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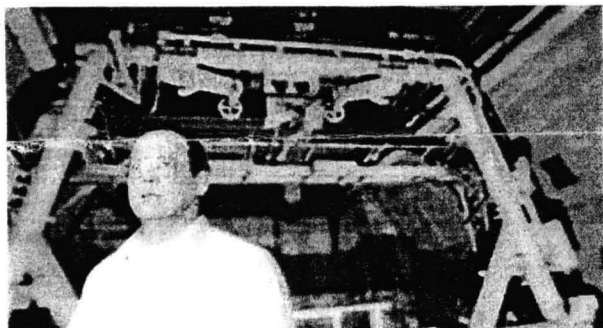
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July 16, 2010 Washington State

NUFORC Director Takes Scientific Approach To Study Of UFOs

Author: Tim Brosnan

One might ask why Peter Davenport, after 16 years at the helm of the National UFO Reporting Center (NUFORC) and thousands of UFO sighting reports (and countless crank calls) into his tenure, persists in such a decidedly not-for-



NUFORC director Peter Davenport inside the decommissioned Minuteman missile facility he owns in Washington state

profit, largely thankless enterprise.

Technorati put that question to Davenport and got a healthy dose of good old fashioned professorial fury in reply.

"We're dealing with the most significant scientific question that has ever confronted man," says Davenport, whose C.V. includes degrees in Russian, genetics, biochemistry and international business from Stanford and the University of Washington.

"Are we alone, or are we not? From my point of view, the clear and resounding answer is that we're not. If I were to stop what I'm doing, it would contribute to the government's apparent desire to keep the American people in the dark."

Davenport's passion is shared by many in the field, though his credentials set him apart from most. A former Russian translator, flight instructor, college instructor and fisheries observer aboard Soviet fishing vessels, he founded and later cashed out of BioSyn, a 300-employee biotechnology company based in Seattle, before assuming the NUFORC directorship in 1994.

He now runs NUFORC's 24/7 hotline and database out of his home, a two-bedroom apartment in Washington state roughly seven miles from the decommissioned Minuteman missile facility he owns and may one day occupy.

Or maybe not. "I'm not quite the hermit that I thought I was when I purchased the site," Davenport says. "It's quite remote."

The scientific approach

Throughout Technorati's one-hour interview, two things were made abundantly clear. The first is that Peter Davenport is, above all else, a scientist. He declines to speculate about anything, including people's motives or any fact that he can't verify. The other is that Davenport is exasperated with the consistent failure of journalists, scientists, and government officials to come to proper grips with the evidence that pours into NUFORC on a daily basis.

"When I look at the events in Washington, DC and across this nation, I get profoundly alarmed," Davenport says. "It's almost as if it's a government that has no interest in serving the American people. I used to live in the Soviet Union as a Russian translator. What we routinely laughed about 31 years ago is now happening in the United States."

Another issue that has caused Davenport considerable consternation is the lack of interest in a method he's proposed for proving, once and for all, that American airspace is teeming with solid objects capable of maneuvers that would liquify any terrestrial occupant subject to the laws of physics as currently understood. "I'm flabbergasted that nobody proposed this before I did," Davenport says. The method he proposes, as outlined in [a paper posted to the NUFORC web site](#), is passive radar.

Passive radar's passive reception

"The concept hit me before Martin Luther King weekend in 1995. I thought, 'Oh my God, we can detect UFOs with existing equipment. This isn't pie in the sky.'" Davenport estimates that his idea, which involves detection of existing FM signals reflected from moving targets, would cost roughly \$750,000 to implement.

"I got a call from a senior official in the CIA congratulating me on the paper. He said that a good portion of his career had been dedicated to building clandestine radar systems using so-called passive radar." Congratulations are not a form of payment accepted at the hardware store, however, and funding thus far has been difficult - nay, impossible - to come by.

"I've been tearing my hair out," Davenport says. "We could end the UFO debate right now, but everybody goes back to sleep. I've been to (aerospace billionaire and MUFON "Star Team" patron) Bob Bigelow on two occasions. He got very excited, but I've yet to receive a penny. I've done everything in my power, except jumping off a high building or bridge, to try to fund this thing."

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Yet Davenport keeps plugging away, frequently irritated, occasionally snubbed, but undeterred over the long haul. Even when running for public office, which he's done twice without success, he makes no bones about what he considers to be the biggest issue of all. "I wear my scientific interests on my sleeve and I point out to people that we're dealing with the ultimate scientific question. This is an abiding interest to me and it should be an interest to everyone on this planet."

Those to whom it is of interest, according to Davenport, include "people with positions of considerable responsibility" within the government, some of whom he says have told him point-blank that UFOs "are what they appear to be, namely very sophisticated craft under intelligent control."

"It's time to awaken people from their Ihabod Crane-like slumber," Davenport says. "It's the craziest thing I've ever seen."

And that, coming from a man in Davenport's line of work, is saying a great deal.

GazetteXtra.com

Janesville, WI July 19, 2010

UFO sighting on Delavan Lake?

By [DAN PLUTCHAK](#)

DELAVAN LAKE -- At least one resident along Delavan Lake reported seeing a large, orange ball hovering over Delavan Lake Saturday, the second such sighting this month. A posting on The Vike Factor: Into the Paranormal blog describes the sighting.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURIAN

July 15, 2010 Cape Girardeau, MO

UPDATE: Pulaski County UFO debunked!

Well, looks like I have a little update for you all on what turned out to be probably my most popular blog entry to date: The Pulaski County UFO [photo](#).

I was contacted Thursday night by Heather Frayer, a member of Lorin Beach's group Society of the Unknown Paranormal Investigations. She says the group took and has now debunked the photo. This is what she had to say:

"It was actually a flower pot that was superimposed on the digital photo. Still have no idea how the photo came about. But we informed Mufon and MIG. We didn't mean to cause such a scare, but there was no water on the lens. He was using an infrared light with a camera. We also have other very interesting photo in the same cemetery in which both sides of the same tombstones appeared on the same photograph....

....Just wanted to let you know because apparently double images can occur on digital as well as regular film."

Great. Something ELSE to have to watch for during evidence review. Personally, I've never heard of superimposed images happening when using a digital camera, but I suppose anything's possible. I'm glad to hear the group takes their debunking seriously.

Heather, if you are reading, thanks for keeping us up to date! [Society of the Unknown Paranormal Investigations](#)

Aug. 5, 2010 Decatur, IN

Triangle UFO cases: simplicity in detail and no signs of letting up

Couples from Indiana and Oregon don't know each other, but share a common experience - each witnessed a low flying, triangle UFO coming toward them and silently flying overhead, according to testimony from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) witness reporting database.

A Decatur County, Indiana, man felt "vibrations" in his body as he yelled for his wife to join him on a second story balcony as a silent light in the sky moved toward him at 9:47 p.m., August 4, 2010.

When first spotted, the light was 100 to 150 yards above a nearby corn field and steadily heading toward their location. Their 3-year-old daughter quickly joined them.

As the object came closer, they realized it was triangle-shaped, with a bright light on one corner, and two dimmer blue lights on the other two points. There were also 4 to 5 lights illuminating the center of the object that were "different grades of fiery red."

The object then moved directly overhead, and the couple ran through their home and out the other side to watch it move away. They report that the object "left as it came - silent and steady."

A similar sighting was reported in Oregon after a July 6, 2008, event where a couple watched a silent, triangle-shaped object with three white lights at each of its points move directly overhead in MUFON Case # 24958.

"I am not sure on the dimensions of the object but I can say that it took about 15 to 20 seconds for the entire object to fly over us," the reporting witness stated.

Cases like these are popping up weekly all over the U.S. with a simplicity in their detail and no signs that the phenomena is losing strength.

A bright light is usually seen in the distance, and as the object gets closer, the triangle shape and three points of lights are seen.

There are variations in the color of the three lights, and whether or not there are lights - and the number of lights - along the underbody. The objects make no sound at all, which causes witnesses to wonder how it is staying up in the air.

Few images or video are ever recorded as witnesses are frequently mesmerized by what they are seeing or there is generally not enough time to break out recording devices to get the job done.

The fact that the objects are seen in such great number causes some speculation as to whether or not they are simply new Air Force equipment. One then wonders why they would be tested in the public places they are being reported from.

The following are the links to the unedited and as yet uninvestigated reports filed with MUFON. Please keep in mind that most UFO reports can be explained as something natural or manmade. If Indiana and Oregon MUFON investigates and reports back on these cases, I will release an update.

IN, August 4, 2010 - Triangle, Silent, Not spinning or fluttering as it comes near. 4-5 Red lights at different intensity of RED. MUFON Case # 24959.

OR, July 6, 2008, Large Triangle shape with three white lights. MUFON Case # 24958.

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Farmington, NM Aug. 3, 2010

Triangle UFO under 500 feet at Farmington, New Mexico

Three men talking outside a Farmington, New Mexico, gas station were "creeped out" after a triangle-shaped UFO came toward them at less than 500 feet off of the ground on July 31, 2010, according to testimony from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON)...

An astronomer's bleak prediction

by [Billy Cox](#)

Harvard astronomer Rudy Schild suspects 'UFOs: Generals, Pilots and Government Officials Go On the Record' will make little difference in U.S. policy.

To be fair, it's doubtful The Monitor even heard of Pulliam's HSCA colleague, Dr. Rudy Schild. It probably didn't know he performed detective work on celestial puzzles such as wormholes and black holes, or that his research had produced more than 200 published scientific papers. But were it aware that Schild's curiosity had also led him to study UFOs, or that he used to confer with the late Pulitzer Prize-winning Harvard Med School psychiatrist John Mack — the alien abduction expert — no doubt it would've run screaming in the opposite direction.

Nevertheless, Schild decided to stick his neck out this week with an endorsement of Leslie Kean's *UFOs: Generals, Pilots and Government Officials Go On the Record*. If you don't think that takes a little brass, even in a tenured position, consider the fact that another scientist who also publicly lent his support to the same book declined to elaborate further with De Void. And no wonder.

"We've got 300 scientists here studying everything you can think of. Everything but UFOs," the Harvard astronomer tells De Void. "I've developed a schizoid personality. There's Rudolph M. Schild, and then there's the UFO Rudy Schild."

Schild has never had a problem with attempting to connect UFO propulsion systems to the oblique engines of astrophysics. He lectures at UFO conferences about it. But within academia, Schild has already discussed the adjustments he'd be willing to make if his public lectures become an embarrassment for administrators.

"I don't have an axe to grind, I'm not an experiencer, I don't have any UFOs in my pocket," he says. "But it's totally unacceptable for me to raise my hand in a(n academic) seminar room and ask about UFOs. I would just as soon keep quiet about it."

So why go on record — again — this week?

"I know there are some safety in the sky issues raised in the book," Schild says, "but they are trivial and minor compared with what we're losing on an intellectual level. We are losing an understanding of how profound and how deep the universe really is than is presently understood."

Schild commends Kean's work, and the international players she brings to the table. But he suspects after the initial run of publicity, the climate of receptivity will remain unaltered.

"I appreciate what Leslie's done. She's put in a lot of hard work and she's careful not to get into government conspiracies," he says. "I hope it brings us closer to the truth, I really do. But the forces opposed to it are too powerful."

