaking of aircraft or planets for UFOs.

He's found that only very few claims are outright hoaxes.

When investigating claims, Berghorn said researchers look for an "ulterior motive," like writing a book or making paid appearances, that might undermine their credibility. "Generally, the lion's share of people don't want publicity," he said.

Berghorn and Cambria both say their fascination with UFOs began as teenagers during the Cold War at a time Hollywood make movies like "The Day the Earth Stood Still" and newspapers frequently ran articles about UFO sightings and crashes.

"As a kid, I was fascinated by things that had no explanation," said Cambria. "Fascination draws you to it and here we are."

Though he's never seen a UFO, he said his "strangest experience" was witnessing "a bright object traveling very fast and silently over the White Mountains.

An Illinois native, Berghorn dated his interest to attending a lecture by J. Allen Hynek, a famed UFOlogist who served as a consultant on the U.S. Air Force's "Project Bluebook," which researched unexplained sightings.

While not generally known, Berghorn said UFO sightings in New England date back to 1635 when two men fishing on the Charles River claimed to have seen "flying pigs."

When examined by contemporary criteria, he said the seemingly odd claim makes perfect sense because the men, who were in fact pig farmers, described something unusual from their own perspective.

"We shouldn't be surprised when people in 1635 try to explain the unknown in terms of what they know," Berghorn said. "We'd do the same thing today."

Another sphere-triangle UFO witness comes forward

June 29, 2009

A sphere-triangle UFO was seen again recently - this time caught on video over Illinois. Recent reports were made to the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) database where three unrelated witnesses in Texas and Kansas described the same object. The Illinois case may be another report.

The earlier cases and a case possibly connected from outside of Roswell, NM, can be read at [Sphere UFO reported by three witnesses in two states](#).

On June 20, an Illinois witness noticed a bright object on the horizon, "a cluster of lights which seemed to be travelling together in formation."

The witness said "the formation appeared to be a cluster of roughly coplanar lights in a sort-of triangular arrangement. It made no sound at all. Judging from the way the scale of the object changed as it moved across the sky, I would guess that it was approximately at the same height as a passenger jet at cruising altitude."

The witness was gone about 40 seconds to get a video camera, so the two minutes of video footage show the object further along in its path.

Ufologists are discussing the idea of whether or not reports of three spheres connected by metal-looking rods is a new UFO shape. While we look back into the past, we do have a micro trend here with seemingly related cases over a short period of time with a recent rise in sphere sightings and these cases of three connected spheres.

I relayed the idea of an upswing in sphere style UFOs today to Dr. Mark Rodeghier, scientific director of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS).

"You have to be careful at extrapolating trends from small numbers of reports, whether that be spheres, triangles, or UFOs colored fuchsia," Rodeghier said. "That said, I think that the focus you are placing on finding commonalities in current reports is something that the UFO field could use. There has been work on large-scale trends in the UFO phenomenon, such as the number of cases each year, or relationships between the color of UFOs and their shape. What there hasn't been much of is looking for micro trends, where micro can be defined as either localized in time or space (or both)."

Rodeghier said he thinks research on these shorter trends would be worthwhile.

"Whether UFOs are extradimensional or alien, or something even weirder," he said, "it would be worth knowing that the same general type of UFO, or the same entity, is seen over a relatively brief period. If

nothing else, it would argue for some objective reality to the phenomenon."

Please keep in mind that most UFO reports can be explained as something natural or manmade. If Illinois MUFON Director Sam Maranto investigates and reports back on this case, I will update this page.

The following report is unedited.

IL, June 20, 2009 - A cluster of bright scintillating lights in formation passed across the sky

I was wrapping-up some work on my computer at about 5:20 AM on June 20, 2009, when the morning twilight began to filter through the windows. It being my birthday, and the weather being particularly pleasant, I decided to go outside to observe the dawn sky. I stepped out onto my front porch and looked up into the southern sky.

I immediately noticed a very bright object about 30 degrees above the horizon. At first, I thought it was a very bright planet, but I then noticed that it was moving towards me and to the northwest.

As the object came closer, I could see that it was not a single point of light; instead, it was a cluster of lights which seemed to be travelling together in formation. The cluster did not resemble an airplane.

Instead, it seemed to be composed of several individual elements of various sizes arranged in a "double-cross" or diamond-like pattern. The lights scintillated in a way that suggested to me that the morning sun which was just about to rise was reflecting off the object.

I have often seen jets reflecting sunlight in the twilight hours, but this thing in the sky did not look *at all* like a plane. When I realized that I was definitely not seeing a conventional aircraft, I thought to myself, "I am seeing a f-ing UFO!".

I raced inside and grabbed a small handheld video camera. By the time I got back outside (about 40 seconds later), the object had moved overhead along the same smooth trajectory in the sky it had been taking since I first noticed it.

I began filming the object. The video clearly shows a bright object moving in the sky, but the fine structure of the formation was not clearly captured by the camera (which unfortunately does not have a zoom lens). I shot video for about 2 minutes as the object receded into the northwestern sky.

When it was passing overhead and to the north, the formation appeared to be a cluster of roughly coplanar lights in a sort-of triangular arrangement. It made no sound at all. Judging from the way the scale of the object changed as it moved across the sky, I would guess that it was approximately at the same height as a passenger jet at cruising altitude.

The experience left me excited and a bit flabbergasted. I reviewed the video footage and was somewhat disappointed to find that the shape of the object on the video was not clear. I made a couple of quick pencil-sketches to record my impression of the cluster's shape, and then retired to bed.

Klayman: UFOs an Obama issue



HeraldTribune.com

By Billy Cox

Sarasota, FL

Friday, July 10, 2009

The failure of several federal agencies to respond to Larry Klayman's FOIA requests for UFO records within the legally prescribed waiting period has apparently given the conservative agitator an opening to test President Obama's commitment to transparency.

"I feel it's a national security issue," says the former Judicial Watch boss whose lawsuits dogged the Clinton administration during the Nineties. "The kinds of things, frankly, they say about how you know lawyers are lying because their lips are moving? The government's been lying even more."

In a conference call from Miami along with Eric Lightman, director of his most recent activist non-profit called Freedom Watch, Klayman says he doesn't expect to get a full accounting of the coverup. What he's gunning for is a government admission that UFO data is classified on national security grounds. If successful, that would torpedo the official Air Force policy position that's been in place since the termination of its public UFO studies 40 years ago.

"We're not waiting for them to go through their administrative aspects," Klayman says. "We're going straight into a court of law because they're in violation." Which portends taking depositions from government officials who "shouldn't have a problem with this if it isn't a national security issue, as they claim."

Should the legal narrative play out as Klayman predicts, he could file for a summary judgement where the court could rule on inconsistencies in sworn testimony without a trial. "This is generally where these guys get caught, fudging or lying on an affidavit," Klayman says.

Just which cases Freedom Watch will target has yet to be determined. "There's so many big incidents out there," Lightman says.

But perhaps more important than choosing a case is choosing a venue for the action. Klayman has a home in Los Angeles and is tempted to fire the opening round in Southern California because "it's fantasyland." And with the right amount of publicity, anything can happen.

"The media loves a good story," Klayman says, a prerequisite for keeping pressure on the judges. "Most (judges) are egocentric, they don't make a lot of money and they like to get their names in the news."

