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SPECULATION: The vapor trail photographed Monday night set off a wave of conspiracy theories.

Mystery 'missile' just an aircraft, Pentagon says

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There's no evidence the vapor trail came from anything else, a spokesman says.

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Pentagon officials said Wednesday there is no evidence that a mysterious, spiraling vapor trail that was captured on video off the coast of Southern California was generated by anything but an aircraft.

The unexplained projectile, spotted just before sunset Monday by a Los Angeles news helicopter, set off a wave of speculation and conspiracy theories about an unexplained missile that even the government didn't know about.

The military, however, reported no rocket or missile launches, scheduled or accidental, at the time, and aviation officials said radar did not show any fast-moving, unidentified targets in the area.

Some aerospace experts said the orange-hued vapor trail had the markings of the plume of a missile or rocket, while others said it appeared to be nothing more than a condensation trail of an aircraft, distorted by the light

near the horizon at the end of the day.

The Pentagon's announcement Wednesday appeared to put the "missile" theory to rest.

"There is no evidence to suggest that this is anything else other than a condensation trail from an aircraft," said Pentagon spokesman Col. Dave Lapan, who stopped short of saying definitively that the Defense Department believed the trail was caused by an airplane.

Lapan said there was greater confidence that the vapor trail was created by an airplane because more information about the incident had been analyzed since late Tuesday. He would not go into detail about the new information.

If the vapor trail was made by an airplane, authorities may never know which specific aircraft it was because they don't know its location, trajectory or altitude, Federal Aviation Administration officials said.

Throughout the two-day mystery, the Pentagon stressed that the object, whatever it was, did not belong to the U.S. military or a foreign government and never posed a threat.

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Orlando, FL Oct. 29, 2010 **UFO Over California: Resident Reports Sighting Rectangular UFO**

UFO's seriously are not liking their name on the Earth- Unidentified Flying Objects. Because if the continuous UFO sighting incidents have to be related, they are soon turning themselves into something "IDENTIFIED" again and again as well coming and hovering above different locales on the earth, especially United States of America as the recent trend suggests.

Linking the chain, a witness from California says he saw a "long , flat rectangle" that flew , "a little higher than the rooftops" at 9:20 pm PST on October 26.

As per a testimony on the MUFON network, the resident observed dogs in his street going crazy and he went out of his house to check what happened. "At that moment something went slowly over my house, not too high up a little higher than the rooftops not high like airplanes, it made no noise whatsoever at all and the dogs were going crazy."

Further explaining the look of the strange object, the resident mentioned. " It was like a long flat rectangle shape, kind of like back lights on a car, but they had little bulbs on the triangle part with red and white alternating lights..then I could see these two circular things on the bottom, probably like jet engines or something.. "

This incident adds further spark to the ongoing UFO sightings around the world in spite of the fact there being no detailed information linking this California sight. The resident was also not able to click any photo either as when he , " ran back in to get my phone to take a pic" the alien aircraft went "out of focus".

Oct. 27, 2010 Louisiana

Sightings of UFO in American skies at this time of the year this year seems to be part and parcel of the daily lives of people. The number of remarkable reports that have been made up to this point is somewhat alarming according to some people. However, if the previous reports were to be taken note of, the most recent of the reports in this direction seems to be eerily spooky.

Louisiana stood witness to multiple UFO sightings in the twilight of the evening skies. On the 24th of this month a particular family in the region witnessed the most extraordinary spectacle of their lives. The sightings were made at around the time of quarter to seven in the evening.

There were multiple sightings that were made from the backyard of this family. The most intriguing of them all seem to be the reports of a UFO that took a triangular shape and was accompanied with a tail. The color according to the dwellers of the place was simply black. The tail was luminous white that seemed to shed off after a matter of moments.

The direction of the triangular form seemed to be to the east. The lady of the house could not have let this one slip and sealed their moment in history by capturing it on frames from three different angles. However, after she had went into the house, her child and husband got the exciting glimpse of a second sighting.

The second time that they saw the triangular form, it was hanging from the skies right above their heads. The proximity of the floater let her confirm that it was indeed a space craft. However, the closer pictures could not be taken according to them as the memory in the camera was full already.

Oct. 28, 2010 Knott's Berry Farm, CA

Latest UFO Sightings: Another One Spotted Over Knott's Berry Farm

Latest UFO Sightings: Another One Spotted Over Knott's Berry Farm. The news and reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects in various corners of the earth have been flowing in at the speed as high as that of sound. New reports of UFO sightings are coming through every day with some new twist being added to the fascinating story. This time it is the Berry farm of Knott's that has been able to make it to the headlines.

The aliens from the outer space or some planet that we don't have any idea of seem to have chosen the farm for a casual visit that eventuates to a purpose is not known to any part of humanity. It was around 10 in the night that the snaps of the UFO had been taken by means of an iPhone integrated cam. The picture was taken by Ryan Boone who was there, laying in wait to enjoy the roller coaster ride at the theme park of Buena Park.