"What the French are doing, the Russians, China — it doesn't make any difference. Our government's official position is self-contradictory and absurd. They're lying to the American people. And everybody knows it."

Schild's prediction: Only a new generation can end the blackout. "I wish I could be more upbeat and positive," he says. "But this society is progressing one funeral at a time."

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Last month, when The Christian Science Monitor decided to uncork another UFOs-are-stupid piece, it didn't even bother to pick up the phone. Instead, it dusted off some two-year-old quotes that Christine Pulliam of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics made to National Public Radio. It was a tired old yawner about mirages and how "extraordinary claims require extraordinary proof."

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Aug 9, 2010 Philadelphia, PA

Airline passenger reports silver sphere-shaped UFO 1,000 feet under jet

by Roger Marsh

An airline passenger on approach to Philadelphia reports watching a "silver sphere-shaped object approximately a thousand or so feet below" the plane at 8 p.m. EST on July 18, 2010, according to testimony from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) witness reporting database.

The object was traveling in the opposite direction of the plane.

"It looked about the size of a volkswagen beetle," the witness stated. "There were no wings. It traveled in a straight course, without deviation. I watched the object cross my viewing region for only about 5 seconds."

The witness provided an illustration of the object in relation to the jet. No images or video were included in the public portion of the MUFON report.

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PA, July 18, 2010 – Sphere shaped object about the size of a volkswagen. [MUFON Case # 24800](#).

While traveling in an airliner over the city of Philadelphia, PA, I was in a window seat, situated about 4 or 5 rows back from where the right wing protruded.

I was basically just looking down toward the ground. I can only assume our altitude was around 15000 ft, due to the fact that we had already been descending toward the airport.

It was around 8:00 PM Eastern Time.

The sun was beginning to set in the west, which was almost directly to my right, perpendicular to our path south toward the airport.

While looking down toward the ground, I noticed what looked to be a silver sphere-shaped object approximately a thousand or so feet below, traveling the opposite direction that our jet was traveling.

It looked about the size of a volkswagen beetle.

There were no wings. It traveled in a straight course, without deviation. I watched the object cross my viewing region for only about 5 seconds.

UFOs spotted in Suffolk?

BY LEILA G. ROCHE
STAFF WRITER

The first time Terrell Copeland saw a UFO was in 1997, when he was 15 years old.

Since then, he's seen them all over Suffolk and Isle of Wight — especially around the city's lakes and landfills.

"They use large waterways to hide in, around the landfill — all over," he said. "Most of the sightings are in my apartment — up close. One was just sitting over my apartment."

The objects he has seen flying in the air, he said, range from balls of light to elliptical objects and triangular objects.

"I am not alone in the universe, and I'm not at the top of the chain of existence," he said. "Someone above me took notice of little old me, and the question arises — why me?"

Copeland said he knows not everyone will take him seriously, but the 27-year-old former Marine is adamant about his beliefs. He has been told on national television that he is an alien-human hybrid being prepared to meet his alien relatives, which he believes are responsible for all of mankind.

His story has been told by ABC's Prime Time and the History Channel's UFO Hunters.

Copeland does not believe the objects he has seen are military aircraft, but he is sure he has seen

jets and other aircraft interacting with the UFOs.

Like on October 24, 2005.

"The first time I saw a jet maneuvering around a massive ball of light was on E. Washington Street — close to the Dismal Swamp," he said. "I was facing downtown. The light was probably about two miles away, and the jets were probably 15,000 feet up."

Three nights later, he said, he saw the same thing.

"I was driving in front of the Fresh Pride grocery center and saw it up close," he said. "The light was hovering over the center. I pulled up to the parking lot and was not prepared for what I saw. There was an object inside the light. The light had been an illusion. At first, I thought it was just a stealth bomber, but I realized a stealth wasn't that big."

He described the vehicle as moving very slowly, taking about seven minutes to get to the other side of the parking lot.

Since then, Copeland said, he's seen the object "time and time again," and the beings have begun to take a personal interest in him.

He is not sure why or even how they take him, he said, but they place him under paralysis, "like when scientists observe a wild animal."

"The first time was during the last Saturday in

February of 2008," he said.

"I went to sleep on my couch and woke up in a massive dining hall. There were lots of tables. Everything was white. People were eating. They all looked like human beings."

Copeland said he was still in his bed clothes and, at first, he thought he was just having a crazy dream. He took it as a real experience when he realized later that the speakers he kept on his window had been moved.

"They were tucked away in a position that made no sense," he said. "It's not something I would do. The only conclusion for me was that they brought me in and out through the window and placed the speakers back there."

He believes further evidence of his abductions is an "unknown, rare blood disorder" that was discovered when UFO hunters took him to a doctor who told him he shared the disorder with other people who'd had similar experiences.

"A head researcher and author told me he believes I am an alien hybrid," he said. "At that point, I thought this was past the point of lunacy."

But, the more he researched and studied UFO reporting and extra-terrestrials, the more weight he gave to the theories.

"Every culture from the

Aztecs to the Egyptians talks about someone coming from the sky" he said.

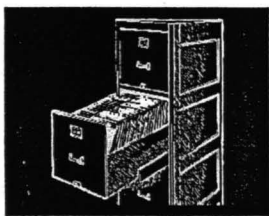
He believes that many of the instances in the Bible — specifically in Ezekiel, Genesis and Exodus — that speak of beings descending from the sky are actually literal descriptions of aliens. The beings, he said, planted humans here on

earth and have been monitoring us.

"The information is there for us," he said. "Unfortunately, we don't look at things with a logical mindset. ... As humans with modern civilization, we've been blessed and think we're at the top of the proverbial food chain. But that isn't the case."

Copeland warns that "they will reveal themselves and intervene in human affairs," he said. "We need to get off our high horses. People will not take the integration lightly. ... They're going to show themselves. Get ready. You want change? Change is coming."

Suffolk News Herald
Suffolk, VA
June 23, 2010



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Mississippi man has no doubts about incident

Spacecraft dipped down and took him aboard

By BECKY MEEKS

No doubt exists in Charles Hickson's mind that a spacecraft dipped down into a Mississippi bayou two years and one week ago today and took Hickson and a fishing buddy on board.

Hickson also believes firmly that soon — within the next five years — aliens will reveal themselves to people on earth.

The Gautier, Miss., steelworker is in Fort Smith this weekend to appear at the national conference on unidentified flying objects.

He refused Friday to take a lie detector test, which was to have been conducted by the Fort Smith Police Department certified polygraph examiner. The Polygraph test had been agreed upon, according to conference organizers, but Hickson said Friday, "I don't think this is the right atmosphere."

"I am going to take a test from a competent examiner, but I don't want to take one here during this conference," Hickson told The Southwest Times Record.

In his book "UFO's Explained," Phillip Klass said Hickson took a polygraph examination in New Orleans and passed it, but Klass terms the examiner "uncertified and inexperienced." Klass is senior avionics editor for Aviation Week and Space Technology magazine.

Det. Charlie Hill, the Fort Smith polygraph examiner, is certified, however, and only recently completed an eight-week course on the machine. Hill was disappointed upon learning Friday that Hickson had declined to take the test. Hill spent several weeks researching UFOs.

Hickson's blue eyes do not waver and his workman's hands do not fidget, except to grind out a fractional stub of a cigarette, when he tells again about the incident.

"The fear's all gone now," Hickson said quietly. "It took me about a year to get over it."

He and a friend, Calvin Parker, were on a fishing trip near Pascagoula on Oct. 11, 1973. It was dusk when the two men saw a craft hover, Hickson stated.

Three 'things' with wrinkled skin and robot-like movements got out, Hickson retold here, and carried him and Parker, who had fainted, aboard the spacecraft.

"I felt pain in my arms where they touched me, at first, then I felt nothing. There was no way I could struggle. I had no feeling, maybe like being paralyzed, and I couldn't have resisted," Hickson said.

The experience was so frightening, he stated, that he doesn't think he spoke a word to the creatures and "they didn't try to talk with me."

How long the experience took, Hickson said, has not been determined. Neither man was wearing a watch and they had no sense of how much time they were in the alien craft before they were released.

His description of the creatures is that they were perhaps five feet to five feet and four inches tall and covered with a wrinkled skin.

"They had pointed noses, ears and sort of slits for mouths. I can't recall the eyes, the skin around the eyes was so wrinkled. Their hands were like mittens,

with pinchers," said Hickson.

His opinion is that they were robots, he said.

After they were released, said Hickson, he and Parker first called Keesler Air Force Base, about 30 miles from Pascagoula, to report the incident.

"The Air Force told us they didn't handle that kind of thing and we should call our sheriff's office," Hickson recalled. "At first they (sheriff's deputies) thought we were crazy. They questioned us until about daylight the next day."

About three weeks after the alleged incident Parker was hospitalized with a nervous breakdown from the shock, said Hickson.

Hickson, 44, took his basic training for the Army Infantry at Ft. Chaffee. He worked for a shipyard at Gautier at the time of the incident and is now self-employed.

At first he was afraid his experience would be damaging to his five children.

"At first they had it rough, but they never doubted me. We still have the same friends and neighbors and we still get along with them like we always have," said Hickson.

But the incident has affected his lifestyle, he allowed.

He once had time to go fishing and take part in other recreation and sports. Now, when he's not working, there are reporters and their questions.

"I don't have the privacy I used to have," he commented.

So much has been printed that Hickson says is incorrect about the incident that he is now planning to write a book.

The book will "set the record straight," he said.

One of the most frequent questions asked is if the experience brought financial gain.

"I haven't made any money from this. It has cost me, in time off and away from home. But I feel obligated to tell people what happened," he asserted.

He has received thousands of letters from people concerned about UFOs who want to share his information, he said.

Questions from reporters, scientists and investigators have not shaken Hickson's belief that what he claims actually happened to him and to Calvin Parker as they fished.

He also believes "there is another world — maybe many worlds — up there somewhere with life and some kind of spacecrafts."

"I think we will have the answers before long . . . they will make their presence known. I have come to the conclusion that this will happen in the near future," said Hickson.

He doesn't see this possibility as a threat to earth at all.

"I believe it will be for the better. They (the aliens he says he saw) didn't try to hurt us," Hickson stated.

He would not predict when, exactly, earth people would learn about the

existence of other beings, but he did say he thinks it will be within the next five years.

Why Charles Hickson was taken aboard a spacecraft, what purpose it served and why it happened to him, in particular remains a puzzle to the native Mississippian.

But doubt that it happened? He shakes his balding head "No" and frowns.



CHARLES HICKSON

...firm in belief aliens took him aboard spacecraft near Pascagoula, Miss. Enr.

TUCSON CITIZEN

July 27, 2010 Tucson, AZ

This Day in Paranormal History: 'Washington flap' UFO wave of 1952

by Cherlyn Gardner Strong



UFOs Over Washington 1952

Today marks the 58th anniversary of a bizarre wave of UFO sightings in Washington D.C. that wrapped up on July 27, 1952.

Also known as the "Washington flap", the sightings took place over two-week period, most notably July 19/20 and July 26/27.

Unlike the recent China UFO sighting, these objects in 1952 were detected on radar in two places: Washington National Airport and Andrews Air Force Base. The objects reportedly reached speeds of up to 7,200 mph. (Yes, 7,200 mph. That is not a typo.)

