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### Los Angeles Times

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#### UFOs Spotted Over NYC Prompt Panic, 911 Calls

By SHELLEY NG wpix.com

CHELSEA, N.Y. (WPIX) —



Several New Yorkers witnessed an unusual sight Wednesday afternoon when several shiny, circular objects were seen flying high above the streets of Manhattan.

The NYPD and Federal Aviation Administration say around 1:30 p.m., they received calls from many people who saw the objects hovering over Chelsea.

Many people took to Twitter to talk about the unidentified flying object sighting, and posted videos and photos of the bizarre event.

Although officials could not confirm what the celestial objects were, skeptics believed the balloons were part of a tourism promotion event held on Broadway in Times Square for the centennial of the Madrid's Gran Via on Wednesday, which included the release of several bunches of yellow balloons into the sky.

Spanish newspaper El Mundo, explained, "Unfortunately for the advocates of 'I want to believe' what they saw on the 11.00 (New York time) were not UFOs, but dozens of yellow balloons that the City of Madrid had dropped in Times Square in a campaign to promote tourism on the Gran Via, which this year celebrates one hundred years."

A Westchester elementary school class also came forward Thursday claiming the balloons were from an engagement party the children held for their language arts teacher Andrea Craparo. A parent was walking to the Milestone School in Mount Vernon when the wind took away a bunch of white balloons intended for Craparo.

But believers cite a September 13 press release for the book *Challenges of Change* by retired NORAD officer Stanley A. Fulham, which predicted a fleet of UFOs would descend upon Earth's major cities on Wednesday, October 13.

Fulham stated the extraterrestrials would neither land nor make any communication with Earth on Wednesday. But their presence would be "the first in a series intended to avert a planetary catastrophe resulting from increasing levels of carbon-dioxide in the earth's atmosphere dangerously approaching a 'critical mass.' [...] They are aware from eons of experience with other planets in similar conditions their sudden intervention would cause fear and panic."

He asserts their contact with Earth is part of their process of leading mankind into accepting the "alien reality and technologies for the removal of poisonous gases from the earth's atmosphere in 2015, if not sooner."

The book also states that with the help of a channeler, Fulham has been in contact with a group known as the Transcendors for more than a decade. He described them as a group of 43,000 eons-old souls, who use their experience and knowledge to provide information to

"humans in search of basic realities of mankind's existence." The press release also stated:

*The Transcendors reveal through the author crucial information about urgent global challenges facing mankind such as earth changes, international terrorism, worldwide financial collapse and the environmental crisis. One revelation is al Qaeda has a dirty nuclear bomb and WMD, but faces a moral quandary over "containment of collateral damages."*

*Utilizing the theme of the Four Horsemen as symbolic metaphor, Fulham warns mankind will survive all of these future challenges, except the CO2 pollution of our atmosphere. According to information provided to the author by the Transcendors, the build-up of CO2 pollution is rising 1% annually to a "critical mass" of 22% in which mankind could not survive "without outside intervention."*

The FAA also stated Wednesday that after reviewing radar information, they only found typical helicopter traffic above the West Side but could not detect anything unusual that would prompt the avalanche of reports they received.

"We re-ran radar to see if there was anything there that we can't account for but there is nothing in the area," said FAA spokesman Jim Peters. "There was some helicopter traffic over the river at that time and we checked with LaGuardia Tower. And they said they had nothing going on at that time."

NYPD and FAA officials say if the objects were part of an planned, organized weather balloon release, it is protocol that they are notified in advance. Neither agency received alerts.

The National Weather Service also stated they were not missing any weather balloons Wednesday.

On Thursday, the FAA stated the objects remained unidentified.

"We'll let people draw their own conclusions as to what they saw in the air over New York City," said Peters.

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## **THE TUCSON CITIZEN**

Sept. 15, 2010 Tucson, AZ

### **KGUN 9 employees in Tucson capture 'UFO' image**

by Cherlyn Gardner Strong on Sep. 15, 2010, under UFOs

In an interesting UFO sighting out of Tucson, two KGUN 9 employees spotted something they couldn't explain. With the lack of UFO reports here lately, I was sure Tucson was being neglected.

Perhaps we are and what the employees captured is merely something explainable. Although not necessarily a spaceship, it was something that the television employees couldn't identify. So, it is a UFO until identified.

I was hoping that perhaps meteorologist Erin Christiansen might have weighed in on this, as a possible weather anomaly. It should be noted that Tucson is home to the University of Arizona, where an experiment could have originated. Perhaps a professor or researcher from there might help KGUN to identify it.

Tucson is also home to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. There are lots of possible explanations. Take a look at it and weigh in on it here or at the KGUN website.

Reporter: Forrest Carr

TUCSON (KGUN9-TV) - It was tiny, it was bright blue, it was way high up, and it spent part of Tuesday afternoon hovering over the skies of Tucson. What was it? Who knows?

Around 1:00 PM two KGUN9 News employees noticed a tiny but brilliant blue dot high in the sky, nearly straight up over east Tucson. It was nearly stationary, and had the shape and brightness of a star — but the sun was shining brightly. Couldn't be that.

Whatever it was, one thing's for sure: nothing captures people's imagination, or curiosity, like the appearance of mysterious object in the sky. As of Friday evening, four days after its original posting, this story was still the forth most popular report on KGUN9.com - and the brief video showing the object in the sky was still the site's top video.

For people who can't get enough of this kind of thing, KGUN9 News has now uploaded a 3-minute rough-cut version of the raw video. To recap, here's what happened. Around 1:00 PM on Tuesday, two KGUN9 News employees noticed a tiny but brilliant metallic blue dot high in the sky, nearly straight up over east Tucson. It appeared to the naked eye to be stationary, and had the appearance and brightness of a star. But the midday sun was shining brightly, which would appear to rule out any celestial objects as suspects.

KGUN9 photojournalist Jim Pfalzer set up a camera and tripod and caught the object on video. Even at full zoom, the shape of the object was not apparent. But through the viewfinder, the object could be seen to be drifting slowly toward the east.

As it drifted, its intensity changed slowly, suggesting a small irregularly shaped object tumbling or twirling. By 1:50 PM, it was gone.

Was it a UFO? By definition, yes. It was an object. It was flying, or at least drifting. And it certainly was unidentified. Probably a balloon of some sort, right? Of course.

Sometime after the object appeared, KGUN9's Internet access went down for a few minutes -- long enough to delay the posting of this story until after the object had disappeared. No doubt, that was just a coincidence. But legendary UFO yarns have been spun from less.

KGUN9 News did check, by the way -- and neither the National Weather Service nor the FAA knew anything about the object. The Weather Service does launch balloons in the morning and evening from dozens of sites all over the country. But the flights typically are short, about two hours.

Some mysteries just aren't meant to be solved.



Sep 24, 2010

### **Strange lights over Tucson**

TUCSON, AZ (KOLD) - Our newsroom received calls all night about strange lights in the sky on the southwest side. Was it a UFO over Tucson?

Many people describe them as a 3-5 lights in a triangle shape.

Here's some what people are saying on our Facebook page:

Armando says, "It's not a plane. Five lights stood still then two lights disappeared and came back to a perfect straight line. Then it disappeared."

Crystal wrote, "I was freaked out at first too, all my kids gasped. It had us talking about aliens the rest of the way home."

Angelique said, "What I saw was a plane. It was huge. I saw it three times and it was round and on its side with lights all around it."

KOLD called people all over the place trying to get answers, from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base to the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

One spokesman from the Air Guard said that they are performing night flights this week.

Witnesses that talked with KOLD's Dan Marries on the phone insisted the lights they saw were not coming from a plane.

One woman even said the traffic and street lights flickered as it flew overhead. Another said she had to re-set her satellite television after it flew past her house.

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## **THE TUCSON CITIZEN**

Sep. 23, 2010 Tucson, AZ

### **UFO sighting in Tucson sparks dozens of calls to newsrooms**

by Cherlyn Gardner Strong

Dan Marries of KOLD News 13 has reported via Twitter that residents on the NW and SW sides of Tucson have reported a UFO.

He indicated that more than a dozen calls have been made to the KOLD newsroom regarding the object. The triangle shaped object was reported to have flown over an intersection near Starr Pass. As it passed over the intersection, the traffic lights flickered.

Check back on this page for updates as this story develops.

10:10 PM KOLD News 13 has placed calls to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, DPS and others. A representative from Davis-Monthan stated that they did not have anything in the air matching the description of the object. Comments are still being posted on KOLD News 13's Facebook page by witnesses, with one commenter insisting that it was planes and that she saw them land. Others, however, insist that what they saw was not a plane.

Oct. 19, 2010 UK

## They said the 'UFO' over New York was just balloons... so how do they explain the mirror image over El Paso?

By [Amy, David & ...](#)

It could, of course, just be an amazing coincidence.

First New York was gripped by sightings of UFOs in the sky last week. The fears were quickly debunked by the claim that the 'UFOs' were actually balloons released from a nearby school.

But this weekend lights forming a mirror image of the pattern seen in the sky over New York have been seen in El Paso, Texas - immediately sparking speculation that the little green men have moved down south.

Then they are seen solidifying into three dots forming a triangle - a triangle that was the mirror image of the three 'balloons' in New York.

Next a fourth light appeared, the lights appearing to hover in the air - and then, suddenly, they all went out.

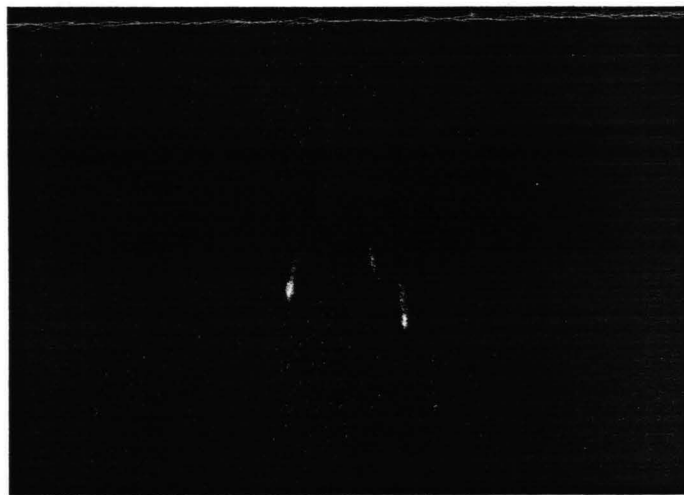
Because it was dark, it seems unlikely that these lights are balloons.

The lights were captured on video and have sparked a frenzy of speculation, especially after a local news station pointed out the similarity between them and the sightings over New York last week.