Moreover, Klayman doesn't see his challenge as a partisan issue because Dems and Republicans are equally culpable for keeping their constituents in the dark, perhaps for mutually beneficial reasons. "I think the intent is, government never wanted to acknowledge there's another force out there more powerful than itself," Klayman says.

"And once you make that leap," Lightman adds, "then anything's possible. And I wouldn't be surprised if some of the conspiracy theories are based on fact."

At <http://www.freedomwatchusa.org/>, you can read about Freedom Watch's class-action suit against Venezuela's Hugo Chavez for supporting crimes against humanity, updates on Klayman's efforts to depose Hillary Clinton for her alleged role in the "Filegate" controversy of the Nineties, and even the group's efforts to discover how much money the Obama White House is spending on entertainment. But no mention of its impending action on UFOs. Lightman says the Web page is being updated and the UFO news will appear shortly.

Klayman says he's unfazed by the latest volley of "UFO nut" tomatoes splattering around him. "I think the nicest thing that's been said about me actually came from The National Journal," he says. "They said Larry Klayman is the number one litigator for the public interest."

Michigan 'cluster of lights' may be another sphere-triangle UFO

June 30, 2009

Several recent UFO reports from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) database have described what appears to be the same object - a cluster of three spheres that seem to be attached. Reports were filed on these objects near Dallas, TX, April 22, Crockett, TX, April 23, Kansas City, KS, June 16, and from Illinois on June 20.

A Michigan report for June 28 may be related as the witness, driving along the Southfield freeway, states that "I looked up and saw that it was a cluster of lights." The object was described as silent and hovering.

I am also including a California report below from June 26, where the witness describes the object as "orange, glowing appearance, moving in straight line, not too fast but elegantly, made up of circular round looking light sources."

Please keep in mind that most UFO reports can be explained as something natural or manmade. If Michigan MUFON reports back on this case, I will update this page.

The following reports are unedited.

MI, June 28, 2009 - driving to work saw round bright lights

I was driving to work going north bound on the Southfield freeway at 11:10 pm when I noticed this bright light in the sky to the west of the freeway.

I was just about to the outerdrive exit and I looked up and saw that it was a cluster of lights.

I thought at first it was a plane but it didn't have the blinking lights a plane does and the lights weren't spaced right. I thought maybe it was a helicopter because it had a cluster of lights and then a little further away there was another one. So I turned my radio down thinking maybe it was a helicopter going to the hospital but I didn't hear any sound plus it wasn't moving.

As the free way turned I noticed that the lights were spread out evenly. There were three maybe four of them. They were bright. Too bright for a plane or helicopter and they were really white. They were really low in the sky too.

As I approached the oakwood exit I noticed a yellow dot shoot across the sky right through the lights. It stopped a short ways after the lights and then just disappeared. The dot moved too fast for anything I've ever seen before. I lost the lights behind some trees when I got off at the Oakwood exit. I kept looking but didn't even see a glimpse of them anywhere.

I got to work at the hospital about 11:15pm. I went up

to my floor and scanned the sky but didn't see anything abnormal. Later that night I was with one of my patients and she asked me if I had seen the lights in the sky and she pointed out her window in the direction of the freeway. I asked her what they looked like and she described them almost exactly as I had only she didn't mention a yellow dot. She said she'd never witnessed anything like that in her life. She said it made her feel weird.

I never told her that I saw the lights or any details of my experience. When I was on the freeway I didn't feel scared or weirded out. I just felt curious. I wanted to know what the lights were.

CA, June 26, 2009 - Orange glowing, straight line moving, looked like a few circles glowing together, disappeared into haze.

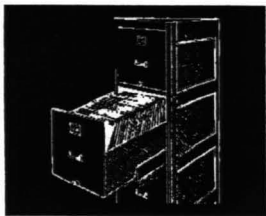
After returning from NYC on a business trip, I had my mom and girlfriend over for a BBQ and some time in the pool enjoying the sun (108F that day) When the sun finally set my GF and I enjoyed some quality time sitting on my extended patio looking up into the night sky.

I was remembering my childhood and those summer nights spent hunting for satellites, looking for planets, and watching the jets come into SFO doing their Modesto Three Arrivals of which I was just a part of as I recently flew in on a Delta flight from JFK-SFO. The coolest thing was actually counting 8 satellites of which 3 were circumpolar. My GF is a nurse and had to get up early on Monday morning so she asked if I wouldn't mind if she laid down for a bit because she was tired. So she goes in the house, I grab my favourite recliner and lay back to count more satellites. I had an idea to grab my night vision binoculars and did. I love the night sky and have been looking at it since I was a boy. I decided to put them away after about ten minutes and went back to just looking straight up with my naked eye.

Just then out of the corner of my eye I see something that grabs my attention. At first I thought, what a big bird that is, then after looking at it more intensely I decided it was a bunch of orange ballons drifting from NW to SW. As I looked more I realized that there was not any wind at so at because of the record 108 temps we had that day.

So, I stared and stared even saying out loud, "What the Hell is that?" What I saw had fuzzy edges, but also like it was made up of objects that were round glowing orange like when metal is heated. It moved so elegant and so straight. Not fast, and not too high because of the duration that I saw it (25 secs) also, it did not disappear of trees but rather into the haze of the night sky.

Funny thing, satellites never go all the way across the sky because at some point they are no longer in a direct path of the sun to reflect light. I was so excited with seeing this thing that I ran into the house and woke my GF up telling her every detail. Again, orange, glowing appearance, moving in straight line, not too fast but elegantly, made up of circular round looking light sources, and disappeared into the haze of the sky. I'd like to hear any explanation available for what this thing was. I'm a private pilot and an amateur astronomer enthusiast and I have NEVER seen anything like this.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

"Balls of Fire" New Nazi Secret Weapons of Sky?

A U. S. Night Fighter Base, France, Jan. 2—(AP)—American fighter pilots engaged in flying night intruder missions over Germany report the Nazis have come up with a new "secret weapon"—weapon. Intelligence reports seem to race along beside their planes for miles like will o' the wisp.

Yank pilots have dubbed them "foo fighters," and at first thought they might explode, but so far there is no indication that any planes have been damaged by them.

Some pilots have expressed belief that the "foo fighter" was designed strictly as a psychological mysterious "balls of fire" which to indicate it is radio-controlled from the ground and can keep pace with planes flying 300 miles per hour.

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Others at this base who have encountered a "foo fighter" include Anderson Henshaw, Carrier Mills, Ill., and Capt. Fritz Ringwald, staff officer from East St. Louis, Ill., who went along on a flight after hearing the numerous reports of the "foo fighter."

"I saw lights off the right and told the pilot, who said, 'Oh, those are lights on a hill,'" Ringwald reported. He added: "I looked in that direction a few minutes later and then told him, 'Well, that hill is considerably closer to us now.'"

Floating and plane-following balls in fire-like color, added to the silver globes encountered over the German lines by American airmen, might not be as mysterious as would seem in cable dispatches, C. E. Butterfield, AP radio editor says.

This is just a guess, but on the little information available, the colored and glowing globes might well be added elements in attempts to interfere with radio signals and radar detection.

While dispatches hint that they are radio controlled, the fact that they travel along with a plane or stay a certain distance ahead would tend toward the belief that they instead are magnetic. Thus, the metal of a plane would attract them, at the same time holding them at a distance. Radio control from the ground or another plane would not permit such apparent accuracy in control.

The glow, coupled with the possible magnetic action, might come from the type of gas they contain to aid in their electrical qualities and to add to their buoyancy.