The U.S. Air Force Air Defense Command was notified of what was occurring in the skies over Washington. Several F-94 night fliers began their pursuits of the objects on the radar. The resulting pursuits proved to be frustrating. When the planes lifted off, the UFOs disappeared. When the planes landed, the UFOs reappeared. When the planes would see the objects in the distance, the objects would disappear as the plane approached.

However, there were times when the UFOs didn't disappear. As one pilot stated: *"They've surrounded my plane, what should I do?"*

It wasn't only military planes that interacted with the UFOs. Two passenger flights within a several hour period had contact with the objects.

At 8:15 p.m. on Saturday, July 26th, a National Airlines pilot and flight attendant observed strange objects above the plane. The radars at National Airport and Andrews AFB tracked these and more objects.

In the early hours of July 27th, at 3:00 a.m., an Eastern Airlines flight over Washington was informed that an unknown object was in its vicinity, yet the crew saw nothing unusual. Personnel on the ground tracked the object on radar. When the flight crew was told that the object had moved directly behind their plane, the crew began a sharp turn to see for themselves.

When the plane began to turn, the object disappeared from both the sky and the radar.

The official Air Force explanation for the two week wave of sightings and the scrambling of the military: "temperature inversion" (a weather phenomena that gives the illusion of lighted craft flying in the sky).

Many people didn't accept the findings and continued to question and even formally study the event.

Dr. James E. McDonald a physicist at the University of Arizona and a prominent ufologist in the 1960s, did his own analysis of the Washington sightings. After interviewing four pilot eyewitnesses and five radar personnel, McDonald argued that the Air Force explanation was "physically impossible" –
Excerpt from Wikipedia

The fascination with this event continues 58 years later.



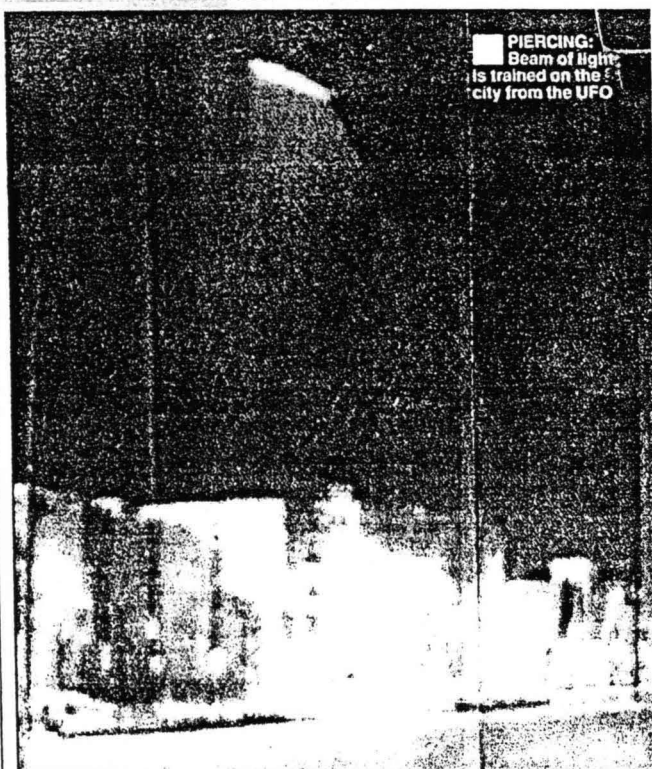
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HOVERING:
The mystery
aircraft in the sky
over Hangzhou

AIRPORT SHUT IN UFO SCARE

Flying saucer sparks panic in skies



PIERCING:
Beam of light
is trained on the
city from the UFO

■ by KEIR MUDIE

THOUSANDS ran screaming in terror after spotting a UFO.

The object, which looked like a flying saucer, hovered above an airport for several minutes before beaming down a piercing shaft of light.

The airport was closed and passenger planes were diverted as X-Files-style agents were drafted in to investigate.

Witnesses reported strange balls of light and a bus driver said he saw a glowing object in the sky at around 9pm on Wednesday.

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He said: "It suddenly ran westwards fast, like it was escaping from something."

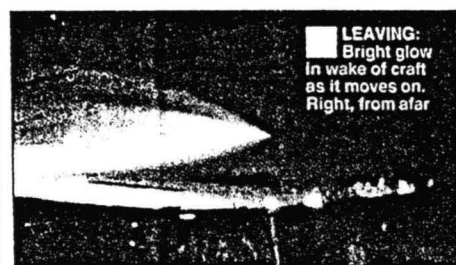
Other witnesses saw the object in Hangzhou, China, "glowing in golden light" and followed by "a comet-like tail".

Meanwhile, UFO fans on the web have gone into overdrive about the sighting 30 miles from Shanghai.

Alien enthusiast Michael Cohen wrote on one website: "It is known that the Chinese Government is preparing for open contact with at least three alien races."

"The Chinese are planning to build an alien embassy to welcome these newcomers to Earth."

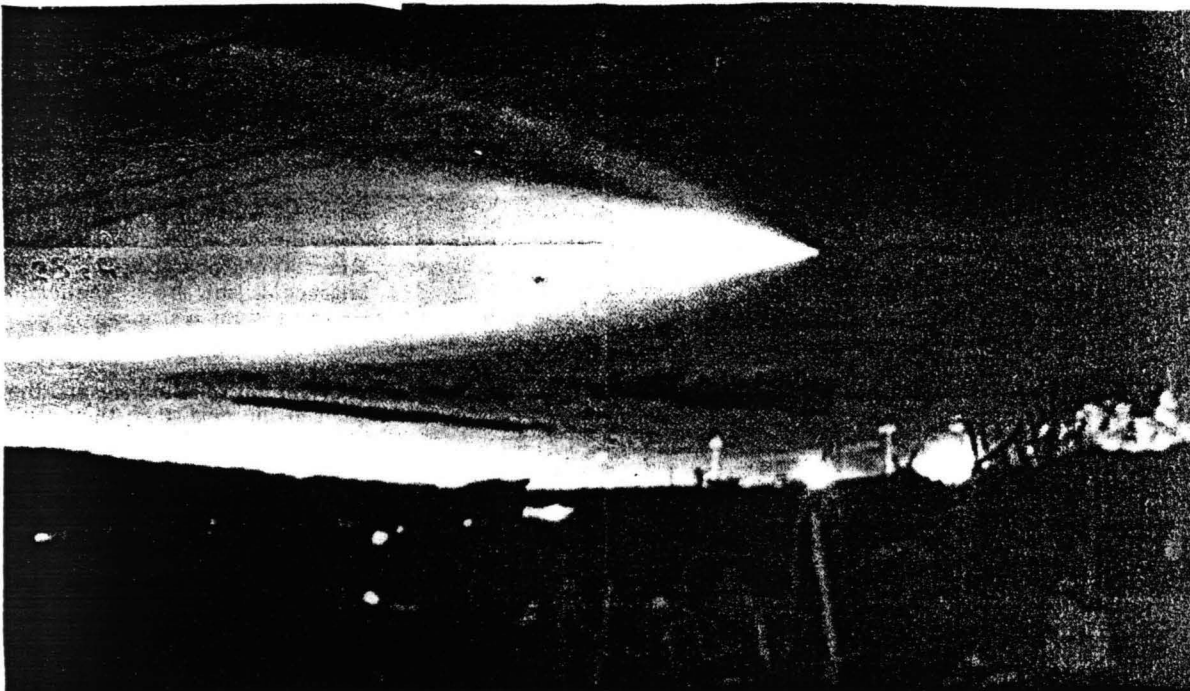
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LEAVING:
Bright glow
in wake of craft
as it moves on.
Right, from afar



Daily Star
England
July 12, 2010



**The Times
England
July 9, 2010**

Airport is closed to avoid close encounter as UFO flies over

A key airport in the south east of China was closed for an hour last night after a UFO sighting — the second this month (Jane Macartney writes).

Chinese media outlets carried pictures, above, of an object streaking across the sky. Flights were delayed by up to four hours as a result of Hangzhou airport's

closure. The sighting — in a country so fascinated by UFOs that there is a state-approved society devoted to their study — followed reports of a bright object in the sky over the westernmost region of Xinjiang on June 30.

The *Xinjiang Metropolis Daily* carried a front-page photograph after that

sighting with the question: "Did Xinjiang receive a night visit from a UFO?"

Song Huagang, the secretary-general of the Xinjiang Astronomical Society, offered a more prosaic explanation for the sighting — one of many in the vast, mainly desert region. He said it was more likely to be a US missile test.



July 20, 2010

UFOs over China? Not quite, analyst says

By the CNN Wire Staff

(CNN) -- Those probably were not UFOs that hovered over China recently, a Massachusetts Institute of Technology analyst said.

The images of the UFOs have caused quite a stir in China and on blogs around the world. But many of the images appear to be faked with the software program Photoshop and the ones that were not faked seem to depict the launch of a Chinese ballistic missile, said Geoffrey Forden, an MIT weapons analyst.

Forden, who also specializes in Russian and Chinese space systems, published his analysis on a blog called "Arms Control Wonk."

In the analysis, Forden used scientific theories to examine the images of the flying object that he felt were not created with Photoshop.

"It seems to me that a DF-21 (missile) launch somewhere near Jiuquan and aimed at a point somewhere in the eastern Gobi desert is the most likely cause of this 'UFO'", Forden wrote.

Chinese officials have been looking into the reports about UFOs. They have said they were trying to determine whether the objects were private or military aircraft, rocket flares, reflection in the sky or something else.

The first sighting occurred at Hangzhou's Xiaoshan Airport, in the eastern part of the country, according to the state-controlled Xinhua news agency.

Eighteen flights were delayed or rerouted and operations shut down after twinkling lights were spotted above the terminal around 9 p.m. July 7, the agency said. According to Xinhua, speculation has centered on a private aircraft. The state-run China Daily quoted a source saying the object had a military connection.

Purported photos of the unworldly object have appeared online, on YouTube and on television news shows.

Meanwhile, The Shanghai Daily reported a UFO appeared above the city of Chongqing a day later.

eXaminer

July 17, 2010 China

China UFO: Mysterious light in the sky causes panic, speculation, confusion



UFO spotted over China on July 7.
(Photo Obtained from YouTube Video)

By Cindy Adams

China UFO: Mysterious light in the sky causes panic, speculation, confusion (video)

Last week, flights were delayed and an airport was shut down after a mysterious light was seen in the skies of China. On July 7, a flight crew at Xiaoshan Airport spotted the object, resulting in the airport closing down and 18 flight delays.

Weekly World News reports that the light was from an unidentified flying object [UFO] caught the attention of the media and "sparked a firestorm of speculation on the UFO's identity."

The Internet began to buzz regarding the identity of the object with some believing the craft was a U.S. bomber flying across China. Others wrote on blogs and Web sites that the object was a creation of the Chinese military.

According to WWN, a source told China Daily that the UFO was already identified by the Chinese government, but authorities would not reveal what was discovered. Nonetheless, the report indicates "there was a military connection."

July 22, 2010 Great Yarmouth, UK

Help wanted to solve UFO mysteries

PULSATING, the orb's colour changed from orange to red, hovering overhead somewhere above in the twilight transition between day and night, far brighter than any star.