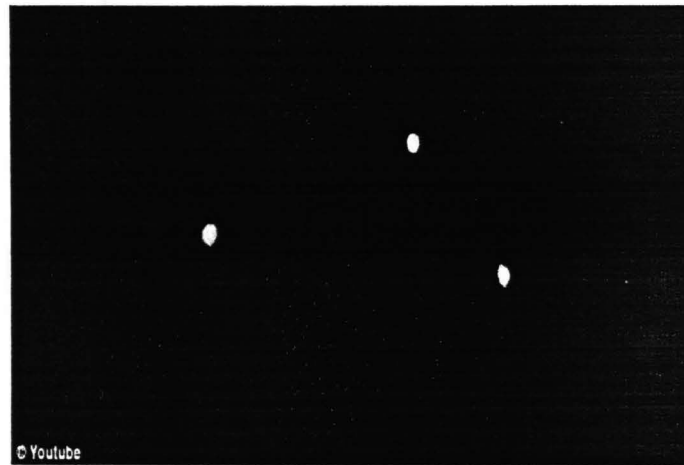
The mysterious objects hovered over the West Side of the Big Apple, causing thousands of New Yorkers to wonder what exactly they were seeing.



Mystery: Local witnesses reporting first seeing a single light cascade from the sky



Then, suddenly, the light split in to three parts



The three lights then solidified into three points as they appeared to hover over El Paso

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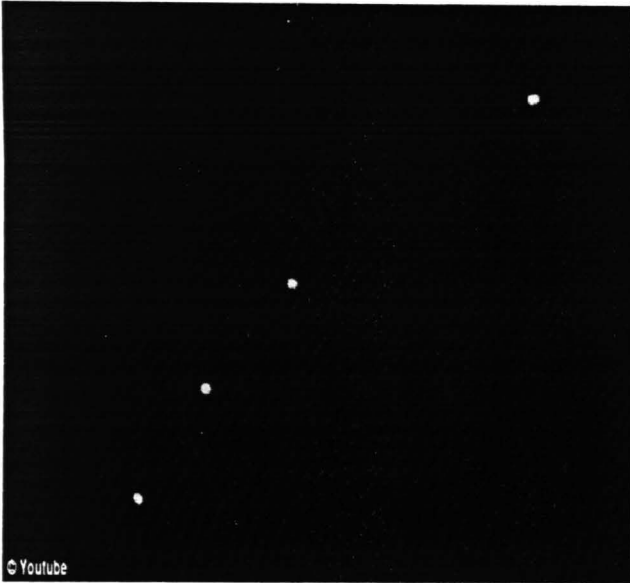


First New York... now El Paso? Left, what New Yorkers saw in the Big Apple on Wednesday. Right, what Texans saw over El Paso on the weekend

Witnesses in El Paso flooded local police stations and newsrooms with phone calls. Many reported seeing the same sequence of events in the night sky.

First one light appeared to cascade from the heavens, separating into three, each with a tail behind it.

## From last page



Suddenly a fourth light appeared - and then all four went out. The lights have not yet been explained

Traffic had ground to a halt and pedestrians stopped in their tracks to look skyward at the cluster of dots hovering overhead.

But those objects turned out to be nothing other than wayward party balloons from a school in Mount Vernon.

Angela Freeman, headteacher of the Milestone School in Westchester said she was astonished at all the attention her decorations caused: 'It was just a freak thing. Frankly, I'm shocked by it'.

The cluster of balloons were apparently inadvertently launched when a parent bought the balloons in for a celebration at the suburban school.

'The kids had an engagement party for a teacher, and a mother brought four dozen balloons, and she's coming through the door. It is very windy in Mount Vernon. Suddenly, 12 of the balloons let loose,' Freeman explained.



The truth is up there: Traffic ground to a halt and thousands looked to the skies at the strange object whizzing over Manhattan

As for the lights in El Paso this weekend, speculation is rife on the internet - and no definitive explanation has yet been given.

Many have suggested a military explanation. One observer at Headhot wrote: 'They are magnesium flares on parachutes. They are used to light up battlefields.

'A single mortar is launched, then the three flares ignite and drift down on parachutes. Then they burn out and go dark. 'Odds are there was some national guard training going on.'

Other users suggested they were a night skydiving team practicing for an airshow.

In New York, the shiny balloons which were meant for language arts teacher Andrea Crapara were released at around 1pm. The first 'UFO' sighting was just thirty minutes later.

NYPD revealed that the sightings prompted several 911 calls and brought parts of the Chelsea district to a complete standstill.

Veteran UFO spotters had come forward even before the school balloon explanation and were cynical that the object floating in the sky would be unexplained.

Peter Davenport, director of the National UFO Reporting Center in Washington DC said at the time: 'It had the flavour of a cluster of balloons in my opinion'.

Most people were sceptical that the objects were extra terrestrial life, yet remained transfixed nonetheless.

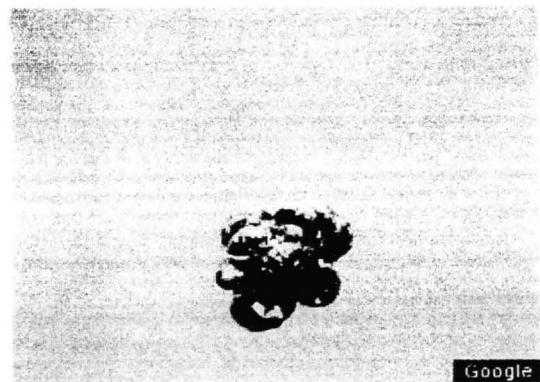
Witness Daniel Calhoun, 52, said: 'Common sense says it wasn't a UFO. Common sense says it was a plane or a balloon, but this thing stopped everyone in the street for two blocks. 'Any New Yorker will tell you, that alone is extraordinary.'

Witness Pete Bryant, 32, added: 'There was no way that thing was a balloon... Light just doesn't reflect off balloons like that.'

Some blog posts linked the sighting to a book published by a retired U.S. Air Force officer which said that October 13, the very day the sighting happened, would witness 'a massive UFO display over the world's principal cities'.

## THE HUFFINGTON POST Oct. 14, 2010 New York, NY

### New York UFO Mystery: Solved?



Flying saucer? Space Jelly fish? Silver weather balloons? It seems one classroom in Westchester has the explanation behind Tuesday's UFO craze.

Students of the Milestone School in Mount Vernon were celebrating at an engagement party for one of their teachers. A mother of one of the students, who brought a dozen silver balloons for the occasion, accidentally loosed a bunch at 1pm on Tuesday -- and the first sightings of the UFO were at 1:30pm that same day.

Hours later, Angela Freeman, headmaster, said she saw those same balloons pop up all over Youtube. "UFO? They're crazy," she told the Daily News, "those are our balloons!" The News reports:

Meteorologists with the National Weather Service said the wind was blowing south at 5 to 10 m.p.h. at the time which would make the engagement balloon theory possible.

Gawkers gathered in Chelsea to view the mystery objects, and without a clear explanation most onlookers were left stumped. Social networking sites like Twitter likewise were flooded with UFO claims, and images and videos of blurry specs in a blue sky proliferated around the web.

The News tried to reach out to the NORAD general whose claim that aliens would visit Earth on October 13 created UFO buzz, but ominously: He did not return calls - and there was no word on his whereabouts.

## THE EPOCH TIMES

Oct. 20, 2010 New York, NY

### The Nor'easter: Why We Shouldn't Dismiss UFOs

By Evan Mantyk Times Staff

Whether it was an alien vehicle that floated over Manhattan last week or simply a cluster of escaped balloons, the sighting tells us that UFO reports are quickly entering the mainstream as multimedia devices like phone cameras become increasingly abundant.

If the U.S. government is wise, it will do what the government of the United Kingdom is already doing, declassifying their UFO files and moving toward full disclosure of the visits of extraterrestrial aliens to earth.

Consider some of the facts we already know:

Former military officials held a press conference at the National Press Club last month to testify about UFO activity that they have seen and to request openness from the U.S. government. Over 120 such officials have come forward.

These former officials' stories of UFOs visiting nuclear weapons facilities leading to the shutdown of nuclear weapons were backed up by documentation showing the weapons were indeed inexplicably shut down.

In 2008, astronaut Dr. Edgar Mitchell, who became the sixth man to walk on the moon, told British radio station Kerrang!, "We have been visited on this planet and the UFO phenomenon is real, though it has been covered up by our governments for a very long time."

In 2007, former Arizona Gov. Fife Symington spoke about an experience he had 10 years earlier while he was in office. Symington and hundreds of other Arizonans were out looking for the Phoenix Lights when they saw a UFO fly overhead.

"As a pilot and a former Air Force officer, I can definitively say that this craft did not resemble any man-made object I'd ever seen," said Symington in a commentary published by CNN.

These are just a few of the many credible reports of visitors and vehicles not likely from our planet. What could be the reason for the authorities' unwillingness to make the facts known? Most likely, it is because of how little they know. Telling people who live under your leadership about something potentially very significant that you neither remotely understand nor control seems a dangerous proposition. Standing in their shoes, it makes sense in the way that it makes sense that a parent doesn't want to tell his child something very serious and weighty, because he still wants time to sort things out on his own.

But, time is up now, and ready or not, the world must know.

The real underlying issue is that modern America is built on modern science, which does a lot of practical good, but also attempts to answer questions as far flung as how humans were created, what is the fastest speed, what is the smallest particle, what is the boundary of the universe, and so on. We, in the modern world, have simply grown too attached to the far flung answers given by science about pretty much everything. Sure, there are religious and spiritual concepts, but science seems so practical, down-to-earth, and productive.

#### UFO Press Conference: Former Military Men Tell of UFOs and Nukes

The real threat people feel from acknowledging alien contact—and what makes them uncomfortable and leads them to make endless jokes about people who claim to see aliens or alien ships—is that if aliens have visited the earth, their technology is incredibly advanced and more sophisticated than ours. Our seemingly informed scientific view of everything is nothing more than the first page in a 10,000-page book.

To our government I say this: we live in a new age of truth

and it's time for full disclosure about alien contact. It's time to turn the page.

## WINSTON-SALEM JOURNAL

Oct. 4, 2010 Winston-Salem, NC

### Out there: Big blue light, orange orbs spotted

By Mike Conley | MEDIA GENERAL NEWS SERVICE

For years, people all over the world have aimed their cameras, both still and video, toward the sky in hopes of catching images of a UFO for everyone to see.