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FOO-FIGHTERS'--EERIEST THINGS YANK PILOTS HAVE HAD TO FIGHT

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BY ROBERT WILSON
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FIRE BALLS FLOAT IN GERMAN SKIES

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Ghost Rockets Over Sweden

Stockholm, (AP)—Ghost rockets—mysterious spool-shaped speeding objects with fiery tails—have become a common sight in Sweden, and military officials no longer doubt that the country is in a target area for experimentation with remotely controlled missiles.

Since July 1, newspapers have published reports of the flying fireballs nearly every day.

In the beginning many believed excited eye-witnesses had seen nothing more ominous than meteors. However, between July 9 and July 12 military authorities received 300 reports of the missiles and since that time added reports have poured in daily. Fragments examined by scientists gave little in the way of clues, except to indicate the presence of coke and other common materials.

Authorities, promising a communique on the results of the investigation within a few days, have cautioned Swedish newspapers not to publish the names of places where the ghost rockets appear, so that the senders would not be provided with important data. Official quarters declined to speculate on the source of the missiles, but it was believed else-

where that the rockets come from some place along the Baltic coast of Germany.

The Swedish public has taken the rockets with surprising calm. Fears that a missile might do damage in a densely populated area have not been realized.

Nobody seems to think these rockets indicate any military preparations against Sweden, but the people here are puzzled at Sweden's being in a target area when an unlimited amount of uninhabited area must be available for experimentation.

The Stockholms Nedningen labelled a recent editorial "Ghost Rockets and Future War," and said the appearance of the missiles pointed up a necessity for preparedness.

In general, the ghost rocket is described as a small object with a flaming tail which speeds at great height and vanishes within a few seconds. Eye-witnesses say the rockets make no appreciable sound.

Newspapers recently carried a picture of the rocket, secured accidentally by a cameraman who was photographing a landscape. It

showed a streak of light trailing from a small dark body, looking much like a comet.

Only in a few cases is it known that the missiles actually landed in Sweden. Military personnel have been busily dredging a small lake in Lapland.

Military authorities said the missiles evidently passed over Sweden in a huge curve. Some reports indicated the objects carried a device for self-destruction, and military experts said some apparently had exploded in the air. The longest flight of any of the missiles, so far as military experts could determine, was about 800 miles, as compared with the range of 35 to 45 miles for the first German V-2 rocket bombs.

There is no comparison, however, with the rocket bombs. The mystery missiles are small, and at low altitudes seem almost square. The bottom of the object appeared to have been painted red, eye-witnesses said. Some observed these missiles flying extremely low.

These reports have been substantiated by a Swedish officer, a flyer, who saw one of the rockets during a recent flight.

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Traverse City, MI
Aug. 13, 1946

GHOST ROCKETS GIVE SWEDEN THE JITTERS

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 13.—(UP)—Another "mystery rocket" reportedly zoomed over southern Sweden last night and anxious citizens urged the government to determine immediately what country is responsible for filling Swedish skies with the man-made meteors.

A spokesman for the Swedish defense staff said people throughout the nation apparently had been "seized by a real ghost-bomb psychosis" and that preliminary investigations had proved useless.

The newspaper Dagens Nyheter

said the latest missile was observed moving across southern Sweden from the northwest last night.

"Shaped like a giant torpedo and emitting a blinding light from its foremost part, it moved soundlessly with great speed and at a high altitude," the newspaper said.

Similar "cigar-shaped" missiles were sighted Sunday over central Sweden. Still another rocket was reported at two different points along the east coast of southern Norrland Sunday night.

Informed sources said government officials were watching all developments closely and were waiting for "supplementary" evidence upon which to base possible diplomatic protests. Press comment indicated the government might be forced to take "resolute steps" to clear up the situation.

Rumors circulated that the Russians were experimenting with rockets and flying bombs, possibly in Estonia on the Baltic, but there was no confirmation from Swedish sources.

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army officials who have been conducting secret investigations.

Two fishermen on the southeastern coast said they saw a large rocket come out of the northern sky Sunday night and disappear southward over the Baltic sea. Other reports said the rocket observed Sunday night moved from south to north.

In middle Norrland, a farmer reported seeing a rocket explode at a low altitude—just over a river. He said the rocket "disappeared." Searchers could find none of the remains.

Defense staff officials said many of the "reports" may be "pure flights of the imagination." Some witnesses of rocket crashes have been unable to designate the exact spot. Others, however, have removed all doubt that the missiles were rockets, officials said.

A veritable shower of the "mystery rocket" was reported Sunday night. Officials said it was still impossible to determine just how many were sighted. Some observers said the total probably was no greater than on other occasions, but that the display came later in the day and could be seen more clearly against the sunless sky.





FOREIGN NEWS

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DONUT GO NEAR THAT UFO...

Pilot's close encounter near Dublin airport

A PILOT approaching Dublin Airport saw a donut-shaped unidentified flying object, it has been claimed.

A plane watcher with a radio scanner overheard a pilot passing Clane in Co Kildare saying that he saw a UFO that "looked like a donut at 15,000 feet" and adding "it was enormous".

He noted the sighting on Sunday, May 31 at 2.35pm, which is now being investigated by UFO Paranormal Research Ireland (UPRI).

The Irish Aviation Authority confirmed they have a log entry in Dublin's air traffic control tower from that time based on an Aer Lingus pilot report.

The IAA said the pilot reported seeing at 15,000 feet what is logged as a large gas balloon heading west that "had no basket" attached to the bottom.

An IAA spokesperson said there were no further reports of the object and that there was no threat to safety.

EXCLUSIVE

By KEVIN JENKINSON

Balloons have been a regular explanation provided by Government authorities for many UFO sightings.

UPRI's Carl Nally said it's not the first UFO sighting by a pilot in Irish skies.

Bizarre

He said: "We have documented bizarre cases such as passenger jets having near misses with small mysterious objects.

"Pilots are reluctant to report seeing UFO's due to what it might do to their careers."

Nally also claimed another pilot reported in March seeing objects over Galway that were "not from here".

"He said there were five of them shooting around the sky at impossible speeds," said Nally.



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'We're not drunk or delusional' - there is something out there!

ARE WE delusional and too fond of a drink?

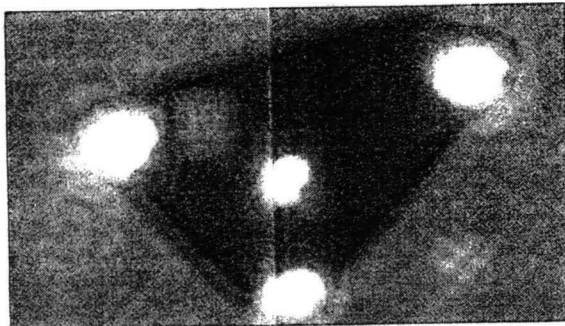
Or is it just Lincolnshire folk being fascinated by the weird and wonderful?

This is the question prompted after controversial Sunday Times journalist, Rod Liddle called Lincolnshire people 'delusional or alcoholics' after the sudden rise of UFO sightings in the county.

But since we published his comments in an article on www.louthleader.co.uk two weeks ago there has been public outcry and it would seem many disagree.

Both ordinary residents of Lincolnshire and UFO enthusiasts from across the world have written to the Leader defending Lincolnshire people and dismissing Rod Liddle.

Legbourne resident Eve Sardon said: "The Lincoln Imp is



Have you seen a UFO?

not mischievous for nothing.