For one pair of astonished onlookers who saw this strange spectacle while clearing up from a family barbecue, it was not the first time. And now the Hemsby couple are hoping others who have seen similar sights will step forward and help them try to piece together the mysteries of the sky.

Noel and Elaine Galer were in their back garden when they witnessed the overhead spectacle on Sunday, having seen something similar outside Caister High School last year.

Noel, 54 and chairman of the Hemsby Allotment Association, said: "My back garden faces west and what I saw followed a straight line from roughly south to north and maintained a constant height. It was like a fireball, and the intensity of the light fluctuated as it moved.

"I have seen aircraft afterburners and more to the point heard them too. I've seen hot air balloons, lightning in a rainforest and even meteorites, this was none of those."

As it followed other similar reports in The Mercury, Noel has decided that something needs to be done to bring together eyewitnesses and those interested in the topic.

He said: "Whatever I saw was real and I want to join with others to help get together as there seems to be a lot of it about around here. "I would be happy to discuss it - you need sceptics too, and it's not about getting carried away, but corroborating things."

He also has ideas on how the group can go about doing what so many others have failed to. Having run an IT company named Abasys with Elaine for more than 15 years, Paul thinks he has the knowledge and contacts to help them get ahead.

One of his ideas is an instant SMS service between members when a sighting is made, so the like-minded people can corroborate their positions, and what it is they are witnessing.

He is also keen that modern CCTV technology which he has worked on, which starts recording when there is a sudden movement, could be used.

Noel, who believes what he sees is an example of unidentified natural phenomenon, rather than alien spacecraft, added: "It sounds insane, but a friend even suggested that we could get a radio control mobile plane with a camera on it to take a closer look. It's all about pooling talent and ideas together."

And his wife backs him all the way. Elaine said: "I think it's a brilliant idea. It would be nice to compare notes, and these sightings seem to be much more frequent than we are led to believe."

If Anyone interested can email sightings@abasys.co.uk or call 0845 5082926.



Aug. 12, 2010 Auckland, NZ

'UFO' a kite

East And Bays Courier

East & Bays Courier readers have solved the mystery to the formerly unidentified flying object seen in Mission Bay and Orakei last month.

Readers responded to the August 6 article saying that the object seen in the sky was in fact a kite.

Four reports of a UFO with flashing lights and changing colours had been made to the international UFOINFO website.

Several readers who responded say the kite had flashing LED lights and was higher than the average kite.

People that had seen the lights were intrigued and went down to the beach to have a closer look, only to discover a man flying an elaborate kite and selling them to the public.

TUCSON CITIZEN

Tucson, AZ July 20, 2010

MSN in Malaysia reports UFO sighting at a beach resort

by Cherlyn Gardner Strong

MSN in Malaysia has reported a UFO sighting at Tuaran Beach Resort, near the city of Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.

Their article states:

If you're Malaysian, rejoice! We haven't escaped the notice of suspected extraterrestrials. We'll let you decide if the following is a precursor to a full-scale invasion or a routine sampling of our country's famously varied food.

Is Malaysia hurting for tourists or was something really seen at the beach resort?

The article reports several witnesses for the event this past Saturday. One of whom, Jemas Dungil, said he saw a round, blue floating object that turned green in seconds before disappearing. The other Tuaran Beach Resort staff members and guests who witnessed the phenomena have reportedly substantiated this claim by Dungil.

Do they have proof?

Despite claims of some cell phones mysteriously going dead when trying to snap a photo, some witnesses stated that they successfully captured an image of the object. MSN didn't offer photos, so perhaps photographic evidence from this event might turn up eventually.

People's Daily Online

July 23, 2010 China

8 UFO sightings occur in China with a month

Aviation experts cool on private plane theory in east China UFO probe

According to reports in the Legal Evening Newspaper, citizens in Xinjiang, Hunan, Hangzhou and Chongqing saw UFOs one after another in the last month.

Domestic media agencies have reported at least eight UFO sightings since June 30, which is more frequent than any other period of time.

As of now, the UFOs in Yibin of Sichuan Province and Dongguan of Guangdong Province have been identified as a lit kite and a plane's exhaust, but there are still no explanations for the other six. However, experts on UFOs believe the recent UFO sightings are not related to aliens but everyday object like kites and planes.

By Wang Hanlu, People's Daily Online

Deal means McKinnon would serve sentence in a British jail

By James Slack
Home Affairs Editor

GARY McKinnon would not have to spend a single night in a U.S. jail in a deal being thrashed out by UK and American officials, the Mail can reveal.

Under the terms of the agreement, the Asperger's sufferer would be guaranteed bail before facing a trial in the U.S. for hacking into military computers.

If found guilty, he would be immediately transferred back to Britain to serve out any custodial term.

Previously, the U.S. had been insisting he would be jailed in America - with little prospect of a prisoner transfer.

But details of the latest negotiations emerged after President Obama said he hoped to find an 'appropriate solution' to the saga, which dates back to 2002, when Gary hacked into NASA and Pentagon computers looking for evidence of alien life.

Campaigners last night insisted they will continue fighting for Gary, 44, to be tried in the UK, as well as serving any jail sentence here.

His family say he would be unable to cope with any journey to the U.S. and medical experts have warned the trauma of extradition could lead to Gary killing himself.

There is also renewed hope of changes being made to the lop-sided Extradition Act, which was signed by Labour and offers greater protection to U.S. citizens.

UK courts are approving 89 per cent of U.S. extradition requests. By comparison, only seven in ten



'Amazing relief': Gary McKinnon with his mother Janis Sharp and (left) from yesterday's Mail

requests by the British authorities are granted. David Cameron said: 'We are going to review the extradition treaty, to ask whether it is balanced and fair.'

Yesterday Gary's mother Janis Sharp said it was 'incredible' the case had been raised during the

Daily Mail CAMPAIGN AN AFFRONT TO BRITISH JUSTICE

White House talks between Mr Obama and Mr Cameron. She added: 'For him to know that he can stay here and be tried here would be just such an amazing relief.'

At a joint press conference with the President on Tuesday Mr Cameron said Gary serving his time in a

British jail was 'one potential outcome and I'll be working very hard to make sure these things are discussed'.

Mr Obama added: 'I trust this will get resolved in a way that underscores the seriousness of the issue but also underscores the fact that we work together and we can find an appropriate solution.'

Home Secretary Theresa May is currently considering new medical reports, submitted by Gary's medical team, that extraditing him to the U.S. could lead to suicide.

Home Office lawyers are also trying to establish whether it is possible to halt his removal on human rights grounds.

At the same time, officials are thrashing out what would happen to Gary if there was no way of stopping the extradition. In these circumstances, the best possible deal would be a guarantee Gary would

at no stage be imprisoned on American soil.

Last year Mr Cameron said that if Gary had questions to answer, there was a clear argument to be made for him to answer them in a British court. Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg has also said that, on the 'morality and principle' of the case, the computer hacker should be prosecuted here.

Yesterday Keith Vaz, chairman of the Home Affairs committee, said: 'We found that Gary McKinnon should not be extradited to the US - the only appropriate solution is for him to face trial in the UK.'

'The discussions between the UK and US Governments must continue to bring this long-running case to a satisfactory conclusion and to end the anxiety and distress felt by Mr McKinnon and his family.'

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Daily Mail COMMENT

At last, Gary's case reaches the top

AFTER only ten weeks in office, David Cameron has achieved more for Gary McKinnon than Labour managed in all the eight years since the Asperger's sufferer was first accused of hacking into NASA and Pentagon computers from his North London bedroom.

True, the 'appropriate solution' promised by Barack Obama may turn out to be less than ideal.

So far, all that's being suggested is Gary should be allowed to serve any sentence in a British jail after being tried in the U.S. (where he faces up to 60 years).

But the very fact that the American President is giving the case his personal attention represents real progress - and Mr Cameron deserves high praise for raising it with him.

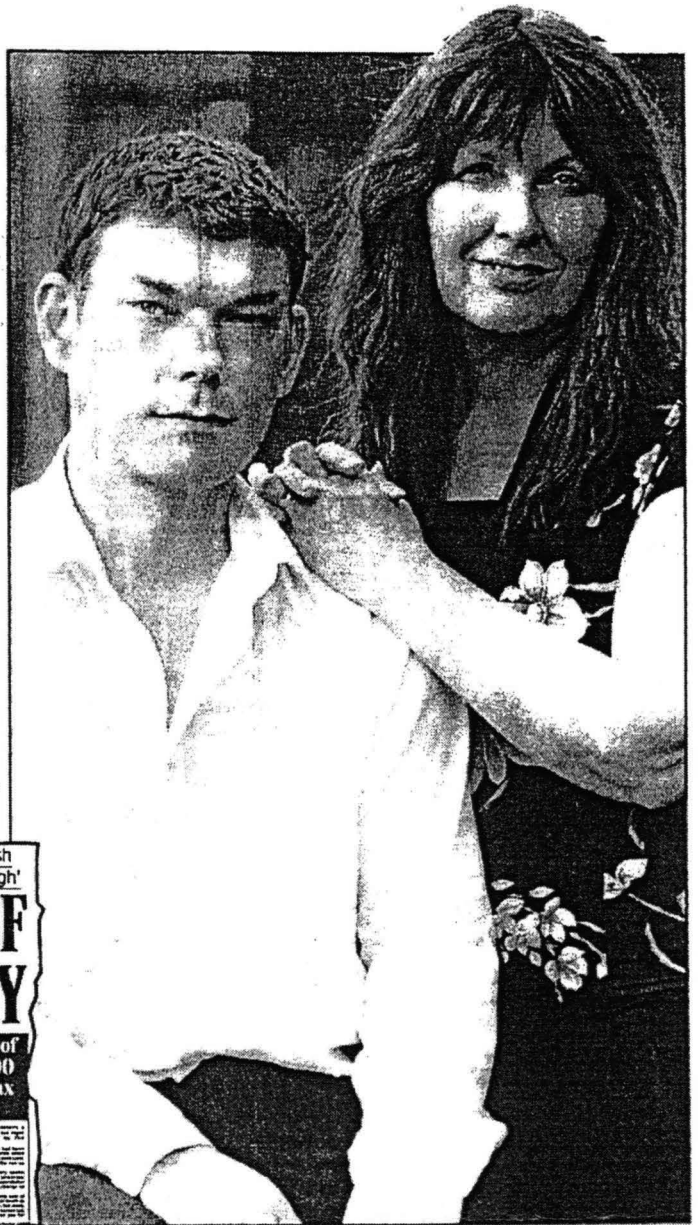
As Gary's mother says: 'It shows he's not a lapdog and that he is prepared to stand up for British people.'

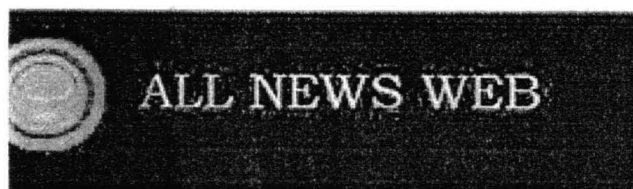
All credit to the Prime Minister, too, for ordering a review of our lop-sided 2003 treaty with the U.S., under which many more suspects are extradited from Britain to America than *vice versa*.

As the Mail has vigorously argued, this treaty was meant to apply to terrorists - not to an emotionally disturbed young man, at risk of suicide, who says he hacked into the U.S. computers in search of evidence of UFOs.