In some cases, they were remarkably successful. Rex Heflin's pictures in 1965 of a hat-shaped object hovering in the sky over Santa Ana, Calif., have been regarded as some of the most famous ever taken of a UFO. Then, there are the four glowing objects in the sky that were captured on film one night in 1952 over Salem, Mass. In May 1950, Paul Trent of Oregon took one of the best-known photos of what was then called a flying saucer.

In short, thousands and thousands of purported UFO photographs and videos have been produced over the years. A few of them are considered to be authentic while many others are outright fakes.

Now, a man in Simpsonville, S.C., claims to have caught the image of a UFO on his video camera.

Jawad Ashey was sitting on the front porch of his home with his girlfriend at approximately 10:30 p.m. All of a sudden, a blue light appeared in the sky. Ashey said it started out small and then got bigger, according to a story by WSPA-TV of Spartanburg, S.C.

"Just here on the porch, chilling out, and there it was!" he said in the TV story. "I don't think it was anything of this world. I really don't."

Ashey said that what he saw was not an airplane or some other man-made aircraft. He's convinced it was a UFO.

Ashey's video shows the blue light in the sky for about three minutes.

"I went from 'Oh wow, I'm excited,'" he said, "to 'Oh wow, I'm kinda weirded out,' to 'Oh wow, I'm a little scared!'"

WSPA Meteorologist Dan Bickford said there was "nothing unusual," such as a meteor shower, going on in the skies at the time of Ashey's sighting. Ed Richards, who enjoys astronomy, said both Venus and Jupiter are visible in the night sky now, but this object does not match those heavenly bodies.

"I was a skeptic, but now I'm a believer," Ashey told WSPA. "I'm definitely coming back out tonight to see if it shows up again."

While a blue light has been seen over Simpsonville, S.C., some folks in Highlands are reporting orange orbs in the sky over their homes.

The website [skyshipovercashiers.com](http://skyshipovercashiers.com) contains an eyewitness testimony about some weird lights seen near Highlands, which is west of Cashiers.

"On the evening of June 18, 2010, at approximately 9:30 p.m., I and five friends were sitting on the deck of a home on Panther Mountain outside Highlands, N.C., and observed six to eight bright orange orbs blinking on and off in the trees adjacent to the property," read the testimony.

The weird orange lights were perhaps up to 8 inches in diameter.

"This was observed by myself and two others in our party and lasted for about 15 minutes," read the testimony. "We all experienced feelings of euphoria and elation. Our intuition was that we were being acknowledged by loving and benevolent light beings."

Mike Conley is a reporter for the McDowell News.

## HULIQ

Oct. 18, 2010 El Paso, TX

### UFO Sightings in El Paso, Texas

by Joan R. Neubauer

First came reports from China, then Manhattan followed. Now El Paso, Texas has joined the list of mass sightings of UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects).

#### The jury is still out about the origin of the UFOs in the sky over El Paso.

Over the weekend, residents of north and northeast El Paso, Texas flooded their local police stations and newsrooms with phone calls as they reported odd lights in the sky. Most descriptions spoke of a single falling point of light separating into three, then coming to a stop and hovering. A fourth light appeared before they all blinked out.

Whether they came from a galaxy far, far away, or from terra firma, they are technically UFOs because they are unidentified, flying, and objects of some sort. And while many reach for the ET (extra terrestrial) explanation, others have given alternative explanations.

A user at Headhot wrote, "They are magnesium flares on parachutes. They are used to light up battle fields. A single mortar is launched, then the three flares ignite, and drift down on parachutes. Then they burn out and go dark. Odds are there was some national guard training going on."

"Yes, it's skydivers, specifically the US Army's Golden Knights skydiving team from US Marine airbase Miramar practicing for this weekend's Alamo Airshow," said another commenter.

Others feel they had some connection to planes with the Amigo Airshow.

Though all plausible explanations, no one seems to know if any is correct. To date, no one has explained the lights over Manhattan last week. People saw them in broad daylight and the light never floated toward earth.

People have reported seeing UFOs for thousands of years. They've become part of the popular culture. We've all seen things in the sky that defy explanation, and for that reason we call them UFOs. Most of the previous sightings have been by very few people at any one time, and in isolated areas. However, in the past couple of weeks, thousands have reported these strange lights in the sky over major cities. Such a change certainly leads one to rethink their paradigm of intelligent life on other planets.



Oct. 18, 2010 New York, NY

### Texas UFO Sighting After New York: The Striking Similarity

Texas UFO Sighting After New York: The Striking Similarity. People now have a rough idea as to what to believe about the UFO sightings over New York City that happened a few days ago. To almost every American, the most obvious answer is that the UFOs were balloons. However, interestingly, there have been a few other reports of other UFO stories as well, mainly of UFO sighting over El Paso, Texas.

The UFO video was shot in Texas a few days after the New York UFO video was shot. Initially, what appeared to be a falling meteorite swiftly stopped in mid free-fall and it hovered doing the aerial maneuvers. More fascinatingly what the Texas news caster has pointed out is the objects in the video. In a formation done by the UFOs in Texas has similar alignment to one of the formations done by the NYC UFO.

UFO always had rumored stories making its rounds. One of the most interesting stories although seems like an obvious rumor. There has been a story about a remote village in one of China's provinces had disappeared mysteriously during the witnessing of a UFO. There has been no real investigation or good facts that were given by the Chinese news agency. So all we have is just a claim about the disappearance of the entire village.

According to testimony from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) witness reporting database a Centerville, Texas, man have reported of a fast moving and silent, "large, black triangle" UFO. It appeared to be "just past the houses across the street" around 9:30 p.m. on September 27, 2010.

The objects have been observed by others as well, the witness states, if they had been traveling along I-45, between Dallas and Houston.

The witness also states that the object was "banking slightly east because I could see its darker outline against the night sky and I'm pretty sure I was looking at the underneath of the craft."

The question that arises is are these real UFOs? If they are true then visits are a sign that they are making their presence felt.



Oct. 19, 2010 New York, NY

### UFO Over El Paso, Texas: Were Army Skydivers Mistaken For UFO?

UFO Over El Paso, Texas: Were Army Skydivers Mistaken For UFO? Recently the news of UFO seen hovering over Chelsea, New York grabbed headlines but later it was said that the silvery flying objects which were seen by hundreds of residents were balloons and not UFOs. But the reports of UFO sightings did not end here and two days ago news of UFO being spotted over El Paso, Texas made it to the headlines. The Texas UFO video was shot a few days after the New York UFO video was shot.

The video, initially shows a falling meteorite, which suddenly stopped in mid free-fall and then started doing aerial maneuvers. According to local news outlets the objects in the video were fascinating and the formation done by the UFOs in Texas has similar alignment to one of the formations done by the UFOs in New York City.

There are however claims that the objects, which were sighted in Texas were not UFOs but were the Golden Knights skydivers doing nighttime jumps with flares. You can visit the website of the Golden Knights to know about their schedule and you will find out the same. Well, if that is true then there ends the Texas UFO story.

The stories related to UFOs pop up every now and then. Recently news emerged that a remote village in one of China's provinces had disappeared mysteriously during the witnessing of a UFO. Although it was not independently verified and the facts that were given by the Chinese news agency still remain suspicious.

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Sept. 22, 2010 Santa Fe, NM

## Fireball seen over Santa Fe likely a meteor

A bright, "significant" fireball seen passing near Santa Fe and Pecos on Tuesday night was likely a meteor, according to an Eldorado astronomer who captured the event on a special video camera.

"I was out in my observatory," said Thomas Ashcraft. "I heard what I thought was thunder and assumed it was thunder."

But there were no clouds in the sky. Then Ashcraft received a call from a fellow meteor watcher in El Paso who had caught the fireball on video. Ashcraft hurried inside and rewound the video on the special Sky Sentinel camera on loan to him from Sandia National Laboratories. "I saw I had it pretty well," he said.

The fireball passed over New Mexico at 9:01:27 p.m. It was visible for 23 seconds. "That's rare. That's a very long time to see one," Ashcraft said. "This was a slow-burning fireball."

John Perez was driving on Rodeo Road near Santa Fe Place mall when he saw the flash of red. "I saw a red light in the sky going toward Pecos," said Perez, an amateur backyard star watcher. "It looked like it was going straight down."

He thought it might be remnants of a meteor shower he saw a couple of weeks ago.

On Ashcraft's video, the fireball can be seen passing by the moon.

The bright flash of light traveling across the sky, and what some described as a "loud explosion" soon after, were witnessed by several people in Santa Fe, Pecos, Ocate and elsewhere in the state. Ashcraft said the fireball's trajectory was from somewhere south of Albuquerque and appeared to end between Taos and Ocate.

Facebook users posted comments about seeing the bright light and hearing an explosion. Someone in Ocate left an anonymous message at *The New Mexican* saying a UFO had been spotted near the village in Eastern New Mexico.

Ashcraft is among dozens of volunteer fireball watchers who are participating in the Sky Sentinel program through Sandia. Most are in North America, but a handful are participating in Mexico, Ireland and Russia, according to Dale Clayton Jackson, the program coordinator.

Jackson said the volunteers provide vital data about objects entering the Earth's atmosphere. "We need a wider geographic area and more observations to get more meaningful statistics on how many objects enter the atmosphere, how many strike the earth and how many threaten satellites," Jackson said.

NASA uses the information to figure out how to protect astronauts from debris and meteors striking spacecraft.

Jackson said last night's meteor was a significant fireball. Sandia's Sentinel camera also captured the event.

Ashcraft said a meteor's brightness is indicative of size and is measured against the moon's light. The full moon is Minus 13. "This was a Minus 11 or Minus 12 fireball," Ashcraft said.

If the meteor landed somewhere before burning up, it becomes a meteorite. "But it is hard to say yet if it made landfall," Ashcraft said.

He said fireballs of this size and brightness are rare. "A large event like this only happens once or twice or three times a year over the same location," said Ashcraft, who operates the video camera nightly and reports data back to Sandia.

Certainly sightings of UFOs are more frequent in the Land of Enchantment. According to the National UFO Reporting Center, New Mexico residents have reported 642 instances of strange, unidentified aerial lights and shapes dating back to at least the mid-1990s. The latest report out of Santa Fe was on May 26, when someone reported seeing two gold "starlike" objects moving in a staggered formation over the Jemez Mountains just before noon, according to the Center's website.

The most recent fireball reported to the center was spotted March 3 over Rio Rancho and lasted 10 minutes, according to the poster.

Ashcraft urges anyone who captured an image of the fireball on film or video to send him a copy. If he can get more images from other locations, he can triangulate the location of the falling meteor. He can be contacted at [ashcraft@heliotown.com](mailto:ashcraft@heliotown.com).