"Rod Liddle has singularly failed to grasp Lincolnshire folk's sense of humour. How seriously dull he must be!"

Whilst UFO enthusiast Stef Majchrzak from Sheffield said: "This Mr Rod Liddle is the only person who is delusional.

"I have seen and filmed UFOs

and please don't insult me by saying Chinese lanterns - that's getting really old and boring now."

Another person who did not want to be named said: "It is an insult to the town and its residents to make that comment without proof".

Meanwhile, the Louth Leader website's most popular story remains Mysterious Lincolnshire Triangle reveals UFO hotspot.

So whether its because Lincolnshire folk like a tale or whether they believe aliens have visited our area one thing is for sure, Rod Liddle may not have expected Lincolnshire folk to have some fight in them!

Go to www.louthleader.co.uk to see a map of local UFO sightings.

Invasion of the orange aliens

UFO frenzy over blazing lights seen dancing across night sky

By David Wilkes

DARTING silently in formation, the mysterious glowing orbs light up the night sky.

Some say these orange lights even weave in between each other with the precision of a synchronised flying team from some far corner of the universe.

Clusters of more than 100 have been spotted across Britain and even Holland, leaving onlookers with an eerie sense that, for all the mystifying beauty of the strange objects, they may have just witnessed an armada of invading UFOs.

The most recent sighting was on Sunday when they were seen in two locations, Merseyside and Lincoln. Days earlier a similar phenomenon was spotted over Cambridgeshire, where one witness claims each was as big as a house.

The sightings have prompted defence officials to check their logs and sent UFO fans into orbits of excitement.

Engineer Paul Slight, 54, took photos on his mobile phone of the strange objects hovering over Lincoln at 10.30pm while he was cycling home after a day out with friends.

'There were 26 of them at first, dodging and darting in between each other like they were playing a game,' he said.

'After that, seven more arrived and weaved through the crowd of lights like strange kinds of aircraft. After five minutes of moving around, they hung in the air for a second then shot off into the sky and disappeared.'

A spokesman for nearby RAF Cranwell said the base was closed at the weekend so the lights could not be attributed to its aircraft.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Defence is examining claims that the Merseyside lights were connected to an exercise involving

HMS Daring, docked in Liverpool. An ex-military source claimed the lights were dropped by jets to simulate the path of a missile in order to test the warship's radar systems.

In Cambridgeshire, banker Scott Boswell, 37, said he saw more than 100 lights flying less than two miles above his home in Hinchbrook.

The former soldier and experi-

enced pilot said: 'I know they weren't aircraft - they were silent. And I was a soldier for a decade so I could immediately rule out flares or weather balloons. I really have no idea what they were.'

On the same night, May 27, at around 11.30pm guesthouse owner Auberon Hedgecoe, 40, of nearby Huntingdon, also saw the lights.

'There was no sound,' he said.

'They were travelling 15 at a time and every six minutes more seemed to be coming over the horizon. They were not planes. They were not balloons. Each one was the size of a building.'

Last night it emerged a woman has contacted her local newspaper to claim that the lights over Lincoln were Chinese lanterns - mini hot air balloons - set off at her wed-

ding reception. 'They looked amazing, hope you all enjoyed the spectacle,' she said.

Nick Pope, the former head of the MoD's UFO Project, supported the Chinese lantern theory.

'I'm not disparaging the whole UFO phenomenon, but I'd say 99 per cent of UFO reports involving orange lights in the sky these days are attributable to these lanterns.'

SO COULD THEY BE...

■ **AIRCRAFT?** Observers say no because the lights are silent and have no navigation lights

■ **FLARES?** Unlikely because the lights fly in formation rather than just soar then plummet

■ **FIREWORKS?** Not if, as claimed, the lights have also been seen circling each other

■ **MILITARY ACTIVITY?** MoD investigating if Merseyside lights were part of training exercise

■ **BALLOONS?** At least one witness says they were too big

■ **UFOs?** Darting round each other suggests the lights have 'a form of intelligence', says UK-based UFO Investigation Unit

■ **CHINESE LANTERNS?** Latest trend for outdoor parties

Daily Mail
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Jun. 4, 2009

Were strange orange lights really UFOs?

by RUTH LUMLEY

IT WAS an encounter of the blurred kind after strange orange lights were recorded hovering above Shoreham.

Karel McChambell told The Argus he spotted the UFOs while he was watching television with his 14-year-old daughter Kayleigh.

The pair, who saw two of the pulsing lights near Shoreham power station, then spotted another four just hours later.

Mr McChambell, 57, of Hillfarm Way, Southwick, said his daughter filmed the spectacle as the objects flitted across the night sky.

He said: "These lights appeared to change formation several times while my wife and I, with Kayleigh, watched the whole event."

"There was quite a lot of cloud in the night sky and it meant the lights tended to disappear from view."

"However, they were bigger and brighter than stars, they did not make any kind of sound and did not fly like any type of aircraft we usually get overhead from Shoreham airport."

The father-of-one also said his computer reacted "strangely" while the lights were close by on Saturday between 11.10pm and

Meteor shower over Channel

REPORTS of strange lights over the English Channel on Monday night have been down to a meteor shower.

Calls were made to coastguard stations from Hampshire down to Brixham, Devon, and across to Jersey and France at about 9.30pm, with people saying they were seeing white and green flares in the sky.

A Solent Coastguard spokesman

said: "There were reports of flares all down the coast which went on for about half an hour but there was a forecast for a meteor shower."

Meteor showers are caused by debris from a comet burning up in the Earth's atmosphere. This can produce shooting stars across the night sky, particularly visible on clear nights, which was the case over southern England last night.

11.30pm. He said: "My computer was running at the time and when I returned to it, it kept repeatedly loading and reloading the Google website at speed."

"This is something which has never happened before. Then, without reason, it stopped and returned to normal."

Mr McChambell phoned Sussex Police at 11.40pm and told them what he had seen.

They told him to phone the Aeronautical Information System so they could check which aircraft were flying over Southwick at the time he saw the lights. He was also told to contact the Ministry of Defence.

He said: "I have lived here since 1984 and it is the first time I have ever seen anything like

this. I spoke to some of the neighbours the next day but they had all gone to bed early and had not seen anything."

A Sussex Police spokesman confirmed the lights had been reported to the police on Saturday night.

He said: "There was a report of bright orange lights which were growing larger and which changed in formation."

The biggest year for sightings in Sussex was 1999, when 14 separate reports were recorded.

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See the video taken by Kayleigh at theargus.co.uk/video



STAR SPOTTER? Kayleigh McChambell, 14

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These lights were not lanterns

SIR - I write with reference to the recent story and letters about orange lights in the sky.

At about 10.15pm on the evening of June 12, my wife who was returning home from work called me out on to New Street. Along with a group of young adults, we observed five flying objects travelling in file, about 30 seconds behind each other.

They approached Torrington from the west, faster than helicopters and proceeded to pass Torrington to the north of the town. As each craft drew level with the Dartington crystal fac-

tory it immediately climbed, without any slowing, to a height of about half a mile.

Each craft made no noise, had no overheard rotors that we could see and were the size of a very large family car. They all had two large orange lights at the front, almost like bright headlights and there were no navigation lights or flashing strobes.

As each craft started its ascent, the orange lights disappeared; at no time did we see any flashing strobes when this happened.