In our long-running campaign, we've always said true justice for Gary demands he be tried in a British court for offences he is alleged to have committed here.

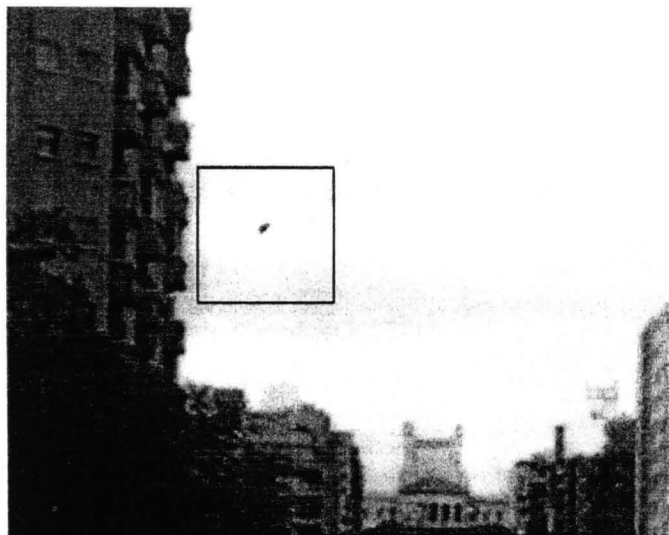
We hope that Mr Obama will reach the same conclusion.





July 30, 2010 Uruguay, South America

Mass UFO sighting investigated by Uruguay Air Force, photos



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A UFO that was seen by hundreds of Uruguayan citizens participating in a celebratory march near that nation's Legislative Palace in the capital city of Montevideo is now being investigated by the Air Force.

Multiple photos and a video of the UFO that has not been released have been collected by the investigation team headed by Colonel Ariel Sanchez. All up 30 photos have been sent in by eyewitnesses (one such photo can be seen above and a series of closeups of the object can be seen below). The team of investigators includes researchers from the national Aerospace agency's remote sensing department. Witnesses are also being interviewed.

Colonel Sanchez reminded concerned citizens that over 90% of UFOs can be explained and are not extraterrestrial in origin. Colonel Sanchez stated that this particular UFO might well be a plastic bag blowing in the wind. A number of witnesses however are doubtful of that explanation. Some UFO researchers have noted that the UFO looks suspiciously like the probes that are allegedly currently being sent by an alien civilization monitoring Earth, according to a number of aerospace agency ex-insiders.

BRACKNELL FOREST STANDARD

Aug. 10, 2010 Bracknell, UK

Another week, another UFO in Bracknell...

More strange objects have been spotted in the skies above Bracknell.

Daphne Gollob, 77, contact The Standard this week to say she had spotted something mysterious above her home in Parkland Drive, in Bullbrook. She said she saw two orange lights in the sky at around 10.10pm on Tuesday night. "They were dead level with each other and then petered out in the sky just above my house," she said. "I called the police to see if anyone else has reported it.

"It was odd, it wasn't a star or anything like that. "I may be 77 but I'm not silly." Daphne's spotting follows that of Zdravko Nanev, who says he saw a strange flying object in the skies above his flat in Kelvin Gate in Bullbrook on Friday, July 2.

LATIN AMERICAN Gerald Tribune

July 22, 2010 Caracas, Venezuela

Uruguay's Air Force Examines Photo of Possible UFO

MONTEVIDEO – The Uruguayan air force is analyzing a photograph in which can be seen a black spot of unknown origin in the sky above Montevideo taken on the day of the festivities celebrating the return of the national soccer team from the World Cup tournament in South Africa, the daily El Pais reported Wednesday.

The air force's UFO panel, known as Cridovni, received the image on Tuesday from a private citizen, the newspaper said.

In the photo, which was reproduced by El Pais, a black spot is visible in the sky above the huge crowd that accompanied the bus carrying the soccer team's players as they toured the capital and were warmly and gratefully greeted by their countrymen after having secured the fourth place spot in the World Cup competition.

Cridovni chief Col. Ariel Sanchez told El Pais that on that day no anomalies were noted in the airspace over Montevideo, which was "well-monitored," since air force aircraft were performing acrobatic maneuvers above the city as part of the celebration.

However, Sanchez said that a scientific investigation will be conducted to determine the origin of the spot in the photograph. "We never rule out the extraterrestrial hypothesis, but we also know that they can be physical particles or light displays," said the colonel.

The daily added that the air force studies an average of four photos a month showing alleged unknown objects in the sky. EFE

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Halifax, UK Aug. 10, 2010

More sightings of 'the orange UFO'

Just writing to inform you that I saw the UFO at approx 2315 tonight Friday August 6 from my back garden which is Brockwell Gardens, Beechwood near Sowerby.

I can confirm that it was bright orange and did appear to be burning.

It was travelling relatively slowly, then just disappeared into the distance,

I was in too much of a trance to go in and grab my mobile to take a picture,

I am sure more people will have seen this at the same time as me. See how many reports you get to confirm the sighting.

Neil Lewins
West Byland,
Illingworth

After reading your article on August 6 my wife and I remembered seeing the objects while walking our dog on the top of the hill at Illingworth.

Last night, again while out walking our dog, we had three sightings over the King Cross direction of Halifax at about 9.40pm, then as we were returning home another came up from over Bradshaw direction and headed almost over our heads. It appeared to be of a dark oblong shape with a bright orange light in the centre of it.

Alan Bamforth

UFO expert calls for opening up of X-Files

A UFO expert is demanding David Cameron open up Britain's X-Files.

Malcolm Robinson is considered a world authority on the paranormal and unexplained.

Last year he became the first Scot to lecture on American soil after appearing at the lectern of an international UFO conference in Las Vegas.

The real life Fox Mulder moved to Hastings in 2007 but remains perhaps the foremost expert on Scottish UFOs - publishing his first book on the subject last year.

His second tome is due out in the coming weeks but, according to Mr Robinson, his research is curtailed by the levels of secrecy surrounding official records.

And earlier this week Mr Robinson - together with fellow Scots

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John Wickham and Billy Buchanan - descended on Downing Street to urge the Prime Minister to open up classified files.

Speaking after delivering a letter to Number 10, Mr Robinson, 57, said: "Since the closure of the UFO desk in Whitehall last year, British UFOlogists feel that the seriousness of UFO sightings may be overlooked.

"Many British UFO sightings are not Chinese lanterns, but represent low level close proximity UFO sightings, some so close, that you could almost throw a stone at them. These do not conform to conventional aircraft.

"We elected David Cameron (well some people did) to serve the people of this country and in Janu-



Malcolm Robinson, John Wickham and Billy Buchanan outside Downing Street

ary he promised at a pre-election rally that if elected to prime minister, he would ensure that ALL Government files on UFOs would be released to the public.

"We want to make sure he keeps

his promise.

"The evidence to substantiate UFO presence in the skies of the UK is very real, and for the British Government to turn their backs on this, is folly of the highest order."

MoD blocks release of UFO files

(UKPA)

The release of files about a Ministry of Defence civil servant-turned-UFO expert has been blocked.

Nick Pope has drawn on his experiences working for Britain's official UFO investigation unit for a number of books about aliens and strange sights in the skies.

Fellow UFO researcher David Clarke made a Freedom of Information request in 2007 for internal MoD documents about Mr Pope's decision to speak publicly about his conversion from sceptic to believer in the possibility that extra-terrestrials are visiting Earth.

But more than three years later, the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has upheld the department's refusal to publish the files because they contain personal information.

Mr Pope worked on the MoD's UFO desk from 1991 to 1994, dealing with possible sightings sent in by the public. He published his first book about the phenomena - Open Skies, Closed Minds - in 1996, although he continued working for the MoD until November 2006.

The MoD's official line is that it has no opinion on whether or not aliens exist but 50 years of UFO reports uncovered no evidence of a potential threat to the UK.

Dr Clarke asked the department to release records of its internal discussions about how to respond when Mr Pope began talking to the media about UFOs in 1995-96.

He obtained an April 1996 memo written by a senior officer in defence intelligence, who said the matter should be approached "very delicately".

But the MoD refused to release other papers about Mr Pope, including some which contain "free and frank advice" from defence officials about how to handle the situation.

The ICO said in its ruling on Dr Clarke's request: "The commissioner feels that this is a finely balanced case and that the complainant has provided well reasoned arguments to support his case. However, in this particular case the commissioner does not believe that release of the information concerned would further the legitimate public interest in any significant way."

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'Not in the public interest': Nick Pope's files will not be released

MoD files on UFO expert are 'blocked'

A BID to release files about a Ministry of Defence civil servant-turned UFO expert has been blocked. The documents held on Nick Pope will not be published because they contain personal material, the Information Commissioner's Office said, upholding the MoD's first refusal three years ago. Fellow UFO researcher David Clarke, who made the initial Freedom of Information request in 2007, insisted there was a 'clear public interest' in the documents being made public. But the ICO said in its ruling that 'the commissioner does not believe that release of the information concerned would further the legitimate public interest in any significant way'. Mr Pope drew on his experiences working for Britain's official UFO investigation unit for a number of books about aliens and strange sights in the skies. He agreed with the commissioner's ruling and claimed that the interest of UFO enthusiasts was getting 'obsessive and a little unhealthy' and he did not want to 'further fuel the fire'.

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August 2, 2010

More UFO sightings in West Lothian

by Alistair Watson

WEST Lothian could soon have its own collection of X-files as yet more sightings of unidentified flying objects have flooded into the Courier office. Last week's story about a spate of UFO spottings in the night skies has sparked an intense debate amongst our readers.

Several got in touch to report more strange sightings while others contacted the Courier to offer more rational explanations for what has been seen. One couple from Deans even supplied photographic evidence of a UFO spotted while on a caravan holiday in England. The pair, who wish to remain anonymous, claim to have seen the same thing above their home in Deans two months ago.

They said: "We had been outside when all of a sudden we spotted this glowing light in the sky. We had seen a similar thing above our house in Deans a couple of months ago but this time we managed to film it. "It was definitely not a Chinese lantern; it was too big and it was moving too fast. "We were totally gobsmacked by it and you can see in the video that my hand was shaking. "I would love to know what it was. There has got to be an explanation for it but so far no one has come up with anything."

One reader e-mailed the Courier about an unusual sight seen in the sky above Livingston on August 8. "I was in the KFC car park and started to see orange lights appear in the sky," they said. "There were three at first and they started rising then moving towards us, then more kept appearing and doing the same. "They just seemed to disappear once they had travelled a certain distance, they were moving slowly when they were rising and hovering but then started to move at quite a pace before disappearing."

The King family also got in touch about a strange sighting they saw in the sky above Broxburn on July 30. They said: "I was letting our dog out before going to bed, when I witnessed two balls of light travelling together towards our house. They were travelling very fast, heading north across the flight path of Edinburgh airport.

"One then broke off and headed towards Edinburgh. The other continued on its course over our house. I called my family out and on seeing them my 11-year-old daughter started crying, saying she was scared.

"I have lived next to the flight path of Edinburgh airport all my life and have never seen anything like this in my lifetime. "Their speed was incredible. They were incredibly bright, which caught my eye straight away even though the sky was clear and full of stars.

"There were no flashing lights, just a solid ball of white light. I have got to admit it shook me up a little and find when I go out now I automatically look to the sky. We couldn't believe it when we opened our Courier to see other people have seen strange things in our skies."