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Sept. 3, 2010 Missouri, USA

### Missouri couple reports 12-inch UFO

#### moving around bedroom

A Missouri couple reports being awakened by a bright flash of light in their bedroom at 12:30 a.m. on September 3, 2010, and discovering a "small, disc-like" object hovering in the room, according to testimony from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) witness reporting database. The object was described as being 12 inches in diameter, gray metallic in color, with a dome on top and windows around the dome.

The husband first saw the object "move about the room from corner to corner, flashing the strobe-like light (he believes it is a camera of some sort), then it hovered over his bed." He then woke up his wife, who also saw the object.

The small craft also had small beings inside.

Both husband and wife then say that the object "then moved slowly forward and that is when they saw the tiny beings inside the craft looking out at them - they both sat up in bed and the beings looked surprised, then the craft took off very quickly towards the closet/chimney area and disappeared."

The report states that, "They could not get a good look at the beings inside the craft, but the witness claims that they had large heads for their small bodies, and they looked humanoid. All he could see was a kind of gray skin color and he thinks the eyes looked more like human eyes, not large almond shaped eyes that are like the typical grays"

But once the object disappeared, the event was not over. "Later, after they had fallen asleep again, the witness again woke up and saw a white-gloved hand floating approximately 10" above his head. He only saw this for a couple of seconds, then it disappeared. He jumped out of bed to investigate but could find nothing in the room."

The couple claim that they have had similar encounters in the past.

# e aminer

September 19th, 2010 Stockdale, TX

## Texas father-son have second triangle sighting near Stockdale

A Texas father and son who reported a triangle UFO on September 15, 2010, had another triangle sighting the following day near Stockdale along Route 87/97, according to testimony from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) witness reporting database.

"At exactly 9:03 p.m. we spotted what we believe to be the same triangle UFO as the night before," the reporting witness stated. "It was moving at the exact air speed and flight path angle (from the northwest to southeast) as the night before. However this time, the altitude was up to about 8,000 feet and it tracked about a 40 degree angle up from the horizon west from our location and the flight path was about 15 miles west from the night before."

The reporting witness is a retired Army helicopter mechanic and weapons tech and states that he feel the object was a drone.

"When my son said the UFO was zigzagging coming down from the sky the night before reminded me how the old line-of-sight, wire guided TOW missiles would zigzag along its sighted path to its target. This UFO looks and 'feels' like it is on a pre-calculated flight path using the earth magnetic fields as way-points and not land terrain or land marks as flight references. It also reminds me of how 'we' would send spaceship or probes to other planets to map the terrain. In other word, it is either mapping the terrain or it is looking for any wreckage from the reported falling airliner, see MUFON report [Wingless, burning object falls from cloud near La Vernia, Texas.](#)"

This is the third recent UFO report from this witness. The first report was covered as, [Wingless burning object falls from cloud near La Bernia, Texas.](#) The second sighting was covered here as, [Texas father-son get up close look at triangle UFO.](#)

*The following is the unedited and as yet uninvestigated report filed with MUFON. Please keep in mind that most UFO reports can be explained as something natural or man made. If [Texas MUFON State Director Steve Hudgeons](#) investigates and reports back on this case, I will release an update. Please report UFO activity to [MUFON.com](#).*

**TX, September 16, 2010 - Second day seeing triangle UFO near Stockdale, Texas. [MUFON Case # 25478.](#)**

Day two of spotting a UFO near Stockdale, Texas – We (myself, my son and his younger step-brother and step-sister) parked our SUV approximately 2.5 miles (Texas 87/97 and County Road 538) Southwest of where we spotted the three lighted triangle UFO the night before. We set up four cameras (one VHS-C and three digitals) around the SUV. At exactly 9:03PM we spotted what we believe to be the same triangle UFO as the night before. It was moving at the exact airspeed and flight path angle (from the Northwest to Southeast) as the night before. However this time, the altitude was up to about 8,000 feet and it tracked about a 40 degree angle up from the horizon west from our location and the flight path was about 15 miles west from the night before. My experience as a retired Army helicopter mechanic and weapons tech makes me feel that this is a drone. When my son said the UFO was zigzagging coming down from the sky the night before reminded me how the

old line-of-sight, wire guided TOW missiles would zigzag along its sighted path to its target. This UFO looks and 'feels' like it is on a pre-calculated flight path using the earth magnetic fields as way-points and not land terrain or land marks as flight references. It also reminds me of how 'we' would send spaceship or probes to other planets to map the terrain. In other word, it is either mapping the terrain or it is looking for any wreckage from the reported falling airliner, see MUFON report [Wingless, burning object falls from cloud near La Vernia, Texas.](#)

Now here is the kicker, as soon as we spotted the UFO, two of the digital cameras locked up (froze). I never see the cameras do this before. The VHC-S camera could not get a focus on it but we have audio. The JVC 1080 camera was the only one that worked but the quality is terrible (see added film). I cannot say what caused the three cameras to go bad but this morning they are working just fine now.

I cannot make it back out there tonight for I have to work this weekend. It would be nice if someone could continue the watch tonight. Looking over the maps I predict it should track just southwest of Floresville, Texas anywhere between 8:30 and 9:30PM. Maybe setup at 97 and CR 102 but this is just a guess, it could pop about anywhere or nowhere.

## Chicago Tribune

Oct. 21, 2010 Chicago, IL

### Mystery UFO Over Richmond What was that in the night sky this past weekend?

RICHMOND —

By now you've probably heard about those mysterious lights seen above Richmond's Fan District this past weekend. The story is now an internet sensation, and people all over the country are talking about it.

A newlywed couple CBS 6 spoke with Tuesday night believes what was spotted on Sunday could have been one of the wish lanterns they released into the air during their wedding ceremony in the west end. But that doesn't explain the mysterious triangle-shaped lights seen on Saturday night.

Believe it or not, Richmond has a long history of UFO sightings. It's believed that the first credible, documented sighting in the U.S. took place here back in 1947. Also, in 1966, there were two reported close encounters.

Future Henrico County Sheriff Toby Matthews claims he saw a flying saucer hovering over a cornfield near his farm. That same year, a Richmond patrolman named William Stevens says he chased a UFO while in his squad car.

Updated: 10/19/10

So, just what was that up in the sky above Richmond's Fan District last weekend?

Dozens of people report seeing strange lights in the sky both Saturday and Sunday night. Jeff Brown tell us CBS 6 that the object he saw Saturday night had three lights in the shape of a triangle, while the object he saw 24 hours later had just one light. Witnesses say that light spotted Sunday night was just a small ball of light, there was no beam that could be associated with a strobe light. It was seen moving in the air for about four hours.

# AMERICAN CHRONICLE

October 15, 2010 Chelsea, NY

## 'Jellyfish' witness description of UFO significant?



### Steve Hammons

Citizens who witnessed something that appeared to be unusual in the sky over the Chelsea area of New York City on Oct. 13, 2010, do not seem to agree on what they saw.

However, one witness was quoted as saying he thought the object or objects seemed to resemble "a jellyfish made of lights." This description may be significant.

Tim Powell, 28, was quoted in media reports as saying the objects were "the most bizarre thing I've ever seen." Powell reported, "It looked like a jellyfish made of lights that just hovered in the sky like it wanted to be seen."

There have been witnesses in other cases in the UK, Texas and Ohio in 2008 and 2009 where witnesses described an appearance of an object that looked like a "jellyfish," "octopus" or something with "tentacles."

In past cases, some witnesses thought this seemed to look like something organic or living.

However, researcher Ray Stanford, a pioneer in studies of UFOs by use of optical and electronic instrument systems, said about previous similar UFO reports in the UK and Ohio in 2008 and 2009 that, "Although some UFO-generated physical phenomena may, through human mind's ever-interpreting 'lens,' look 'organic' (as though what was observed is something alive), that absolutely is not the case."

According to Stanford, this tentacle-like effect is "most often and readily visible when a craft is either slowing down or moving very slowly over an uneven surface."

Stanford had noted that a case of a UFO's "tentacle" appearance reported over a wind turbine farm near Conisholme, England, on Jan. 4, 2009, may have been "constantly changing, torque-generating plasma beams" related to an exotic propulsion system.

He proposed that the "jellyfish" or "octopus" visual effect could actually be what is called a "magnetoplasmdynamic" or "magnetohydrodynamic (MHD)" field.

Stanford also prefers to use the terminology "anomalous aerial objects (AAOs)" instead of "unidentified flying objects (UFOs)." In certain UFO sightings, Stanford stated witnesses often see a "pulsing" visual effect associated with some anomalous objects but the "jellyfish" appearance is not the object itself. He has even seen this effect

himself and filmed it several times, he said.

What are these objects seen by multiple reliable witnesses? The recently-published book "UFOs: Generals, Pilots and Government Officials Go on the Record" by journalist Leslie Kean and the upcoming book "A.D., After Disclosure: The People's Guide to Life After Contact" by Richard Dolan and Bryce Zabel may shed light on these kinds of interesting situations.

### SIMILAR WITNESS REPORTS

The Conisholme case in the UK occurred near a 213-foot-high wind turbine. The UFO was described by witnesses as having "tentacles of light," the Guardian newspaper reported.

Local resident John Harrison stated he saw a "massive ball of light with tentacles going right down to the ground" above the nearby wind turbine farm on Jan. 4, 2009. "It was huge. With the tentacles it looked just like an octopus," he was quoted as saying by the UK newspaper The Sun.

His description was similar to that of a local peace officer in the Stephenville, Texas, area who described a UFO he saw on police video in January 2008 as appearing like a "jellyfish."

In another case, a woman in central-eastern Ohio saw a large orange glowing object in the sky near her house in the early morning hours of Nov. 2, 2008. She said it looked like an "amoeba" and it changed shape as it moved at a low altitude above the trees.

Similarly, in the early morning hours of Oct. 23, 2008, an Ohio truck driver, reportedly with a background in military aviation, said he saw a glowing yellow and white object that "seemed like a biological shape" and "organic" above the tree line in eastern Ohio near the Ohio River. He also said it resembled a "cocoon."

In another UK case, a resident in Wimbledon posted feedback on a local media website of The Guardian newspaper. The resident reported an object that he said looked like "a large bright pink jelly-fish looking object surrounded by a pink haze."

He wrote "Until this morning I was skeptical about UFO sightings. I looked out my flat window (in Wimbledon) this morning over towards Merton way and to my surprise notice a large bright pink jelly-fish looking object surrounded by a pink haze. it appeared to be hovering over or above the pylons in the distance."