The first craft to ascend hovered at

the height I have stated and, one by one, all the craft ascended until they hovered closely beside the first craft. It then became too dark to observe the craft any longer, although some of the young adults (with their young eyesight!) could just make out the craft hovering in the same position.

These craft were definitely not Chinese lanterns; they were very fast, manoeuvrable and under control.

The last three craft we observed through binoculars.

J Wilkes,
Torrington.

More mysterious geometry shows up off the coast

ANOTHER strange triangular object has appeared on Google just off the coast at Kingsgate.

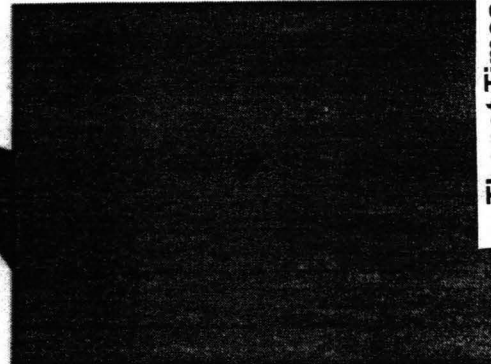
The dark black object appears to be about 1,500 metres, nearly a mile, off the coast.

Last week we reported another mystery black object a few miles from the beach in Ramsgate on Google Earth's pictures of the Thanet coastline.

That object is more than 100 metres long and its triangular shape, coupled with the fact that nothing appears to be making a shadow, mean it is unlikely to be a ship or aircraft.

The new object is about twice as large as the one off Ramsgate.

Do you know what the UFO could be? Email us at newsdesk.thanet@krmmedia.co.uk.



MYSTERY TOO: What is this second triangular object off the coast of Botany bay? Pictures by Google

Thanet Times
England
Jun. 2, 2009

IT'S NOT ALIENS, IT'S JUST THE WEATHER!



■ ELIZABETH Bowers believes recent UFO sightings could be explained by "halos", a strange weather phenomenon

THE mystery of UFO sightings in the skies above newly-dubbed "Roswell Hill" may have been unravelled by a super-sleuth pensioner.

Retired secretary Elizabeth Bowles believes a strange weather phenomenon could explain bizarre sightings of cube-shaped objects high above Muswell Hill in recent weeks.

The pensioner, who has lived in Mayfield Road since 1957, developed the theory after reading about "halos" in The Times' Weather Eye column.

She said: "It seems that there's most likely a connection. UFOs and so on, they may or may not exist, but some of them are very strange. You can go on speculating all day and all night.

"Having read this [the column], my mind went back to the Journal's article and I thought - this seems to be the answer!"

Halos form when water in thin white cirrus clouds, created at heights above 20,000 feet, is frozen into tiny ice crystals that act like prisms splitting sunlight into a spectrum of colours in different shapes and sizes.

But the sun needs to be low in the sky, usually in the early morning or evening, for this to happen, the column says.

Mrs Bowles contacted the Journal after an appeal by a UFO spotter in May - and she hopes her discovery may be of interest.

Actor Sam Latham, 44, was so spooked by

Pensioner's theory aims to crack UFO sighting mystery

by EMMA YOULE
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a sighting of a cube-shaped "ship" with orange flares at 10.30pm on Wednesday, May 20, that he went public with a sketch of the object hoping to hear from others who spotted it.

Chris Penny, of Colney Hatch Lane, then revealed he had seen what looked like "an airplane on fire" with four flashing lights above Muswell Hill Road just after midnight on Thursday, May 28.

Sujesh Sundarraj saw a static colourless object floating in the sky while waiting at a Muswell Hill bus stop at 9.15pm on Monday, May 25.

Earlier in the year, 33-year-old Emma Hall, of Kings Avenue, saw a bright orange ball the size of a helicopter speeding through the air from her living room at 2am on Sunday, January 24.

MIDWEEK HERALD

Devonshire, UK

July 03, 2009

Third UFO sighting in a week

A FURTHER UFO sighting has been reported in East Devon - the third in a week.

The latest phenomenon was spotted over Raymonds Hill, near Axminster.

Eye witness David Kenning, of Cunningham Avenue, said: "Myself, my partner and a friend saw several orange lights in the sky, which seemed to be between Axminster and Raymonds Hill looking from Millwey.

:At first we thought them to be helicopter lights, but they were jerking about at right angles.

"They seemed to disappear then re-appear a few moments later in a different part of the sky.

"The movements were not normal for aircraft. They also seemed to stay still in the sky one minute and shoot in another direction the next."

Other recent UFO sighting have been over Payhembury and Sidbury.

ALLNEWSWEB

Sydney, Australia June 20, 2009

Ukraine: UFO lands in village, multiple witnesses

Reports of a UFO landing in a small rural village are filtering out from the Ukraine. Residents of the village of Brailov are insisting that they were woken up to an intensely bright white light in the middle of the night, earlier this month.

The residents, mostly farmers, are also claiming that electrical surges and a strange feeling of electrical currents passing through their bodies accompanied the light.

In the morning after the UFO event three unusual imprints consisting of 'wheels with wheels' arranged in triangular formation were seen on the ground of one of the resident's yards.

The witnesses included 82 year grandmother old Helena Ganzjuk, her daughter 56 year old Nadezhda Ganzjuk and 24 year old Helena Petrovskaya. After the event a number of residents, including some witnesses, became ill.

Symptoms of their illnesses included vomiting and high temperature. Emergency services were called in from Kiev and radioactivity was measured. Radioactivity levels were high but not extreme. Metal traces were identified and dirt samples removed for analysis.

The residents believe a UFO of extraterrestrial origin might have been responsible for the incident.

Source: Gazeta

Mile wide UFO seen by British pilots

June 30, 2009 England

One of the largest UFOs ever seen has been observed by the crew and passengers of an airliner over the Channel Islands. An official air-miss report on the incident several weeks ago appears in Pilot magazine.

Aurigny Airlines captain Ray Bowyer, 50, flying close to Alderney first spotted the object, described as "a cigar-shaped brilliant white light". Aurigny Airlines captain Ray Bowyer, 50, described what he thought to be a UFO as 'a cigar-shaped brilliant white light', similar to the image supplied by Dennis Plunket of the British Flying Saucer bureau

As the plane got closer the captain viewed it through binoculars and said: "It was a very sharp, thin yellow object with a green area.

"It was 2,000ft up and stationary. I thought it was about 10 miles away, although I later realised it was approximately 40 miles from us. At first, I thought it was the size of a [Boeing] 737.

"But it must have been much bigger because of how far away it was. It could have been as much as a mile wide." Continuing his approach to Guernsey, Bowyer then spied a "second identical object further to the west".

He said: "It was exactly the same but looked smaller because it was further away. It was closer to Guernsey. I can't explain it. This was clearly visual for about nine minutes.

"I'm certainly not saying that it was something of another world. All I'm saying is that I have never seen anything like it before in all my years of flying."

The sightings were confirmed by passengers Kate and John Russell. John, 74, said: "I saw an orange light. It was like an elongated oval."

The sightings were also confirmed by an unnamed pilot with the Blue Islands airline. The Civil Aviation Authority safety notice states that a Tri-Lander aircraft flying close to Alderney spotted the object.

"Certain parts of the report have not been published. I cannot say why," said a senior CAA source. Earlier this year, however, the MOD declared its intentions to open its UFO files to the public.