However, other readers however are a bit more cynical when it comes to the sightings.

Tam Kelly got in touch with his explanation of what the sightings could be. He said: "Unless I am an idiot, these are Chinese lanterns. I do not know where they are being released from but I have seen them many times. "They come from the same direction, and burn out in the same sort of area every time – they are not 'turning black', they're disappearing.

"The fact that these are usually seen at the weekends, when most people have parties and weddings seems lost on the crackpots who imagine them to be flying in formations."

The explanation of Chinese lanterns – a paper balloon with a wire frame that floats in the sky while a candle burns inside it – was also offered by James Howarth. He said: "My cousin stays at the back of Dechmont Hill. A couple of weeks ago it was his 40th birthday and he let a whole host of Chinese lanterns off there to celebrate his birthday. "This could probably explain what a lot of people saw."

Playful UFOs and an all-seeing eye - the truth is out near Southam

Myles Sullivan believes he may have seen UFOs near Southam.

A close encounter on a country lane has turned a Southam man into a UFO believer. followed them along the road between Napton and Southam.

Myles Sullivan and his wife Kate were returning from a wedding late on Saturday July 31 when a pair of darting yellow lights in the sky. The yellow glowing lights appeared to be at the same height as a low-flying helicopter but moved faster. And when Mr Sullivan slowed the car and opened the window, there was no sound of engines.

Mr Sullivan, a history and RE teacher, said: "It was one of those sensations where the hair stands up on the back of your neck. "It was a UFO in the true sense of the phrase. It was something in the air and we didn't know what it was. "If I didn't believe before I believe now. It just didn't seem like anything I would recognise."

Sometimes disappearing in low cloud, Mr Sullivan described how the lights darted around alongside and over the car, following the couple until they reached the edge of Southam.

Mr Sullivan added: "You couldn't see them constantly. You would see them, then they would disappear. "It was almost like they were chasing each other or playing together."

Many recent sightings have been attributed to the popularity of Chinese lanterns, but Mr Sullivan said the lights remained at a steady height and did not rise like Chinese lanterns. Neither did they cast a beam like lamps on tractors or combine harvesters.

When the couple got home Mr Sullivan checked the internet to see if anybody else had seen anything. He found his sighting was not the only unexplained phenomenon near Southam in recent weeks. A crop circle with a design like an eye appeared in a field beside the Fosse Way near Ufton on July 14.

The father of three, who lives in Coventry Road, added: "I'm not a stargazer or a UFO spotter but I'm receptive to the idea that there could be spaceships out there.

"It spooked me at the time and I wondered if anybody else had seen anything. I guess it was one of those things you get in a quiet country lane that people can't explain."

The Ufton crop circle attracted the attention of international website www.cropcircleconnector.com

Photographer Julian Gibsons said its 'all-seeing eye' or 'sonic' eye design was a symbol of mystery dating back to ancient Egypt, but did not often appear in crop circles.

He added recent circles near Guy's Cliffe in Warwick and last year near Chesterton Windmill had been of an "extremely high" standard, comparable to examples in Wiltshire, a world crop circle hotspot.

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said the ministry no longer commented on UFO sightings.



UFO sightings could be Chinese lanterns

By Emma Barlow

FOLLOWING last week's story about reports of UFOs above Minnigaff, several people have since contacted the Gazette in relation to other sightings - and possible explanations.

A woman living in the Bower Drive area of Minnigaff had reported seeing several lights high in the sky, some close together and more later. She claimed they had followed the same flight path and then disappeared behind clouds, all of this happening between 10pm and midnight.

But Judith Villa contacted us to report that she had been at a retirement party in Creebridge House Hotel, Minnigaff, at about the same time when members of the party released five Chinese lanterns, readily available at nearby shops, which floated in the sky for some time. She said: "I'm not sure if it was the same date as the woman in the report said but we certainly let off the lanterns at roughly the same time she remembered. "I wonder if that's what she saw? We had to wait until it was very dark, so it was quite late."

However, a report from a Whithorn woman this week backs up the original witness's claim after she spotted unidentified lights over the sea near her home. She said that on several occasions she has noticed lights following each other across the night sky before shooting off at speed: "I love to look out over the dark sky when I'm in my kitchen waiting for the kettle to boil. I often spot these lights but there's no noise and there's always a few beside each other, so they can't be planes. I would describe them exactly as the other lady did - rounded at one end and tailing off at the other." She added: "I wondered if it would be something over at Auchenlarie."

Kelvin Bell, of Newton Stewart, saw something similar. He said: "I also saw four strange lights in the sky on Friday, June 25, at around 11.10pm. I caught something out of the corner of my eye through the window. I stood up to get a better look and there where four red/orange lights coming from over the woods above the golf course. I live in a third floor flat and have great view over the years over the hills and past the church spire. "The lights continued in a straight line until they where level with the church spire but behind it and some distance away over the hills. They seemed to hover for a short while and then they shot straight up into the air. I have never seen anything move as fast or like this before."

Dumfries and Galloway has been a hotspot for UFO sightings over the years and although the area is popular with military operations, the two have rarely coincided. Robert Thorne, a keen UFO spotter who lives near Barrhill, said that while the sightings could have been Chinese lanterns, he doesn't believe it would explain all the lights. He said: "I've followed UFO sightings for a while and have compared these lanterns to sightings of other UFOs. Some can be clearly distinguished but others are simply something else altogether. "Lanterns tend to be bag-shaped and tall at the top but these recent sightings were described as rounded at the front with a tail. I think it would be all-too-easy to put every sighting from now on down to Chinese lanterns when, in fact, they aren't!"

Robin Bellerby of Wigtown-shire Astronomical Society said: "Many are made-up 'sightings', but most are attempts at making Chinese lanterns, featured in many news and TV articles during the last year. "The explanation for 'shooting off at speed' is that they rise fairly gradually, glowing with the internal fire source, which is usually a candle or spirit burner, drifting in the wind, and then hit a higher wind 'current' or thermal and are carried either sideways or upwards. "No comet would fit this description, neither would any asteroid, or meteor." He added: "Making

Chinese lanterns can be fun but there is a huge fire risk in this area. "All need a heat source to provide lift, and sometimes they come down with this source still alight, or even with the fabric on fire - the danger inherent in this should be obvious."

A woman in the Corvisel Road area of Newton Stewart was called outside by her husband on Wednesday night after he spotted a red, flashing object in the sky. She told us it came from the Blairmount area and proceeded towards Creetown and said her husband described it as having constant green flashing lights. She said: "We don't think it was a plane because it doesn't have constant flashing and this made no noise. My husband didn't think it was high up enough to be a plane, either."



Breaking News. First.

Pretoria, South Africa

July 26, 2010

By Fanie van Rooyen

Pretoria - An unidentified flying object (UFO), which apparently consisted of three bright lights, astounded residents from Booysens in Pretoria for two consecutive nights for several hours.

Engela van der Spuy, 67, who lived in Attie Street in Booysens, contacted Beeld after she watched the strange set of lights on Thursday night for the second consecutive night.

"I'm not saying it's green little space men," said Van der Spuy. "We just really want to know what it is."

Van der Spuy for the first time saw the UFO on Wednesday night shortly after sunset in the western sky.

"I couldn't make out the shape of the object because the three lights were too bright, but it almost had a heart shape because there were two lights on top, a blue light on the left and an emerald green light directly next to it, on the right side, with a big bright white light underneath it which shone straight down," she said.

Dumbfounded

According to her, the UFO hung in the air for two hours without moving and then, at about 20:30, slowly started moving down, diagonally to the left and still down, disappearing behind the horizon.

On Thursday night, the UFO again appeared shortly after sunset and at 20:30 again started moving down before disappearing.

"I called all the neighbours and we looked at it together, but no one could figure out what it could be. All we knew, was that it definitely was not a star or a normal plane."

Henrico Swart, 19, Van der Spuy's neighbour, who looked at the UFO through binoculars, was dumbfounded.

"It has to have a very strange shape, because even through the binoculars I couldn't make out the shape," said Swart.

"All you could see, were three bright lights."

On enquiry, spokespeople from the Hercules police station, the Johannesburg Planetarium and the South African Air Force had no knowledge of the incident and were unable to explain the phenomenon.

"I don't think it is a flying saucer, because we would've been able to see the saucer shape. This is something even stranger," said Van der Spuy.

Aug. 12, 2010 Muswell Hill, UK

Mystery lights over Muswell Hill spark new UFO claims

A MYSTERY red and orange object spotted floating in the night sky above Muswell Hill has triggered the latest in a string of UFO reports.

So frequently have they been experienced in the area that it has won the spooky nickname of Roswell Hill - a reference to Roswell, New Mexico, where it is claimed a UFO crashed in 1947.

The latest strange sighting is described on UK UFO website by a man giving his name as David Swan on Wednesday, July 28.

He said: "I was sitting watching TV when I saw a red/orange light appear above the trees but [it] was moving to the right, I got up and watched it move from due north to east at about the same speed as a light aircraft, but the funny thing is that there was no noise at all, it looked like a flickering flame of some kind.

"It most certainly was not a Chinese lantern unless you can get them with some kind of propulsion system. If so, I want one."

The Journal has received five reports of unidentified flying objects in the sky above or near Muswell Hill in the last two years and three describe red or orange objects that bear marked similarities to the latest sighting.

In May 2009 a cube-shaped "ship" with orange lights was seen moving across the sky from Ellington Road in Muswell

Hill and sketched by actor Sam Latham.

In January that year a bright orange ball the size of a helicopter was seen speeding through the air from King's Avenue, Muswell Hill, and in July 2008 six bright red UFOs were seen flying in a cross shape formation from Rokesly Avenue, Crouch End.

The latest spacecraft spotter has caused a stir on micro-blogging site Twitter, where one poster said: "UFO sighting in the Hill! Surely not? Wonder which bus they took to get here."

Have you seen a UFO in the Muswell Hill area? Call the Journal newsdesk on 020 7433 6209 or e-mail

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UFO sightings

May 28, 2009 Chris Penny, of Colney Hatch Lane, spots four flashing lights in the sky several hundred feet above Muswell Hill Road that look like "an aeroplane on fire".

May 25, 2009 Sujesh Sundarraj sees a colourless static object floating in the sky from a bus stop on Muswell Hill.

May 20, 2009 Actor Sam Latham spots and sketches a large cube-shaped "ship" with orange lights moving erratically across the sky from his home in Ellington Road, Muswell Hill.

January 25, 2009 Emma Hall sees a bright orange ball the size of a helicopter speeding through the air from her flat in King's Avenue, Muswell Hill.

July 28, 2008 Retired painter and decorator John Petros photographs six bright red shimmering UFOs flying in a cross shape formation from his balcony in Rokesly Avenue, Crouch End.

July 20, 2010 Sunderland, UK

UFO spotter: We aren't alone

By Tracey Walker

A dad says "there is something out there" after claiming he has footage of a UFO above his home.

Paul Simpson, 28, captured this unidentified flying object on his camcorder after spotting the unusual-looking sphere in the skies above his house. He was left astonished after witnessing the black object, which had an orange glow, in the sky above Eden Hill, in Peterlee.