### SCIENCE OF UFO PROPULSION

According to researcher Stanford, "The 'jellyfish' phenomenon (contracting and expanding at a rate highly reminiscent of a jellyfish pulsating in water) was first filmed (8 mm daylight movie) by me at 12:55 in the noon hour of Sept. 18, 1956."

He remembers the incident. "Three of us there about 1/2 mile from 'Giant Rock' [in southern California's Mohave Desert] each saw the phenomenon surrounding the descending craft, until two jets from Edwards Air Force Base chased it away. And even as we watched, we compared it to each other as looking like a jellyfish pulsing in water."

However, Stanford and his associates believed they knew what the appearance meant. "Fortunately, we had enough background in science that we realized it was really a pulsating magnetoplasmdynamic (some use the term 'magnetohydrodynamic') field,

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visible due to light-emitting plasma (and/or, simply ions) contouring the object's magnetic field."

Stanford also noted that, "The pulses, per se, occurred mostly during the aborted descent. How so? I asked Dr. Jean-Pierre Petit about that during the 1976 CUFOS [Center for UFO Studies] conference in Chicago. I spoke there about my project's studies of UFOs using optical and electronic instruments at Dr. J. Allen Hynek's request."

"Petit was taking questions during his very important presentation titled 'Magnetohydrodynamic(MHD) Aerodynes' (See pages 201-233, Proceedings of the 1976 CUFOS Conference). Had UFOlogers at-large studied Petit's paper, they could be much farther along in understanding UFO propulsive physics," Stanford explained.

He also said that Petit "explained that in steady flight, conditions are such that MHD flow is stable and shock-free, but in, for example, descent, this must be constantly altered for several reasons. Resultant instabilities of the MHD flow create shock disturbances which must be constantly damped, so we see the pulsed interplay between increasing instabilities and decreasing instabilities in the MHD flow around the craft."

Stanford added, "It looks as though a craft is breathing, but that is only an interpretation the human mind makes in searching for analogs. In such case, it is a big misinterpretation. Likewise for the 'tentacles,' which are really only constantly-changing, torque-generating plasma beams."

"But, they can bend under the 'Lorentz force' and other forces which are most often and readily visible when a craft is either slowing down or moving very slowly over an uneven surface," he said.

## MARCO ISLAND SUN-TIMES

Marco Island, FL Sept. 16, 2010

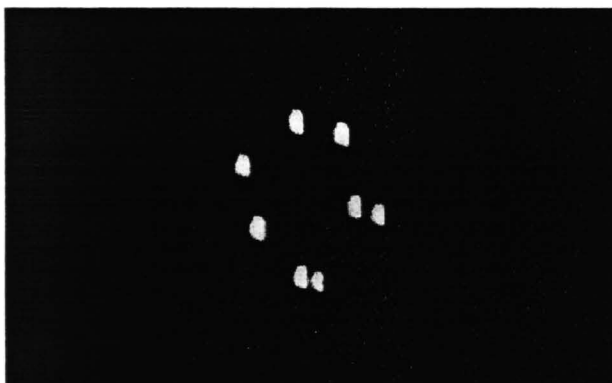
### Reader photos: The Residents' Beach UFO

**UPDATE 1:05 P.M. THURSDAY** — VERY difficult to hold camera still when shutter stays open so long in the dark. They were not pulsating or moving around...just sat there and after 4-5 minutes dimmed out. As soon as they would "go out" more would appear...in sets of 4, never more than 8 at one time. The most telling was the octagon, especially when the lower right one "fell" into the ocean and there was a large flash.

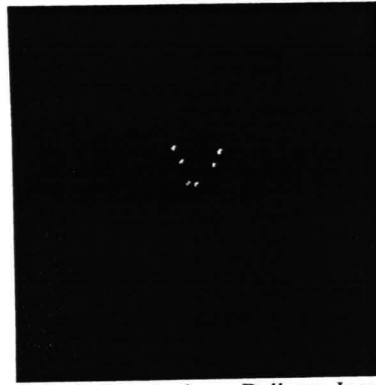
They were up for 40 minutes...seemed to be going away as they were larger at 8:35 than at 9:15...when they were just gone.

Tony - they were golden and could have been a ball of fire...

Again, it is the smoke trails that we could see via the binoculars - 15x that gave us pause to wonder...what the heck is emitting smoke that is stationary that high in the sky...?



Submitted by Anthony Dallman-Jones (Special to marcoislandflorida.com)



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Telling clues. They were above the horizon and never moved vertically or horizontally (except once) – never swooped or rose or fell. Just “appeared” then dimmed slowly and went out. much like a flame running out of fuel might.

They had smoke trails! With my binocs I could see them – almost like the ball of fire was emitting a large trail of smoke rising straight up. This could not be seen by naked eye very often.

The one aberration was that while in an almost octagon, one of the balls fell. It was the only one that did this we could see. Most just stayed in place until they went out, but this one definitely fell. It started dropping slowly and when it hit the water a flash went up...which is the one way we could tell it was over the horizon line as it was NOT on THIS side of the horizon line.

Can you tell me what this was??? I have thought and thought on it...was it the Coast Guard testing wind patterns, or ??

The interesting part was how “fixed” they were. Except for that one, the only “movement” was coming on and fading away.





# FROM THE ARCHIVES

## Daily Sitka Sentinel

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Sitka, Alaska

### Body of 23-Inch Man Said Found In Crashed 'Saucer'

Los Angeles (AP) A businessman has told newsmen a strange story. He says he saw an ultra-streamlined flying saucer last week, wrecked on a mountain-side in Mexico.

The businessman, Ray L. Dimmick of Los Angeles, says he was told that a man 23 inches tall died in the crash and that his body has been embalmed for scientific study. There is no confirmation of Dimmick's account from any source in Mexico. The air force in Washington says it hasn't heard of it.

Dimmick says he personally saw hard-metal remains of the saucer and was told that high Mexican officials believe it came from another planet. And says Dimmick, "I'm big enough to take the consequences of what I've said and stand my ground."

Dimmick says the crash occurred about three months ago. He says he was taken to the scene by business associates.

Describing the wreckage of the saucer, Dimmick remarked: "It was about 45 feet in diameter, built of a strange metal resembling aluminum," he added.

"The saucer was powered by two motors."

Dimmick declined further

### More Flying Discs

Los Angeles (AP) Those flying saucers are back in the news again, this time from Van Nuys, California. Police stated that several persons had telephoned today claiming to have seen a flying saucer skip hither and yon and through the foggy San Fernando valley sky.

One call said the saucer was about 50 feet in diameter and black on top. Its altitude was said to be about 400 feet.

discussion. But he did say that top U. S. military officials have viewed the wreckage. And he continued:

"I think the government ought to make its position clear. If it doesn't want to disclose these things for security reasons, why not say so. If it feels it is unwise to make the information public for fear of panic, there should be some way found to handle the situation diplomatically."

## Tucson Daily Citizen

TUCSON, ARIZONA, FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 10, 1950

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### Flying Disc Reports Come As Often As Sunshine In Tucson

By United Press

Scores of Orangeburg, S. C., residents added to the growing number of flying saucer reports today with the description of a disk which hovered over the city for 15 minutes, then disappeared leaving a vapor trail.

Six members of the staff of the Orangeburg Times and Democrat said they saw the disk last night after Mrs. Donald Law, wife of the city editor, told them about it. They said it was about the size and color of a new moon, "only brighter."

Publisher J. L. Sims said the disk appeared to turn slowly in the air, from vertical to parallel with the horizon and then vertical again, before disappearing in the western sky. Harry Player, a composing

room employee said he and four other persons saw the disk while driving on a highway 15 miles out of Orangeburg.

Second Report

Another flying saucer was reported yesterday by residents of Van Nuys, Calif., who told police they saw a bright disk flying about 400 feet in the air. All witnesses said they were sure it was not an aircraft of any known variety.

Composer Eddie Coffman and Actor Hadley and his wife said they studied the disk through a telescope. Coffman said it appeared to be 50 feet in diameter and have a dark smudge on the top.

At the same time Mexican officials and U. S. government officials in Mexico City denied a persistent

report that a flying saucer had crashed near the capital with a 23-inch man aboard. A similar rumor circulated in Denver, Colo., where the number of "Martian" passengers was upped to three.

However, the Mexican government newspaper, El Nacional, quoted "a famous and reputable astronomer" as saying the numerous disks reported over Mexico "carry visitors from Mars."

The disks have been reported by residents of Guadalajara, Juarez, Mazatlan and Durango and were similar in description to one which airport officials said they saw over Dayton, Ohio, on Wednesday. However, trained astronomical officials in Dayton said they believed the flying saucers were only the planet Venus.

Mexican Scientist

The unidentified Mexican scientist wrote that the manner of flight and proportions of the disks "make it obvious that they carry beings from another world." He said his

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claim would be confirmed in the near future "when one of the disks is chased to earth by some military plane."

A Los Angeles businessman took credit for starting the fast-circulating rumor of the Mexico City "crash." Ray L. Dimmick, sales manager for an explosives manufacturing firm, said mining engineers told him about the saucer crash when he was in the Mexican capital two weeks ago.

Dimmick said he had seen the wreckage of the disk but refused to tell its location "because government officials swore me to secrecy for security reasons." He said the disk crashed more than three months ago.

The story was similar in pattern to a gag story broadcast by a Raleigh, N. C., radio station several months ago.



# FOREIGN NEWS

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## NORTH-WEST **Evening Mail** NORTH-WEST NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR

### UFO spotted over Barrow

Tuesday, 12 October 2010 UK



VIEW: Just what Mr Atkins filmed while walking on the beach

A DOG walker has tantalised the imaginations of alien enthusiasts the world over, after filming a UFO on a Furness beach.

It was an ordinary day for Barrow resident Bob Atkins, who was out filming his pet dog Mia in rock pools at Roanhead.

When he examined the footage, the 47-year-old found to his surprise he had accidentally recorded an unusual object.

The object only appears in the film for a brief moment but the footage, filmed in July 2009, has now travelled all over the world.

It has received 90,000 hits on website Youtube, has taken pride of place in a book about UFOs which was published in June this year and has even appeared on American television.

The Evening Mail obtained the first exclusive interview with Mr Atkins since his footage hit the world stage.

Mr Atkins, an unemployed forklift truck driver, said: "It has really surprised me the impact this has had. I have really been taken aback by it. "It was a nice day, I was on Roanhead with my dog, a Staffy-cross.

"I was filming her playing in the rock pools when I decided to pan round to film Black Combe. I noticed the blobs on the screen of the mobile phone but when I took it home and put it on a big screen I could clearly see this strange object. A lot of people have said it is a fly, or a rock, but it is none of the above.