Not first time we've been visited by ETs

SIR — I read with great interest your recent articles about Cllr Adrian Hicks and his revelation about bumping into an extraterrestrial walking up the High Street in 2004. Your article about this incident is most revealing, and what Cllr Hicks has said to the press should most certainly be listened to.

Why, you may ask? The answer is simple. This is not the first time this has happened here in Winchester at all.

It happened in 1976 and 1977, starting with one evening in November 1976. Joyce Bowles and Ted Pratt had an amazing encounter with aliens after the car they were travelling in shuddered to a halt on the Chilcombe Road outside Winchester.

This was reported by the *Daily Mail* at that time, also that there were eight other sightings of glowing cigar shaped UFOs in the Winchester area that weekend.

Both Joyce Bowles and Ted Pratt had other similar experiences on March 7, 1977, and again in June 1977.

All were reported in the local and national press and all were in and around the Chilcombe area near Winchester.

If any of your readers are interested, they have only to go onto the internet to read them more fully.

I think Cllr Hicks is a very brave person to come out with his amazing encounter with one of our visitors.

Clearly there is something going on in the Chilcombe military range area that has great significance for us all.

Bernadette Ludlow,
Worthy Road,
Winchester.

Did we see real UFO or Chinese lanterns?

EMERGENCY services were called after strange, glowing, orange orbs were spotted in the night sky.

The flying objects were seen whizzing over the south of Hayling Island at 10.30pm on May 23. David Powell and his son, Lawrence, had just parked up in Sandy Point Road when they saw the six orb-like spheres high up above the sea.

The 63 year-old businessman, said: "What we saw was so shocking it felt like we were cemented to the ground.

"We got out the car, looked up and there they were, perfectly still, very similar to The Plough constellation. I went into my back garden and there were just three or four of them left but they had moved position.

"I went upstairs to look at them through binoculars and all I can say is that they looked like stars. They must have been there about eight minutes before they disappeared. I've simply never seen anything like it before."

Alan Campbell, aged 72, was so shocked when he clapped eyes on the strange UFOs that he stopped a passing cyclist to make sure he was n't seeing things.

He said: "I was so puzzled by what was in front of my eyes. There were six really big, glowing, orange lights that came from the sea end. There didn't make a single sound.

"The cyclist couldn't believe what he was seeing either. They were still there when I got home a few minutes later and my wife was shocked."

Solent Coastguard received a call at 10.24pm from a woman who saw them but an investigation showed no one was in distress at sea.

Helen Chivers, a meteorologist at the Met Office said there was no weather explanation for the lights and it was a clear night.

But Richard Judd, president of Hampshire Astronomical Group, was sceptical. His members received reports but he believes they were either Chinese lanterns – mini hot air balloons, pictured above, made of paper with their own fuel block – or maroons, a type of flare or firework.

He said: "We have had a few calls about this but I'm sure there is a very physical and earthly reason for them."

Mr Powell, of Sandy Point Road, is not convinced. "They were not Chinese lanterns," he said. "All I know is I saw something very strange in the sky and there is no explanation for it."

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Light the red lantern

I have been amused by the coverage of the paper lanterns set alight at a party and floated skywards (Unidentified flame-haired object, Rod Liddle, Comment, last week). They were less than 3ft high, not "as big as buildings", and the senior boys concerned are bemused that the prank has confounded so-called experts.

Rob Knell
Head of French/Housemaster
Kimbolton School,
Cambridgeshire

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NEWSBRIEF



Mystery over 'UFO' images

By RUSSELL LEADBETTER

THESE are the home video clips that have intrigued a Scots UFO expert – and left him perplexed.

Footage shot by Evening Times reader John McGregor appears to show a diamond-shaped object speeding through the sky and, later, a silver or orange ball-shaped object.

John, of Whiteinch, said: "The images are a mystery – I would love to find out exactly what they are."

He estimated the orange sphere-like object was some 200ft up when he filmed it.

The first was filmed from Whiteinch over Govan, while the second was over Paisley.

Ron Halliday, author of several books on the paranormal, and the man behind the X-Files column in the Evening Times until a few years ago, said: "John has certainly caught something on his video, although it is hard to make out exactly what could be involved."

"The video is certainly worth further investigation."

See the Big Read on pages 16,17

You can watch the video clips at: www.eveningtimes.co.uk



Ron Halliday says clips are worth investigating

The truth is out there...



FOR years people have reported strange lights in our skies and some have even photographed what they believe to be alien spaceships.

The latest research I have been involved with seems to point to the fact that there is evidence of extra terrestrials right here on the ground in the green fields of Britain.

In 1993, the Emmy award-winning American film maker, Linda Moulton Howe made a documentary about unexplained animal deaths occurring all over the world.

The deaths seemed to be occurring in very specific areas and the injuries on the carcasses indicated that predators were not the cause. These injuries were more like surgical procedures, where soft tissue internal organs were seemingly cleanly excised from animal bodies from holes which were too small for the organs to fit.

Other strange characteristics included the clean removal of the tongue and flesh cleanly removed from one side of the jaw. Also complete and clean removal of all of the animal's blood was sometimes observed, with no trace of blood on the animal or on the ground. Interestingly the actual meat of the animal which a predator would usually consume is left behind.

I recently met up with three researchers who have been investigating these types of animal deaths in the UK.

Two areas of current activity are Dartmoor in Devon and The Rea Valley on the English Welsh border. In the past, an area between Whitby and Scarborough

on the North-East coast has also been victim to these bizarre occurrences.

The researchers I interviewed have catalogued and reported on many sheep death cases with the help of a qualified pathologist. Essentially there is no rational explanation for the injuries regularly found.

In Linda Moulton Howe's documentary she concludes that the attacks are being perpetrated by extra terrestrials.

In 1997 she was given information from Lieutenant Philip J. Corso, a US Army intelligence officer who previously had access to secret information in the Pentagon.

Corso read documents dating from 1951 which stated that the acts were being carried by creatures from another planet.

Many law enforcement officers in the United States agree with the extra terrestrial theory, claiming that people have witnessed animals being beamed up into bright glowing crafts, only to find mutilated carcasses on the ground the following day.

The incidents I have been given access to in the UK show a striking similarity to those uncovered by Linda Moulton Howe.

All of the findings are featured in a documentary I have just completed called Silent Killers.

You can watch the documentary by logging onto www.richplanet.net, or alternatively the programme will be aired on Sky Channel 200 on June 18 at 8pm.

I warn you not to be eating your supper when you watch.

Richard D Hall

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The great UK UFO cover-up continues

Letter of the week

IN relation to the Carrog UFO sighting and the further inclusion of the image of three chinese lanterns found in Padeswood (*Free Press*, June 4), I must state that the latter most definitely did not help solve a UFO mystery.

The farmer concerned repeatedly refused to discuss this incident with myself, answer letters, or allow examination of the devices despite seeking media attention. At the time, Wrexham saw waves of nocturnal lights over a period of eight days.

The sheer numbers and the fact that they all travelled in the same direction and at the same time each night dismissed them as

lanterns at the wind's mercy. Bearing in mind a burn time of some 20 minutes and that they were hundreds of feet up and would have already travelled several miles, it was impossible to reach Padeswood.

It would be statistically improbable for two to land close together anywhere.

For three to come down on the

same farm only yards apart after travelling miles at varying speeds and heights defies belief.

Readers should realise that whether they believe in extra terrestrial visitation or not, the MoD spends hundreds of millions of your taxes annually and countless black budget funds investigating and covering up the phenomenon and, it is recession proof.