Paul was in his garden at about 9pm, when he spotted the UFO hovering hundreds of feet in the sky. He said it was stationary for a few seconds, but "flew" off to another point in the sky and stayed there for a few seconds before vanishing.

Paul said: "There must be other lifeforms out there - if we are living people, I think somewhere in the universe there must be other living organisms. "I'm convinced it's a UFO, but why it chose Peterlee I don't know."

Maintenance worker Paul, whose wife Michelle works in the canteen at TRW Automotive in Peterlee, described the moment he spotted the UFO.

He said: "I was having a smoke near the back door and just looking up at the sky.

"One minute there was nothing there at all and then all of a sudden this thing appeared.

"I thought 'what on earth's that?' It wasn't a plane as you couldn't hear the engines or see a trail behind it and it wasn't a hot air balloon. "Nothing can stop and start and go off in a different direction like that.

"I just found it strange. I've never seen anything like that before."

Paul, who is dad to Ryan, 12, and two-year-old Jasmine, ran inside to get his camcorder to capture the sight.

Paul, of Fairbairn Road, Peterlee, said: "I showed my wife and she didn't know what it was either."

Paul and his family set off on holiday to Flamingoland the next day. But when he returned a week later, he was discussing the object with a neighbour, who said he had also seen it.

Paul also looked on the Internet and other people in Peterlee said they had also witnessed the weird sight. He said: "I have read up on UFOs and watched documentaries on the subject but wouldn't say I have a real interest in the subject.

"The only reason I grabbed my camcorder is because we had it out to take on holiday. But when I saw that, I was quite amazed I had seen something.

"When I have read about it, there have been a few sightings in the area over the years."

UFO spotted by pilot

A PILOT from Nantwich says he spotted a UFO over the town on Saturday night.

Andrew Haworth saw the circular craft near Barony Park at around 10.25pm.

He said: "It was firstly flying low over Nantwich and then slowly climbed to the north east and disappeared very quickly, only to re-appear to the east.

"Although I was near

enough directly under it, I wound my window down and heard no noise at all.

"As a pilot of 30 years, this was not an aircraft. It had five orange lights in the form of a circle and there were no navigation lights which would have been quite visible from my position."

■ Did you spot the UFO? Email crewe.news@cheshirenews.co.uk

Crewe Chronicle
England
July 21, 2010

The UFO base in Aksai Chin

It is now clear that multiple UFO bases exist in Aksai Chin, the Chinese controlled part of Kashmir. The bases extend from India's Ladack to China's Aksai Chin.

When the Sun is about rise in the 14,000 ft elevation, Kashmir's remotest part where the earth's crust is thick due to fold mountains of Himalayas, the UFOs cluster in formation and come out from their underground bases. For a long time Indian military thought these were Chinese Air Force Advanced reconnaissance vehicles of odd shapes and sizes. Now it is clear that even Chinese authorities are surprised with the number of UFOs that are coming out from underground these days.

Aksai Chin is a no man's land where neither Chinese nor the Indian authorities exert their influence. The local know about these UFOs and they also know not to disturb these "higher order Gods from Heavens."

The UFOs come out and disappear in the middle of gravity wave modulations. They propagate with electromagnetic flux. They navigate with gravity wave shield. Their armor is made of time encapsulated zero point energy modules.

Aksai Chin is largely a vast high-altitude desert including some salt lakes from 4,800 metres (15,700 ft) to 5,500 metres (18,000 ft) above sea level. It covers an area of 37,250 square kilometres (14,380 sq mi).

The main UFO base is in Soda Plain and uses Aksai Chin's largest river, the Karakosh. The region is almost uninhabited, has no permanent settlements, and receives little precipitation as the Himalayas and the Karakoram block the rains from the Indian monsoon. It is perfect for underground UFO base formation.

The maximum UFO cluster formations happen in Aksai Chin Lake area. The radioactivity in the lake is surprisingly above normal in early hours of the day.

Hotan County in the Hotan Prefecture in Xinjiang of China administers Aksai Chin. The administrators knowingly avoid questions on Aksai Chin underground UFO bases.

China National Highway 219 runs through Aksai Chin connecting Lazi and Xinjiang in the Tibet Autonomous Region. Recently people traveling in the highway have reported many UFOs coming from the area.

The satellite imagery on the Google Earth service revealed a terrain model of eastern Aksai Chin and adjacent Tibet, built near the town of Huangyangtan, about 35 kilometres (22 mi) southwest of Yinchuan, the capital of the autonomous region of Ningxia in China. The satellite imagery also reveals strange spots in the deep terrains. Many believe these strange deep spots were previous underground UFO bases.

Brazil Aug. 2, 2010

UFO That Terrified Passengers Photographed From Plane



Michael Cohen

An astonishing UFO event has taken place in the skies above Brazil. Photographs have come to light of a UFO that monitored a plane and terrified travellers. The incident was first reported by the popular UFO website www.ufocasebook.com.

The man who took the photos as the plane flew over Rio de Janeiro (three in total and two of which can be viewed above and below) was a passenger on the airplane who was on vacation.

Several other passengers saw the object in question, which was described by witnesses as an egg-shaped ball of light.

Some passengers screamed in fear as they felt the plane was too close to the UFO, and there was the possibility of a collision between the two craft..

According to statements of passengers, the UFO maneuvered among the clouds, but continued to monitor the aircraft for about two minutes .

The camera used to capture the UFO was a Nokia 3120 Classic.

This publication has extensively reported on small orbs sent by an alien civilization located in Andromeda to monitor Earth and has received information that these orbs enter Earth above Brazil through a star-gate. The orbs are "unmanned" and travel across galaxies at speeds well beyond that of light.

Government scientists studying UFOs make frequent trips to Brazil and will certainly be studying this case

News clippings are always appreciated!

We encourage you to submit any UFO-related newspaper clippings to us. Please be sure to include the name and date of the newspaper along with the article itself. We always credit those who submit articles that are used. Please understand that we may not be able to use all articles we receive due to space limitations.



Saltney, Flintshire, UK
July 23, 2010

UFO footage: Lights in the sky over Saltney

Contributor Steven has [sent in a film showing three UFOs in the sky](#) over his engineering yard in Saltney, Flintshire.

The footage is taken from his security camera and - in the top left of the picture - appears to show three objects moving in unison. The lights look triangular in shape.

"I'm not sure what to think," said Steven who got in touch after reading similar [stories of sightings over the Dee estuary](#) in our archived section, [Weird](#).

"We have two cameras watching vehicles parked in our compound, and we noticed on three pieces of the footage some strange lights in the sky just visible above one of the buildings opposite.

"It shows firstly what looks like an after burner from an aircraft but three-pointed. We accepted this as an aircraft but one minute later there is a group of three, then after a minute another one."

Steven points out that although [Broughton airfield](#) is nearby, planes don't use the airfield at night and his footage was taken Friday, 16 July, 22.23pm. "They must have been some form of aircraft," said Steven. "But the footage is interesting nonetheless."

County Times

Powys, UK July 26, 2010

More UFO sightings flooding in from Montgomeryshire

by: Nathan Rowden

THERE has been yet another suspected UFO sighting over our skies this week.

Rebecca Evans saw an Unidentified Flying Object in the Sarnau/Arddleen area at around 3am on Friday, July 16.

On a night that has been described as very windy, but with no rain, Rebecca said: "I spotted a bright light in the night sky, brighter than a star, which kept dimming and going out completely before lighting up the room again. This went on all night. It was quite frightening.

"It was a white light that appeared to have blue lasers coming from it, I've never seen anything like it before. It didn't disappear until 5am.

"I even woke my partner up to have a look, just to know that I wasn't going mad. He said it was a complete shock to see it.

"I do believe that there is something out there as the universe is too big just to be us. I know it wasn't a plane because two planes crossed its path; it wasn't moving, just hovering in the sky."

There have been other sightings in Newtown, Richard Roberts was on his way home from the pub when he looked up from the bridge near Humpheries Garage in the town and "saw a red bar. It was around 10.30pm, there was no noise at all, it was probably the size of a bus, it wasn't moving. The light was pulsing red and orange. As I watched it I timed it and it was there for one minute 45 seconds, then it slowly faded, but it didn't get any smaller. I thought it was a bit weird."

Did you see anything in the Newtown area? If so then contact us on 01938 557 324 or email news@countytimes.co.uk

Lynn News ^{BETA}

Lynn, UK July 21, 2010

Was Hunstanton UFO a space station?

MORE readers have come forward to report seeing a UFO - one pointing out it was definitely not a military aircraft and another suggesting it was a space station.

Last week, Lynn News reader David Newman reported seeing a strange light in the sky above Hunstanton around 10.30pm on Wednesday (July 14). He saw a bright white light travelling along Hill Street at around 100mph, he said. It disappeared after a minute and was strangely noiseless.

This week, Colin Pearson said he believed the UFO was a space station in orbit. "I saw this a week earlier at around 10.10pm in Lynn," he said, adding national press reports had said the station would be visible to the naked eye.

And Sutton Bridge reader John Chapman said it was not a military aircraft. "It was like a very large L.E.D light in the sky. It appeared to be red and almost white in the middle because of the brightness." It was flying about 400/800ft following the river Nene towards the Wash, possibly using the river to navigate. The craft made no noise and was travelling about 150 knots.

Meanwhile, Darren Jones said his brother had seen the UFO at around 12.30am on Sunday while staying at Searles Holiday Park. "It was noiseless and travelled extremely fast east to west then vertical straight up out of sight."

And Lynne Lemon reported: "We were travelling along the M5 between Birmingham and Bristol last Tuesday (July 13) around 10pm. It looked as if a shining ball had been thrown into the sky but it was too quick and too high to have been simply a ball. "It disappeared fairly soon after we noticed it and I have absolutely no idea what it was."

o Did you see it? Have you j-peg pictures? Email newsdesk@lynnnews.co.uk

THE TELEGRAPH

Aug 12, 2010 London, England

Brazil is to officially record any UFO sightings in its vast airspace and make the information available to researchers, according to a government decree published this week.

Last year there were almost 400 reported sightings to the Ministry of Defence of UFOs throughout Britain

The text calls on military and civilian pilots and air traffic controllers to lodge any experiences with unidentified flying objects with the Aerospace Defense Command in Brasilia along with any material proof by way of photos or video. That evidence will be catalogued at the air force's Historic Documentation Center in Rio de Janeiro state, where it will be made available to searchers of extraterrestrial life and other people interested.

The decree was signed by air force chief Juniti Saito.

"Air force command does not have the specialised structure needed to carry out scientific investigations on these aerial phenomena and will only register the events," the air force said in a statement sent to the newspaper O Dia.

A military air controller in Rio told the daily that respectable witnesses have previously recounted experiences with [UFOs](#).

"There are reports by ministers and even a president who saw a UFO," he said.

THE BORNEO POST

July 21, 2010

Kota Kinabalu, Borneo

UFO reported sighted in Tuaran

by Elton Gomes

IT'S THERE: A photo taken by James Dungil shows the UFO as seen from Tuaran Beach Resort on Saturday. The round blue object, which was said to be hovering in the sky near the Tuaran Beach Resort, was sighted by resort guests and employees.

Tuaran Beach Resort restaurant manager, James Dungil, 27, who were among the eyewitnesses said the object was sighted on Saturday around 4pm. "I was in the restaurant with some friends and saw some guests pointing up to the sky. "We were curious so we went out to see what the commotion was all about and I saw a round transparent object in the sky," he said when contacted yesterday.