"I can't explain it."

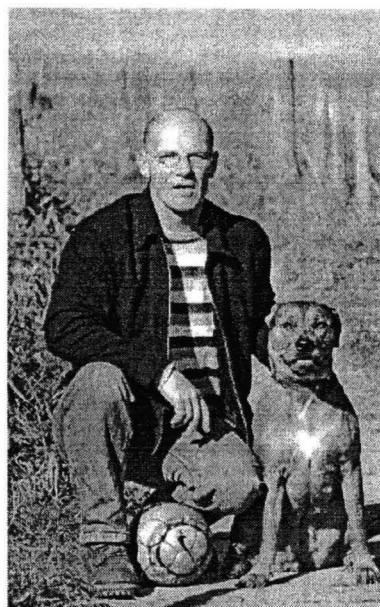
Mr Atkins sent the footage to author and UFO enthusiast Pat Regan who published an excerpt in his book UFO: Search for the truth.

Since the book was published, Mr Regan has appeared on American television channel MSNBC talking about the encounter.

Mr Regan said: "The object can clearly be seen whizzing across the screen at immense speed.

"I spent a good while checking Bob's footage and the UFO seems to be a very solid entity to me with a shiny, light upper surface and darker underlying form below.

"The speed is impressive, too, and I would estimate the altitude of the object to be something around less than 100ft."



### UFO spottings listed

REPORTED sightings of UFOs to the North West UFO Research website, run by Pat Regan:

**January 24, 2009:** Lights off Ravenglass. Numerous reports of orange lights reported to be seen off the shore of Ravenglass. A local man described seeing orange lights, similar to that of street lights in the sky.

**February 14, 2009:** The Santon UFO sighting. Mum and son spot unknown red lights near Holmrook. A second eye witness also reported the UFO from Sorrowstones Farm, in Santon.

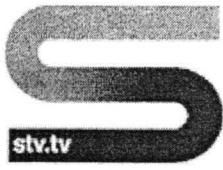
**February 15, 2009:** The Ambleside UFO. Unexplained lights seen in the Lake District. A witness said the UFO was "not" a Chinese lantern. The sighting followed UFO reports which turned out to be Chinese lanterns from a wedding.

**February, 2009:** Walney Island UFO sighting. North West UFO Research received a report of an unidentified red and orange light in the sky.

**March 9, 2009:** North West UFO Research. UFO reported by an eye witness in Barrow.

**May 9, 2009:** The Coniston Orange Ball of Light. An orange ball of light is seen in the skies of Coniston.

**July 2009:** Walney UFO. Orange lights are reported off the shore of Walney Island to HM Coastguard.



## UFO expert reveals spate of sightings around Edinburgh

Exclusive: Ron Halliday tells STV News about two sightings in Currie and another in Slateford.

By Graham Fraser  
12 October 2010  
UK

**A Scottish UFO enthusiast has revealed a number of unexplained sightings in Edinburgh and the surrounding Pentland Hills in recent months.**

Ron Halliday, who revealed his top ten Scottish UFO events to STV News earlier this year, said witnesses had come forward and reported three sightings to him since July.

On July 28, a middle aged woman in the Edinburgh suburb of Currie was looking towards the Pentland Hills at around 11.50pm when she saw a dazzling light. The woman had a pair of binoculars with her, so she managed to see a round-shaped object with markings on the side. As she watched it, the object - which was pale yellow - seemed to change shape.

Then, at around 9.15pm on August 30, the same woman saw a similar light in the same area of Currie. Once again, it was pale yellow. The woman was convinced the object was not a plane.

The third sighting came on September 26. A man and a woman saw an unexplained orange ball travelling at speed across the Slateford area of Edinburgh. The object, which was seen at about 10pm, was described by the man as looking "like a small sun".

He said it was noiseless and definitely not a helicopter or plane. The witness also recorded seeing a bright flare coming out at one end of the 'craft'.

Ron says having three sightings around the Pentlands in the space of three months is quite unusual. As UFO researchers will know, these latest events happened only a few miles away from two of the most famous unexplained incidents in Scottish history.

On November 9, 1979, forestry worker Bob Taylor discovered a large circular craft in front of him in an area of woodland known as Dechmont Law near Livingston.

As he approached it, two objects which looked like naval mines dropped from the larger craft. The 'balls' rolled towards Mr Taylor and attached themselves to his trousers. They started to drag him towards the now hovering UFO. Mr Taylor then became aware of an acrid smell which made him choke.

The next thing he remembers is waking up, face down, on the ground. His legs were aching and a dishevelled Mr Taylor abandoned his truck and walked a mile home. His trousers were cut and his legs were bruised.

Police launched an investigation and detectives found several ladder-shaped impressions in the area, while evidence on the ground concurred with Mr Taylor's explanation that the mine-like devices had approached him and dragged him towards the craft. Police could not solve the mystery and the file remains open.

### Abduction

The other incident was on the A70, on the outskirts of the Pentland Hills. This was the scene of the apparent abduction of Gary Wood and Colin Wright on the in August 1992.

Mr Wood and Mr Wright were delivering a satellite TV system to a friend in Tarbrax. They travelled on the desolate road when Mr Wright noticed a very large UFO flying about 20 feet above the road.

Mr Wood, who was driving, accelerated and as their car passed underneath the craft the pair - in Mr Wood's words - experienced a "void of blackness". What seemed like moments later, they were on the same road as if nothing had happened.

When they got to their friend's house, they realised their journey - which should have only taken them 30 minutes - had inexplicably taken them two hours and 45 minutes. In an effort to discover what had happened to them, the pair went under hypnosis.

It revealed they had been abducted by small grey extraterrestrials while a tall, skeletal being communicated with them through telepathy. A film is now in production to tell the story of the A70 incident.

Commenting on the latest sightings, Ron told STV News: "Edinburgh has a long history as a UFO hot spot. The latest sightings, which have occurred in the last few months covering the area from the Pentland Hills to central parts of the city, suggest that UFO reports are on the increase.

"The witnesses are sure that they saw something that could not be easily explained away. In one case the witness watched the object through binoculars and believes that what she saw was a solid object which had markings on it.

"Investigations are under way to see evaluate the sightings, but they do appear to be incidents that are difficult to explain away."

# HIGHLAND NEWS

## New UFO mystery

By Claire Doughty

Published: 30 September, 2010  
SCOTLAND

UFOs are still being spotted in the night skies across the Highlands.

The latest sighting of two glowing balls took place in Nairn.

It is the most recent strange phenomenon to be reported to the Highland News since June following months of reports of unidentified flying objects in the skies at locations around Inverness, Easter Ross and Fort William.

In the latest spot, Stephen Laurie, of Sutors Park, Nairn, said he saw two orange lights at around 10.30pm on September 18.

The 29-year-old, who works in the health and fitness industry, told the HN: "We were driving through Nairn from Inverness and got to the King Street roundabout when my wife and I spotted these balls of orange.

"I had actually seen this sort of thing before and then been told that what I had seen had been spotted by others and had made it as a story in the Highland News.

"What I saw last week is pretty much what people have been reporting in the paper.

"There were two orange lights and they looked as though they were over the Moray Firth. They were bigger than a star but smaller than the moon."

Stephen, who has a two-year-old daughter and whose wife is due to have their second baby in December, added: "At first I thought these might be distress flares from a boat, but they would have been moving and they would have cast light around them. These lights were still." Stephen explained the lights eventually disappeared after a few minutes.

He said: "I would be intrigued to find out what these are. It's ignorant to think that we are the only people that exist, but whether there is something travelling in flying saucers, I doubt it.

"We are trying to get to other planets, so why should whatever is out there not try to get to our planet? I'm not going to write it off."

In June, another sighting was made by smelter worker Stephen MacLeod in Fort William. He saw strange lights while walking his dog.

Following his report, other witnesses came forward and retired Lochaber paramedic Chris Bird captured the UFOs on his tripod-mounted camera.

Mr Bird (71) of Burnside, Bunree, Onich, witnessed four bright lights from his home shortly after 11pm on June 4.

Another witness of strange aerial goings-on was Alastair MacPhee, of Bruce Place, Fort William, who spotted an unexplained light that same weekend.

The latest UFO mystery is one of many reported recently.

But despite checks with Inverness Airport and the RAF Moray bases, there have been no reports of any untoward activity being picked up on radar. A spokeswoman for RAF Kinloss said the MoD no longer comments on UFO enquiries.

In March, Culloden man Rob Jackson reported UFOs over the Moray Firth, Inverness and Nairn on four occasions.

Then on May 1, 25 orange lights were spotted by a group of students who were holidaying in Foyers.

At one point during their half-hour experience, two of the lights almost collided, but then quickly changed direction to avoid contact. The next day Karl King, who works at RAF Lossiemouth, and his wife Heather, reported UFO sightings in the direction of Inverness.

Keen planespotter and part-time pilot Bill Renny, from Anderson Street in Inverness, saw another object over the Kessock Bridge on the evening of Thursday, May 20, and Cathy Gunn from Wick saw a "glowing, tumbling light" towards the end of May over Tain.

## CHRONICLE

Sept. 13, 2010 Hong Kong

### UFO spotted in Hong Kong

By: Bijoy Bora

Recently Hong Kong has experienced large thunder storms. According to Radio Television Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Observatory received many calls from people just within the first hour after midnight on Thursday claiming people have seen UFOs during the fierce storm near Tai Lam Tunnel, Wanchai and Happy Valley districts of the City.

The Hong Kong Observatory recorded 13,102 lightning strikes around Hong Kong.

The Observatory said, it is not first time UFOs have been reported or even photographed during intense storms. UFO reports were most likely to be 'misidentified street lamps'. The Hong Kong Observatory said that "In the past, during thunder storms some people have spotted UFOs or even photographed a UFO. Most of the people mistakenly take the street lights to be a UFO."

Meanwhile, the chair-woman of Hong Kong UFO Club Ms. Moon Fong, also have confirmed the UFO sightings and said that people were reporting them on their website.

# The Gazette

## Montreal UFO sighting 'probably explainable'

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Photograph by: Dave Sidaway, The Gazette

MONTREAL - While a sighting this week of a strange, lighted object above Cavendish Mall is "probably explainable," astronomer and UFO-studies buff Chris Rutkowski said Thursday, from his perspective, the jury is still out on the question of whether Earth is receiving visits from extraterrestrials.

Hundreds of UFO sightings from across Canada are collected and compiled each year by Ufology Research, an independent, Manitoba-based non-profit group where Rutkowski is among a half-dozen volunteers.