Global spending is more than the GDP of some nations. Not bad for something which doesn't exist.

SCOTT L FELTON
Conwy UFO Group.
Bae Colwyn

Ten things you never knew about... flying saucers

WILLIAM HARTSTON

On June 24, 1947, the American pilot and businessman Kenneth Arnold reported seeing nine unidentified saucer-shaped objects in the sky, and the term 'flying saucer' was born.

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1. On average, just over one Californian a day claims to have been abducted by aliens in a flying saucer.
2. US president Jimmy Carter thought he saw a flying saucer in 1973, but research suggested it was probably the planet Venus.
3. The first country to depict flying saucers on its postage stamps was Equatorial Guinea in 1975.
4. The term 'spaceship' appeared in 1894, 'flying saucer' in 1947 and UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) in 1952.

5. The US insurance company Goodfellows offers insurance against alien abduction.

6. More than 40,000 people are reported to have taken out Alien All Risks Insurance but no successful claims have yet been made.

7. Project Sign, Project Grudge, Project Twinkle and Project Blue Book have all been names of official US investigations into flying saucers.

8. According to a report in 1995, as many as five million Americans may have been abducted by aliens.

9. Sixty-eight per cent of all UFO sightings are by men.

10. The first World Conference of People in Contact with Extraterrestrials was held in 1995 in Costa Rica.

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BRIDGEWATER TIMES

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Pair spot UFO lights in sky over Cannington

Two women in Cannington are backing claims that the Bridgwater area is a hotspot for UFOs.

After reading last week's report in the Bridgwater Times about unidentified flying objects floating above North Petherton, Doreen Bunch and Alison Howard contacted the newsroom to tell their tale.

Doreen, aged 65, said: "My friend and I were so glad to read the article in the Bridgwater Times about UFOs because the same thing happened to us in April."

Driving along lanes to Cannington from a friend's house in Spaxton on Saturday, April 18, at around 11pm, the pair saw bright lights in formation in the sky.

Doreen, of Cannington, said they stopped the car and got out when they saw around seven orange lights flying through the sky in formation. They at first thought they were helicopters but realised those would never fly so close together.

After a few minutes, the lights were nearly over their heads when they suddenly veered off, but not before turning from a dull orange to a glaring white light. Doreen said: "It was amazing - I've never seen anything like it before and I've got no idea what it was."

The pair stuck around to see if anything else happened, and to their delight, the same thing happened again minutes later.

Another group of orange lights appeared, glided towards them, turned white then changed direction before disappearing out of sight.

Doreen added: "We tried to take photos on our mobiles but nothing appeared on the images. "We'd love to see something like this again."

The story which appeared in last week's Bridgwater Times has now appeared on three UFO spotting sites.

Argentina - Abduction Interrupted?

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology

June 22, 2009

This report comes to us from one of the most trusted sources in the country - journalist and UFO researcher Quique Mario of the CEUFO group - but we cannot provide our readers at this time with the exact date of these events or the names of the parties involved. Inquiries have already been made and more information shall be provided as soon as it is received.

According to Quique Mario, the incident is one of several that have "continued to occur" in UFO and cattle mutilation-prone La Pampa. The experiencers have requested anonymity although several external sources have confirmed these events. A woman from an undisclosed location in this Argentinean province claims having witnessed the maneuvers of one or several UFOs in the vicinity over the past four years. Moreover, "she managed to discover that the occupants were tall (some 2 meters) and in some cases no taller than 1.60," writes the journalist. Interestingly, the woman states that this height difference resulted in different behaviors on the part of the alleged ufonauts: the taller ones gave the witness "the impression that they were like robots, judging by their movements" -- echoes of the mind-bending Cisco Grove, California event of the early 1960s.

Ten days ago, states the CEUFO report, one of the two unidentified objects descended to ground level but without landing, and an effort was made to abduct the witness, who was holding on to her five year-old son at the time. "Her husband's presence kept the beings from carrying out their goal, as he reacted by hanging on to her legs and pulling her downward, even as she was being transported toward the strange object against her will." CEUFO adds that the incident caused a commotion in the area and that a radio journalist visited the scene of the events.

"This event can be added to a series of occurrences that have been taking place in a vast region of the province, without any official explanation having been given to these phenomena," reads the text. "Restlessness prevails in some areas and fear has caused some rural workers to stop working at night."

We are waiting for an update on this report from INEXPLICATA contributing editor Guillermo Gimenez.

ALLNEWSWEB

USA July 4, 2009

UFO seen by entire city of Chengdu, China

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On Thursday July 2 at around 8.30pm thousands of residents of the Chinese city of Chengdu witnessed a UFO moving across the sky above their homes. This is being treated as a massive UFO event by Chinese news outlets.

Photos and a video have already surfaced.

Xinhua, China's government news agency, reported that thousands of residents ran from their homes, even in pyjamas, to see the bizarre and unexplainable craft. Many were subsequently seen debating the event for hours after the UFO disappeared.

The pulsating UFO was described by witnesses as being a luminous blue color that changed to red from time to time.

The head of the Chengdu Buddhist Association Mr Zhang Yang, who witnessed the UFO declared the object a 'Heavenly Body' and noted that it could not have been a Chinese lantern, weather balloon or kite.

All News Web recently exposed China's 'Area 51' as being in the Chengdu district. It is also believed that a crashed UFO was retrieved from the area in 1947, only days after the Roswell incident.

Many Chinese UFO researchers are therefore not surprised that a large number of sightings take place in the region on a yearly basis.

Sources: [Xinhua Now](#)



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Bigfoot? He's real to these folks

By Jessie Faulkner
Eureka Times-Standard

EUREKA - For many in Hoopa, Bigfoot is a reality of the inland valley - one that several residents have experienced through first-hand encounters.

Those encounters - profiled in David Paulides' "The Hoopa Project: Bigfoot Encounters in California" - point to evidence bolstering the existence of the large human-like creature.

The book, a collaborative effort of the North American Bigfoot Search, is based on a numerous interviews conducted in 2004. But, the catalyst goes a bit further back.

In a telephone interview from his Los Gatos home, Paulides said the organization began when a group of business acquaintances were sitting around a table one day and began talking about strange occurrences in the woods.

"That was the catalyst for us to talk," he said.

The search and the organization evolved slowly among the tight-knit group, the author said. With a combination of time, resources and well-honed investigative skills, the colleagues began by noting all of the Bigfoot sightings on a map of the Pacific Northwest - a realization that led to the publication of a map showing those sites and noted that a predominant number of sightings had been reported from Northern California.

Those sightings, however, weren't enough to immediately sway the author, a



photosthatchangedtheworld.com

This still from a 1967 film shot by Roger Patterson purports to show Bigfoot - or a man in a hairy suit - trudging along in the Big Creek area.

veteran of 20 years as an officer and investigator with the Los Gatos Police Department.

"I was open to the idea," Paulides said, "but I was pessimistic."

Even after the numerous interviews, Paulides said he couldn't swear to a 100 percent belief in Bigfoot's existence, but the scale weighs heavily in that direction.

Paulides pointed to the time it took longtime resident Al Hodgson - who has been

looking into the existence of Bigfoot for some 60 years. Three years ago, Paulides said, a member of Hodgson's church, a woman he knew could tell nothing but the truth, confessed that she had seen Bigfoot. It was that confidence that swayed Hodgson.

That's not to say that Paulides doubts the words of those he interviewed.