James said he and some others then ran up to the resort's family living room, located on the second floor, to have a better view. "I managed to take one photo before it disappeared out of sight," he said, adding that there was no sound or shining light when the object vanished.

Several other guests and employees, who claimed to have also spotted the object, said it hovered in the air for a few minutes before disappearing. Some even claimed that their handphones "went dead" when they tried to record the object with the devices.

Another witness, Donny Benedict, 29, said he did not believe in the existence of UFOs, but changed his mind upon watching the unusual sight. "I saw the object for about 20 seconds before it disappeared. "It's strange that it did not make any noise like a normal aircraft," he said, adding that he regretted not being able to take a picture of the object with his handphone as it was out of battery.

Claims of UFO sighting were also made in Hangzhou, China on July 7, forcing an airport to cease operations for one hour. A flight crew preparing for descend first detected the object around 8.40pm and notified the air traffic control department. Aviation authorities responded within minutes, grounding outbound flights and diverting inbound ones to airports in Ningbo and Wuxi.

Eighteen flights were affected. Though normal operations resumed an hour later, the incident captured the attention of the Chinese media and sparked a firestorm of speculation on the UFO's identity. Internet users claimed that the object was a US bomber flying towards China but it was neither a US missile nor a Russian satellite.

Some even suggested that the Chinese military was responsible for the UFO; a new missile or aircraft being tested out.

GET BRACKNELL

July 16, 2010 Bracknell, UK

More UFO sightings – and one on film?

By **Mike Pyle**

More people have reported sightings of UFOs above Bracknell and one woman might even have managed to catch one on film.

Last week the Bracknell Forest Standard reported how Bullbrook man Zdravko Nanev saw an orange light moving around in the sky as he watched from the back of his flat in Kelvin Gate on Friday, July 2.

UFO alert! Did you see moving orange light?

Since the story went in the newspaper and on our website several people have reported similar sightings.

'JS' from Crowthorne commented on the website saying: "My wife and I saw two 'UFOs??' at around the same time last Friday night. At first we thought it was an aircraft or a helicopter on fire. "It appeared to be an irregularly shaped ball of orange flame. "It was followed by another approx 30 seconds later. "They came from the south east towards us, hovered for a few seconds then turned to the east and disappeared."

Stargazers who got in touch with the Standard after Zdravko's first sighting suggested it could have been an orbiting satellite, but JS said he does not think that was what he saw.

He added: "They were definitely not orbiting. They appeared to be flying at the same height and speed as a helicopter, one following the other. "We would be very interested in finding out what these actually were."

Ellen Lewis, 63, of Segsbury Grove in Harmans Water saw something similar in March and caught it on video camera. The footage is unclear but shows a light in the sky moving and flickering and a strange noise can be heard.

Ellen said: "It was the sound that got me first. There was a strange thrumming sort of noise, I've never heard anything like it. It was really eerie. "I stepped out and saw these small orange lights. "They disappeared and then came back again. "They were there for long enough for me to go in and get my phone and my camera to film it. "It was very loud. I would be surprised if no one else had heard it. "I've not seen anything like this before. I like sci-fi but I don't really believe in things like that usually."

NT NEWS
Darwin Northern Territory
Australia July 17, 2010

UFO spooks Show crowd

By **ANNIE SANSON**

A BRIGHT light travelling slowly across the sky last night spooked a large crowd of people at a Territory Show.

The sun was just going down and spectators started to gather around the rodeo arena at the Katherine showgrounds, when a bright light suddenly appeared in the sky around 6.20pm.

"At first, I thought it was a plane that had caught my eye in the sky," Mel Auty, 35, from Camira, Queensland, told the Northern Territory News last night. "But it was more like a falling star, just not falling. It was slowly making its way across the sky. "And it wasn't dark enough for stars to be out. "It was going across the sky for maybe five seconds, before it suddenly disappeared."

The mother-of-three was not the only one to spot the weird light. Rikkasha Barclay, 8, said she was stunned by the "weird thing" in the sky and called out for her mum.

"There was this bright thing and then it was gone," she said. "It was really strange. I don't know what it was. It was there, then it was gone."

Vicki Mulholland, of Borroloola, said she was watching the last campdraft events at the Show, when something caught her eye. "I looked up and something went across the sky," she said. "It kept going and going and suddenly it was gone just as if someone had switched it off." The 32-year-old said she had seen meteorites and shooting stars before, but nothing like this. "It wasn't a star, that's not what it was," she said.

Thomas Herrod, of Adelaide River, said he had heard of strange phenomena in the Territory sky before, but he didn't believe in paranormal activities or any of "this bulls**t people talk about when they drink too much".

"But whatever it was, it wasn't anything I can explain," the 34-year-old said.



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CHRIS PIETSCH/The Register-Guard

Autumn Williams talks about her book "Enoch" during the Oregon Sasquatch Symposium at Lane Community College.

BIGFOOT BELIEVERS

A symposium draws Sasquatch seekers from across the nation

By DIANE DIETZ
The Register-Guard

An unusual group of hominid was spotted Saturday in the fir-ringed valley at Lane Community College in south Eugene.

Although the skies were sunny, 210 of them gathered in the shade of a lecture hall and exchanged vocalizations on the subject of a bigger, hairier and more elusive and most controversial species — bigfoot.

"One thing these people have in common is determination in the face of societal opposition," said Jim Kiser, who researches bigfoot from his home in Newberg. "My son thinks I'm crazy

and my brother-in-law is less polite. My Ph.D.-in-chemistry friend says he has a bigfoot detector — and it's a six pack."

The range of the bigfoot-seeking hominid is national, but, since 2003, large seasonal gatherings have occurred in California, Oklahoma, east Texas and Ohio — where 670 turned up in April, said Jeffery Meldrum, who teaches anatomy at Idaho State University.

"It's a curious commentary on human nature that there are these sorts of gatherings all over the country," he said. "It becomes a social network that fills a human need, obviously."

Saturday's gathering, called the Oregon Sasquatch Symposium, drew participants from — besides Oregon —

Washington, Idaho, California, Nevada, Florida, Texas, Hawaii and New Zealand. The symposium continues today in Building 17 at LCC.

The participants' habitat — while traveling — is the Red Lion Inn or similar motels. But their ordinary location is out in the woods, listening for unaccounted-for knocks and whoops that might indicate the presence of bigfoot.

"Many of them devote any time they're off the job," said Jon Nichols, a Sasquatch researcher and bull breeder from Vancouver, Wash.

Bigfoot followers cannot be distinguished by surface activities, such as

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career or political affiliation, Nichols said. "You'll see computer programmers to pipe fitters — a wide spectrum," he said. "You have everything from the greenies to the rabid conservatives."

They are tool users, these human bigfoot-seekers. They employ infrared night vision goggles, motion activated cameras, plaster casting kits. Some have developed mobile field research laboratories they tow behind pickup trucks to support their work.

Increasingly, they pursue bigfoot on the Internet, where several websites have cataloged signs and sightings of the elusive animal.

The Bigfoot Field Researchers Organization, for instance, lists 224 sightings in Oregon, including 13 in Lane County — including details of each encounter.

The bigfoot-seekers refer to themselves as "witnesses" if they've glimpsed a bigfoot-type creature and "habitua-tors" if they've "come to know these beings," said Toby Johnson, a University of Oregon student and the symposium organizer. Although, he said, the term "habituator" is fading in favor of "long-term witness." The group calls itself the "bigfoot community."

The community has its alpha individuals, who are revered for their experiences, their knowl-edge of foot- or voice-print — or their ability to rivet an audience to an encounter story.

Robert Gimlin, who shot the most famous bigfoot footage in 1967, was on hand Saturday. So was Meldrum, who is among the most promi-nent academicians to venture into Sasquatch study, despite the ridic-ule of university peers.

But the rock star was Autumn Williams, the keynote speaker, who was feted with whoops and cheers. "We are a family," the slender blond woman said as she started her story, "drawn together by our interests."

Williams told the story of a 50-year-old bull-dozer driver in Florida, who took up residence in a swamp to escape the tragedies in his life.

There, Williams said, he took up a Jane Good-all-style life with a tribe of bigfoot. She referred to him only as "Mike" and said that she was the only human in the world to which he would confide.

Mike is a profane and funny witness, given to playfully calling his friends, the bigfoot — big-feet? — "snapperheads."

Williams said Mike would not supply her with a picture because he is wary of the demand for such "evidence," but he allowed an artist to simulate an image that he verified was close to accurate, she said.

"Oh," a woman in the audience gasped, when Williams flashed a close-up of the hairy face with luminous eyes, wrinkled nose and broad mouth on the lecture hall screen.

"Wow," other audience members said.

Williams took ques-tions after her speech, and none were critical, Meldrum noticed. "There were no probing ques-tions, none of that," he said, later adding: "It reflected the attitude of the audience. They were won over to her story."

Many bigfoot enthu-siasts are fervent — and some range into the realm of anti-science, Meldrum said. At an ear-lier conference, he said, "I thought I was in a Bible belt meeting in the South."

The bigfoot-seekers are fairly shy. A half dozen wouldn't mind sharing their experiences for this story, but not if they were identified by name.

"I just don't want anybody to know," said a woman from Spokane.

There are a number

of reasons for their reti-cence, Nichols said. "As a (bigfoot) researcher, your highest priority is to not let anybody know what your doing and keep your mouth shut. They don't want to be held up to ridicule."

Another reason, Nich-ols said, seekers are pro-prietary about the woods where they do their field research. They don't want their sites compro-mised.

"Mike," the habituator in Florida, must remain secret so his identity doesn't bring attention and jeopardize the safety of bigfoot — which he calls Enoch, Williams said.

"The big guy comes first," she said Mike said.

Those who follow bigfoot's trail tend to assume that the creature they seek is, generally speaking, friendly and intelligent.

Some have been influ-enced by the movie Avatar, Meldrum said, whether they recognize it or not. Williams, for instance, depicts big-foot as a kind of noble savage who shuns the use of technology and lives communally.

She juxtaposes big-foot with man's image-and-possession obsessed society.

"That's the politically correct posture for a lot of people," Meldrum said. "The Sasquatch has chosen a path that's more pristine and pure."

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Another Chupacabra Found in Texas?

By Troy Stange

After finding a strange, nearly hairless beast in his barn, a rancher from Fort Hood, Texas notified Animal Control officers, who shot the animal which they referred to as "ugly, real ugly."

Many residents believe this to be the fabled blood-sucking Chupacabra, the most famous beast after the Loch Ness Monster and Bigfoot. The body was taken away and given a DNA test to determine its species.

The Chupacabra had first been seen in Puerto Rico in 1995 and sightings spread to many Spanish speaking countries, including Mexico and those states that border it. Although no hard evidence has ever existed, an alleged six carcasses have been found.

The most famous sightings of the Chupacabra was in 2009 in Blanco, Texas when a man found a strange carcass that weighed approximately 80 pounds. It had four legs and a tail and resembled a coyote except that it was mostly hairless. It was later displayed at a creationist museum.

Near Fort Worth earlier this year, golf course workers claimed to have found the carcass of another Chupacabra, but it was later determined by scientists from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to be a hairless raccoon.

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