About 10 per cent of the 1,004 UFO reports the group collected for 2008 were judged unexplained, after they had been reviewed.

But a smaller core of UFO sightings, about one per cent of the 2008 total, remain classified as "high-quality unknowns," Rutkowski said - even after they'd been scrutinized with "above-average levels of investigation and documentation."

In the mid-week Montreal-area incident, Dr. Cleve Ziegler, an obstetrician-gynecologist at the Jewish General Hospital, was driving along Cavendish Blvd. about 1 a.m. Wednesday when his attention was attracted skyward by a bizarre object near Kildare Rd., featuring blue and white twinkly lights.

"It was moving up and down, sideways ... more like a couple of triangles," he said.

"This left me," he added, "with the deep sense that I had seen something not from this planet." An anonymous contributor to The Gazette's website who said he or she had been out dog-walking at the time chimed in with one possible explanation:

"It was a man flying a kite in the parking lot. ... It had lights on it so he could see it."

Overall, cross-Canada reports of UFOs declined during 2009, Rutkowski said, adding that he's still working his way through "slightly more than

800 cases" of sightings sent to the group on incidents last year.

"I believe it possible that an advanced, technological civilization may have found ways of traversing interstellar distances without violating physical laws," said Rutkowski, who has written extensively on UFOs.

"However, after more than 25 years of research and investigation, I have not seen any incontrovertible evidence of this - not at this moment."

Others are more definitive:

Last Monday, a group that included Robert Salas, a retired U.S. air force captain and former missile launch officer, told a Washington news conference that aliens have landed on Earth and disabled nuclear-missile warheads.

"I personally think they're not from planet Earth," said Salas, who was accompanied by six other former airmen. The group accused the U.S. and British governments of covering up a variety of incidents.

Asked directly whether he believes Earth is indeed getting visits from elsewhere, Rutkowski responded: "I believe in the possibility."

"Our sun is pretty average in terms of stars. And there are many, many stars, as Carl Sagan would say, billions and billions.

"Many of them are much older than our sun." So, Rutkowski added, planetary systems may have developed life "perhaps hundreds of thousands of years ahead of us" - some giving rise to civilizations that "maybe have figured out how to get around that pesky travel problem," huge interstellar distances.

It's an argument he makes in his latest book, *The Big Book of UFOs*, freshly published at 384 pages.

Asked whether the RCMP compiles statistics on UFO sightings, Sgt. Julie Gagnon responded: "It's the first time anybody asks me that. I don't know."

Minutes later, the media-relations official called back to say: "We do not compile UFO sightings."

Montreal police don't either:

"We have no specific code for that," Constable Daniel Lacoursière said of UFO-related incidents.

But, to his recollection, he added, "in 20 years, not a lot" of UFO reports have been investigated by Montreal Island officers.

"The trouble is," Rutkowski said, "we just don't have the definitive piece" of evidence - such as "a chunk of a saucer" or some other "smoking gun."

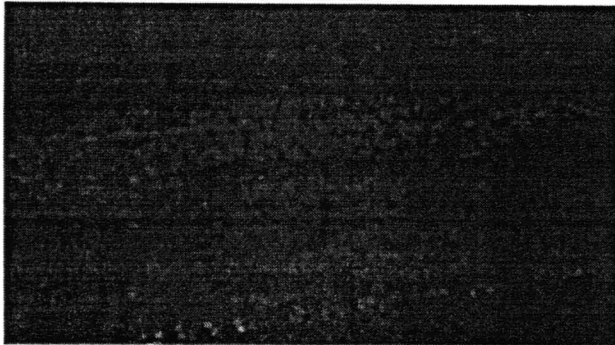
"Nobody's been on board and come back with a towel from the Mars Hilton or something like that" - at least so far.

# UFOs in Montreal? Strange sights reported

Doctor among witnesses to 'not of this world' light show

Thursday, September 30, 2010

CBC News (Canada)



*Cleve Ziegler of Montreal took this grainy image of the mysterious lights in the sky over Cote St. Luc early Wednesday morning. (Submitted by Cleve Ziegler)*

A mysterious object in the sky over Montreal this week is getting a lot of attention, including from a respected Montreal doctor who believes he saw something "out of this world."

Several people in the Côte St. Luc neighbourhood called police early Wednesday morning about UFOs or strange blinking lights hovering high in the sky.

Dr. Cleve Ziegler, an obstetrician-gynecologist, spotted the object when he was driving home from work around 12:30 a.m. He couldn't believe his eyes.

**'You had this visceral sense looking at it that this is a once-in-a-lifetime thing.'**—  
*Cleve Ziegler, Montreal doctor*

"There were many little sparkly red and blue lights. It had a changing shape, morphing from something that looked triangular to something that looked like a trapezoid. It was not a stable shape," Ziegler told CBC News.

"It was coming closer and [then moved] farther, it was turning and rotating."  
He then saw other people looking up at the same thing, including a man who told him his wife was so spooked that she scurried home.

"I'm a guy who spends a lot of time in the country in the summer. I have seen satellites. I've seen falling stars. I know what a plane looks like. None of those things had the trajectory or motion that this did," said Ziegler.

Ziegler called police, who had already received several other calls about the mysterious object in

the sky. He forwarded a dark, poor-quality video he took on his cellphone to authorities. He admits the video doesn't do justice to what he saw.

"What I saw was compelling, unusual and you had this visceral sense looking at it that this is a once-in-a-lifetime thing," he said. "At a risk of sounding Hollywood and shlocky, it was kinda not of this world."

## Object likely man-made: astronomer

Theories about what was in the sky Wednesday night have already started circulating among astronomy buffs and experts.

Andrew Fazekas, a director at the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, said the object was likely of this world.

"From the description, definitely I would say it is not something astronomical. It's not a satellite. And it's not a star or anything like that," said Fazekas.

"It could have been some sort of balloon.... Strobe lights on a private? A powerful laser?"

Fazekas said the sightings are getting a lot of attention.

"It is starting to make the rounds and getting viral because people are naturally interested in unidentified things in the sky. People are drawn to it," said Fazekas.

## Police close brief investigation

Montreal police received several calls about a mysterious object in the sky after midnight Wednesday morning.

Const. Daniel Lacoursière said Trudeau Airport reported nothing on the radar in that area at the time.

He posed another theory. Around the same time, helicopters were buzzing around the site of a fuel spill at the Port of Montreal in the other end of town.

Ziegler said he doesn't believe in extraterrestrial life, but thinks he did see something otherworldly.

"It's not like I want to believe this," he said.



## UFO Sightings on the Rise in China, With More Predicted

By Michelle Yu  
Epoch Times Staff

NEW ZEALAND



Photo of UFO taken in Hangzhou, China on July 7. (Internet photo)

UFO sightings have increased in China, according to media reports. In a recent sighting, photography student Gu Peiwen closely examined a photo in his camera and shouted in disbelief: "I just caught aliens on camera!"

According to *Shanxi News Net*, it was near midnight on Sept. 22 as Gu and his friend were taking photos of the beautiful moonlight view of the ancient Pingyao City in north China's Shanxi Province, when Gu noticed a bright spot in his photo. He first thought it was a star, but could not find a star in that position when he carefully looked back up into the sky. Enlarging the photo, Gu found the bright spot was a flat object with two flashlight-like beams behind it.

Excited, both students continued to take more photos, hoping to track the object, invisible to the naked eye. The photos showed that it had lingered for about 40 minutes.

The Pingyao UFO sighting was just the most recent of an array of sightings in China since June.

According to the *Legal Evening News*, flights were delayed due to a UFO that was spotted near the Beijing Capital International Airport at around 8 p.m. on Sept. 21.

Four hundred miles northwest of Beijing, several flights arriving at Inner Mongolia's Baotou Airport were also delayed on the evening of Sept. 11 after air control radar detected a UFO, according to an *Inner Mongolia Morning News* report.

In August, at least four Chinese cities reported UFO sightings, while between June 30 and July 15 at least nine sightings have been reported across the country, according to Chinese media.

Though UFO spotting is rarely reported in Chinese media due to rigid censorship strictures, the Chinese are by no means strangers to sightings. Shen Kuo (1031-1093), one of the great Chinese ancient scientists from the Song Dynasty (960-1279), recorded seeing a UFO in his *Dream Pool Essays* (Mengxi Bitan). Wu Youru, a Qing Dynasty (1644-1912) painter vividly depicted a crowd watching a "fire ball" flying eastward in Nanjing City.

While recent UFO sightings have received a lot of publicity, Chinese astronomy researcher Wang Sichao said in fact the number of major sightings this year is just a little higher than average.

Wang, a researcher from the Zijinshan Astronomical Observatory under the aegis of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, made the remarks in an interview with *New Tang Dynasty Television*.

Having studied UFO sightings for 39 years, Wang said major UFO sightings have occurred the most in years ending with 1, 2 or 7 since the 70's. He predicted that more significant sightings may occur in 2011 and 2012.

Former UK Ministry of Defense UFO project leader Nick Pope said the existence of aliens is unquestionable. Mr. Pope investigated the UFO phenomenon for 20 years at the Ministry of Defense, handling 200 to 300 UFO sighting reports each year.

"I'm convinced that there's life out there in the universe, and I'm also convinced that some of that life is intelligent," Pope said in an interview with *The Epoch Times*.

"If extraterrestrials were visiting the earth and interacting with humans, then I suppose that what they're doing would be something similar to what we do," Pope said. "After all when we study wildlife in the environment, we hide ourselves, we try not to interact with it. Sometimes we tranquilize animals, experiment on them. Sometimes we put a tag on them. So ... maybe they're just studying us."

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## UFO closes Chinese airport

By Our Foreign Staff  
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**An airport in Baotou, Inner Mongolia, was forced to shut to prevent passenger jets crashing into a UFO, according to reports.**

Three flights to Baotou from Shanghai and Beijing were reportedly forced to circle the airport until the UFO disappeared.

Two other flights were diverted away from Baotou and to the nearby cities of Ordos and Taiyuan. The airport was shut for around an hour "to guarantee safety" according to a spokesman. Witnesses reported a bright light shining in the sky on September 11 around two-and-a-half miles away from Baotou airport, before suddenly vanishing.

The incident was the eighth reported UFO sighting in China since the end of June.

Xiaoshan International airport near the eastern city of Hangzhou was shut down on July 8 because of a UFO, although officials later confirmed the object sighted above the airport had been part of a military test at a nearby airbase.

In the far-western province of Xinjiang, another sighting on June 30 is thought to have been a missile test.

A number of sightings in Sichuan province may also be linked to the local custom of flying illuminated kites at night.