"I believe everybody in the Hoopa project that was interviewed was telling the truth,"

MORE INFO

■ For more information on the North America Bigfoot Search, visit the organization's Web site at www.nabigfootsearch.com.

■ "The Hoopa Project: Bigfoot Encounters in California," is available at the Bigfoot Museum in Willow Creek and the Bigfoot Bookshop in Salyer, as well as online through Amazon.com.

he said.

Each of those included in the book signed an affidavit attesting the truth of their statements, even those who held no cotton to the very tall biped's existence.

Paulides' book is full of illustrations of Bigfoot, drafted from discussions between those who reported seeing the creature and longtime forensic artist Harvey Pratt, who Paulides hired to visually chronicle the Bigfoot encounters.

Nearly all of those drawings share many similarities, although Paulides said none of the sketches were shared among those who were interviewed.

"Nobody saw anyone else's sketch," he said, noting that all were kept concealed until the book's publication. The consistency is that all but one show a lack of facial hair.

"We never thought it would be like this," he said, "We thought it would be more ape-like, more gorilla. That's completely not the case."

TELEGRAPH

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Sky 'rains tadpoles' over Japan

The sky has been raining tadpoles over a coastal region in Japan, according to reports.

By Danielle Demetriou in Tokyo

Residents, officials and scientists have been baffled by the apparent downpour of tadpoles in central Japan's Ishikawa Prefecture.

Clouds of dead tadpoles appear to have fallen from the sky in a series of episodes in a number of cities in the region since the start of the month.

In one incident, a 55-year-old man who was caught in a tadpole downpour described hearing a strange sound in the parking lot of a civic centre in the city of Nanao.

Upon further exploration, he found more than 100 dead tadpoles covering the windshields of cars in an area measuring 10 square metres.

Dead tadpole downpours were also reported by local officials 48 hours later in the city of Hakusan in the same prefecture.

The raining down of small creatures such as frogs and fish is a rare meteorological phenomenon that is reported from time to time across the world.

Scientists have widely attributed the surreal raining of animals to strong winds, storms and water sprouts sucking up creatures before depositing them further inland.

However, this explanation has not satisfied meteorologists in the Ishikawa region.

Officials at Kanazawa Local Meteorological Observatory told local media that they were unsure how the tadpoles had arrived as there had been no reports of strong winds at the time.

Another scientific explanation for raining animals relates to birds carrying the small creatures before dropping them as they fly overland.

However, dismissing this theory, a researcher at the Yamashina Institute for Ornithology in Abiko told Kyodo news: "Crows eat tadpoles but if these were spat out (by the birds), a wider area should have been covered."

WEBSTER COUNTY CITIZEN

Seymour, Missouri

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Are UFOs responsible for cattle mutilations?

Although we've yet to receive any reports of cattle mutilations in Webster County, a couple of recent macabre crimes in both Wright and Douglas counties have been brought to my attention.

On Friday, I was making an ad call at See-More Auto Sales with Derek Terry when Raymond Wilson told me about a friend of his in Wright County who had a cow mutilated.

"I saw the cow, and it was really strange," Raymond explained.

He provided me the telephone number of his friend, adding, "He'll be glad to talk to you about it, and he even has photos."

This case involves a cattle rancher in Wright County who will be known to many readers of this newspaper.

Rick Lynch, who drives big rigs for Hutchens Industries-Steel Processors between their plants in Seymour and Mansfield, told me Monday afternoon about a recent mutilation of one of his Herefords.

This mutilation was done to a 4-year-old cow of his west of Mansfield.

Rick explained that the cow's hide was cut around the jawbone, the tongue was removed, and the reproductive organs were cut out.

He added that there was no blood around the carcass, nor any tracks or footprints.

"A friend of mine was out hunting and saw the dead cow," Rick said.

"He told me about it, and I took a camera and went out to check on it," he added.

Rick said he had his own ideas about who or what was doing the mutilation to his stock.

And this wasn't the first time he's lost a cow to mutilation.

About 10 years ago, north of Mansfield, another one of his Herefords was mutilated.

"Both of the cows had the same injuries," Rick said.

He thought it was curious that both of the mutilated cows' heads were pointed directly to the west.

Another curious circumstance surrounding the mutilation is that neighbors reported to him that they'd seen strange lights around his cows about the time the mutilation was done.

"Even my daughter told me, 'Dad, I told you a long time ago about those lights'," he explained.

Rick said that he's talked to another Wright County farmer whose stock has been mutilated, Galen Jones of rural Norwood, who was featured on last month's special program on cattle mutilations done by the History Channel's "UFO Hunters."

Jones reported to the investigators from UFO Hunters that strange lights had been seen around his cattle herd during the time period when the mutilation of his cow occurred.

The mutilation to Jones' cow mimics what also was done to Rick's cow.

Strange lights in the sky?

Black helicopters or UFO?

Satanists or cults?

Nobody seems to agree on the answer to these mutilations.

The only thing for sure is that someone or something is committing these crimes that are taking the bread off the table of our cattle ranchers.

Another report came into this office last week from a couple who have a beef operation in Douglas County.

These folks have asked for anonymity because they fear any publicity might generate more mutilations to their cattle.

The mutilations reported down in "Booger County" involve two calves.

"Both were males and had eyes and testicles removed," their e-mail read.

"Can't tell how they were killed. First time it happened, we thought it was shot in the eye. Very frustrating and disturbing," the e-mail continued.

They added, "Sorry, no UFOs."

I also received an e-mail from George Schlick of Rogersville.

George's e-mail piqued my interest when he wrote, "What happened in Norwood isn't an isolated incident.

"There was a lot of information that was not covered in the last show that proves this is a worldwide occurrence and is not isolated to, let's say, farm animals."

George is a retired police officer from the Aurora Colorado Police Department.

He retired in 2006, about six months before Ken Storch, an investigator for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), who he worked with for many years on the suburban Denver force.

Storch, along with his friend Bob Delicandro, have investigated countless cattle mutilations in the southwest and across the country.

Storch was interviewed on the aforementioned UFO Hunters' show.

George explained that he's going to visit Storch this week in Oklahoma and plans to give him a copy of my recent column on cattle mutilations.

He added that Ken would be interested in learning about other cattle mutilations I find out about in our area.

Researching information on Storch, I learned that he and I share a common bond via our time in the U.S. Air Force and serving at Headquarters Strategic Air Command (SAC) in Omaha, Neb.

Information on Storch said he became interested in UFOs in 1973, during the "Yom Kippur War" between Israel and its Arab neighbors, while in the war room in SAC's underground command post below "Building 500," when five "blips" moving at tremendous speed were picked up on radar scopes.

Controllers in the headquarters thought they were possibly Russian intercontinental-ballistic missiles inbound on the northwest, and "DEFCON Four" was initiated bringing us only steps away from all-out nuclear war between the world's super powers.

I was stationed at Barksdale AFB in Shreveport, La., at the time.

I'll never forget that when our war plans there were implemented, the two squadrons of B-52s (about 50 bombers) were "cocked and locked" and were sitting at the end of the runway ready to launch.

What made this incident so memorable, is that during my 26-year military career, this was the only time that I ever saw nuclear bombs rolled out on the flight line in broad daylight, uncovered so the communist satellites overhead could see them, loaded on every bomber that was assigned to 2nd Bomb Wing, and these bombers were sitting on the end of the runway running up their engines and ready to launch on a moment's notice when ordered by the national command authorities.