People's Daily Online

Sept. 2, 2010 China

### UFO witnessed in eastern China again

A bright, unidentified flying object that was visible for at least three hours slowly moving to the west was witnessed over the skies in southwestern Haiyan County of eastern China's Zhejiang Province on Aug. 31.

The unidentified flying object that constantly twinkled was not at a high altitude and was much larger and brighter than stars around it.

Many people witnessed the UFO at the scene that evening. "I have no idea what it is," a witness said.

The reporter found that not only was the object itself very bright in the sky, but its reflection on the river was also very eye-catching. Many residents in Haiyan County also witnessed it.

Another witness said, "It looked quite big and it seemed that it was moving."

Another bright flickering dot appeared above the object and started to move toward the object slowly when residents were discussing the unidentified object. This flickering dot was visible for about 10 minutes and started to fly toward Haining City.

Two reporters from Haiyan's local TV station followed the twinkling object in a car moving toward Haining City and took relatively clear pictures after waiting for about an hour on the flight path of the object. According to the picture, it was a round object that had shiny blue lights, and several other flickering objects were around it.

After a while, however, reporters found that the round object had seemingly become rectangular. The object gradually flew higher and finally disappeared at around 10 p.m. about three hours after its first appearance.

This was not the first UFO witnessed in eastern cities of China this year. On the evening of July 7, a fast-moving UFO with a long white tail appeared over the skies near Hangzhou International Airport in Zhejiang Province, and there were also red flickering dots on the white tail.

The UFO led to a three-hour blockade of the airport and about 20 flights were delayed. Later, departments and experts analyzed videos taken by witnesses, but no conclusion has been made so far.

By People's Daily Online

## British 'X-Files' reveal cover-up

*WWII encounter between UFO, military plane exposed*

REUTERS

LONDON — Britain released hundreds of previously secret "UFO files" Thursday, including a letter saying that Winston Churchill had ordered a 50-year cover-up of a wartime encounter between a UFO and military pilot.

The files, published by the National Archives, span decades and contain scores of witness accounts, sketches and classified briefing notes documenting mysterious sightings across Britain.

One Ministry of Defense note refers to a 1999 letter stating that a Royal Air Force plane returning from a mission

in Europe during WWII was "approached by a metallic UFO."

The unidentified author of the letter says his grandfather attended a wartime meeting between Churchill and Dwight Eisenhower during which the two expressed concern over the incident and "decided to keep it secret."

The defense ministry subsequently investigated the case but found no written record of the incident, the files say.

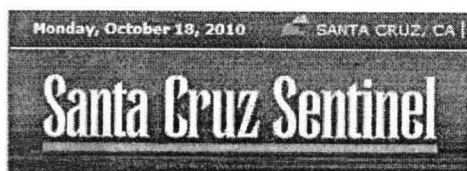
Britain has been slowly releasing long-classified files related to sightings of mysterious craft in the skies above its cities, compiled and investigated by the Ministry of Defense over past decades.

Some cases subsequently received rational explanations, such as meteors burning up in the atmosphere, but many are unsolved.

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**This article  
submitted by  
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**Thank you!**



## Bigfoot in Santa Cruz County?: Enthusiasts make their case during Bigfoot Discovery Day

By Jory John

FELTON -- Skeptics need not apply. The Alliance of Independent Bigfoot Researchers and the Bigfoot Discovery Project presented the annual Bigfoot Discovery Day on Saturday, staged at the Bigfoot Discovery Museum, 5497 Highway 9. The all-day gathering began in 2006.

From local investigators to interested families with children, more than 50 people attended the outdoor lunch and roundtable discussion, where purported Bigfoot sightings and evidence were presented, and numerous stories were told with an emphasis on Santa Cruz County.

Bigfoot Discovery Museum founder and curator Michael Rugg officiated, answering questions and facilitating much of the day's discussion. Rugg said the goal of the annual Discovery Day is to get people in Santa Cruz County to realize that the museum is not just a roadside attraction on the side of Highway 9, but a center for diligent research.

"We have plenty of evidence of a Bigfoot presence up here in the mountains," Rugg said. "I have some vocalizations we've recorded, we have some video that we shot locally, and we have a number of eye witnesses who have reported sightings. In our testing, we've come up with more evidence to indicate it's true than the opposite."

Rugg, who recounted his own Bigfoot sighting as a toddler in 1950, told the gathered crowd that, since he founded the museum in 2004, he's had an opportunity to further his research and hear numerous firsthand tales of sightings.

"Our museum is trying to serve as an advocate for eyewitnesses," he said. "People have been reporting anomalous events that our scientific authority figures have relegated to complete nonsense. What we're saying is, give these folks a break. There are plenty of things to learn yet."

Entering the Bigfoot Discovery Museum, one is confronted by plaster casts of giant feet, looping footage of the infamous Patterson-Gimlin film, where an unidentified creature bounds across the screen, and Bigfoot-themed art. There is also a wall-sized map of Santa Cruz County, with pushpins detailing reported local sightings, stretching from the Santa Cruz Mountains to Nisene Marks State Park in Aptos.

Boulder Creek resident Bill Tucker, a longtime volunteer with the museum who stood behind the counter alongside Capitola resident Mike

Barrow, recounted his own experience coming into contact with the unknown. Tucker was camping in Washington in 1987, he said, in an isolated

campground. He found himself at a river, where he had the feeling that he was being watched.

"Then, a bunch of rocks came across the river," he said. "This happened, off and on, for the next 12 hours. Something was trying to keep me out of there. I began to believe right then."

Barrow said that his interest stemmed from the Patterson film, which was released when he was 7. "It grabbed my imagination and, ever since, I've been looking," he said.

Pleasanton resident Tom Yamarone has been involved with the museum in various capacities since it opened, he said. Yamarone, who writes Bigfoot-related folksongs, which he performed later in the evening, said that he was encouraged by Saturday's turnout.

"It's great to see so many people turn out for this," he said.

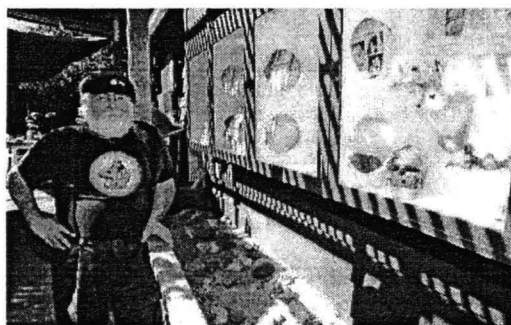
The Discovery Day moved to the Loudon Nelson Center later in the evening, where further presentations were given, including discussions on the latest game-camera technology used in Bigfoot-tracking and a historical slide-show of newspaper reports on Bigfoot dating back to the mid-1800s.

Rugg said the day was a success. He added that he founded the museum in 2004 because he wanted to "have a bigger part in trying to solve this mystery."

"I'm so sure this is real, I don't care what anybody says," he said.



Andy Xie of Beijing is pleased with the photo that a friend snapped of him with the Big Foot wood carving at Saturday's Big Foot Discovery Day in Felton. (Bill Lovejoy/Sentinel)



Bigfoot Discovery Museum curator Michael Rugg stands outside the museum with cryptozoological artifacts and donated bones in the museum's collection on Tuesday. The Felton museum will host the 4th annual Bigfoot Discovery Day on Saturday. Bigfoot Discovery Day is held in October each year to celebrate the famed Patterson/Gimlin film of a Bigfoot walking into the forest, though Rugg also says that Bigfoot sightings are most prevalent in October. (Larissa Mueller/Sentinel)

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## Myth or major find? Veterinarian speaks about Mission 'chupacabra'

by Erika Flores  
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It's a mysterious animal that most say is mythical, but for one Mission man, the creature is no myth.

"It's kind of a weird animal," said Frank Lozano. "It's a different animal."

Lozano said Thursday afternoon around 3:30 p.m., a so called "chupacabra" made its way onto his property.

"I saw him," said Lozano. "He never ran."

Lozano said he saw the animal come through a gate and that's when he ran, got the gun and shot the animal.

From there, Lozano dragged the carcass closer to his home where his neighbors and friends could get a good look at the animal.

"It's an animal that I've never seen before," said family friend Raul De La Torre in Spanish.

They refuse to believe that the creature could simply be a coyote or a dog.

"I've seen coyotes, but this is very different," said De La Torre.

The "chupacabra" is known for sucking the blood of goats, hence its name, goat sucker, but in this case, the Lozano family said this animal went after their chicks.

"There wasn't one left," said Frank's mother Francisca in Spanish. "It ate 20 and destroyed the cage."

The teeth, ears, shape of its head and limbs make this family believe that the creature is none other than a "chupacabra."

"I've heard of it. Never seen one, but I've heard of it," said Associate Veterinarian Dr. Shelly Mitchell from the Mission Veterinary Hospital.

Action 4 News brought footage of the animal to Mitchell to see if this would be the first time she gets to see a "chupacabra."

"To me it looks like a coyote that possibly has a skin parasite or other disease that caused the hair to fall out," said Mitchell.

It's a verdict that doesn't surprise Mitchell.

"I think it's in most cases an old wife's tale, but you know. You never know. It could be out there," said Mitchell.

As for Lozano, he said no matter what the experts say, he stands by his belief.

"Well it's up to them," he said. "They know. But it's different. It's a different animal."

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## Reuters News Service China

### Scientists to mount Bigfoot hunt

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A group of Chinese scientists and explorers is looking for international help to mount a new search for the country's answer to Bigfoot, known locally as the "Yeren", or "wild man".

Over the years, more than 400 people have claimed sightings of the half-man, half-ape Yeren in a remote, mountainous area of the central province of Hubei, state news agency Xinhua said.

Expeditions in the 1970s and 1980s yielded hair, a footprint, excrement and a sleeping nest suspected of belonging to the Yeren, but there has been no conclusive proof, the report added.

Witnesses describe a creature that walks upright, is more than 2 metres tall and with grey, red or black hair all over its body, Xinhua said.

Now the Hubei Wild Man Research Association is looking for volunteers from around the world to join them on another expedition to look for the Yeren.

"We want the team members to be devoted, as there will be a lot a hard work in the process," Luo Baosheng, vice president of the group, told Xinhua.

But the team will have to come up with about 10 million yuan (\$1.5 million) first, and is talking to companies and other bodies to secure the funding, so there is no timetable yet for when they may start, the report added.

China is no stranger to cryptozoology. Tales abound of mysterious, Loch Ness monster-like creatures living in lakes in remote parts of the country.

Tibetans have also long talked about the existence of the Yeti, or "Abominable Snowman", in the high mountains of their snowy homeland.