The website of KNBC and also that of Channel 4 flashes the pictures of the UFO that were taken by Boone of the unidentified object. The object seemed to be of a shape of a triangle that was seen hovering right above the roller coaster ride. Boone actually felt that Knott's was literally transformed into a scary farm. Boone lives in Beverly Hills and at 31 year old, it is kind of scary for sure if he feels that way.

Boone has pleaded time and again that he did nothing to modify the original photo and it was simply spooky in its very own right. He had considered the option of the UFO being a flare but then soon dismissed it as he finally started to believe in the existence of unidentified flying objects. The photo has been forwarded to the FAA by authorities of KNBC and details would be observed there.



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Nov. 17, 2010 Oklahoma City, OK
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Oklahoma's Own

HASKELL COUNTY, Oklahoma -- Several residents near Stigler in Haskell County have reported seeing triangle-shaped UFOs in September and October of this year.

Those two sightings were investigated by Mutual UFO Network.

The first was on September 16, 2010 and the second was October 26, 2010.

MUFON state director Marilyn Carlson in Yukon says she talked with the witnesses in both events.

In her report to MUFON on the September incident, Carlson says the unidentified witness told her about spotting an elongated triangle-shaped object over a field near Stigler.

She says they checked out the field and found a circular area in the middle of the field "with green grass on outer edge and center has a bare spot."

The witness told Carlson the lights on the object "were white and went down the side of the triangle and it was hovering."

In her report to MUFON on the other incident, Carlson says two witnesses spotted an elongated triangle right above them at about 10:30 p.m. on October 26, 2010.

They told her the object was the size of a city block and blocked out the stars and sky, "It was black with single rotating white lights on each corner of the object."

Carlson says the two witnesses said the object was similar to a drawing MUFON provided.

Robert Sheaffer, with BadUFOs.com, says he's skeptical of the reported UFO sightings and says you can't automatically connect the bare spots to the UFO's.

"If that were true then UFOs must have been practically everywhere. My lawn has some terrible, persistent bare spots. It never occurred to me that this might be from a UFO! I think if you investigate the drainage, soil conditions, etc. for this "UFO circle", you'll find a much better explanation there," Sheaffer told the News On 6 in a statement.

MUFON officials say they get about 500 sightings a month with only 20 percent of those being credible sightings. MUFON says Oklahoma had 12 UFO sighting reports in October 2010.

They say the two Oklahoma sightings in September and October are considered credible.

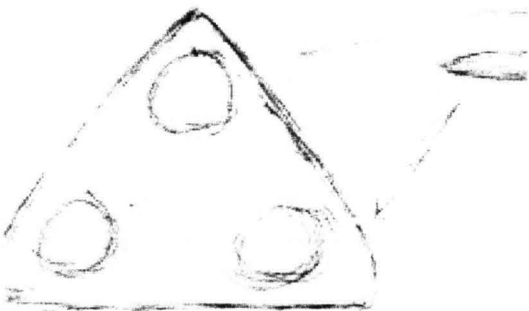
October 27th, 2010 New Hampshire

Triangle UFO passes over New Hampshire freeway

A New Hampshire witness driving north along Route 93 just north of Manchester watched a triangle-shaped UFO pass over the freeway at 7:50 p.m. on October 22, 2010, according to testimony from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) witness reporting database.

"It was dark and unlit, but clearly triangular in shape and with 3 funnels hanging from its underside - kind of like the thrusters at the bottom of the space shuttle," the witness stated. "I only saw the underside of this object, and swerved my car all over the road as I looked up in amazement."

The witness pulled over and immediately drew a diagram of what was just seen.



Witness provided this illustration of the UFO

No town name was mentioned in the public portion of the MUFON report, which was filed on October 25, 2010.

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 manmade. If New England MUFON State Director Steve Firmani investigates and reports back on this case, I will release an update. Please report UFO activity to MUFON.com.

NH, October 22, 2010 - Dark, close up view of the underside of a triangular UFO. MUFON Case # 26099.

At around 7:50pm EST this evening, Friday October 22nd 2010, I was driving North on 93, just North of Manchester, NH. Above the toll gate, but just South of the NH liquor store. I saw what I thought were fireflies in the sky, maybe 100 ft above the freeway ahead. As I approached the firefly like lights, I looked up and saw a triangular shaped craft travelling about the speed of a helicopter headed South over the freeway passing directly over me. It was dark and unlit, but clearly triangular in shape and with 3 funnels hanging from its underside - kind of like the thrusters at the bottom of the space shuttle. I only saw the underside of this

object, and swerved my car all over the road as I looked up in amazement.

About 2 minutes after this, I pulled over at the NH liquor store and drew a diagram of what I just seen, and wrote a description (I wanted to capture this bizarre event while it was still fresh in my mind). While I only saw this for a second or two, I got a really close look at the funnels on the underside. It was a similar view to one you might see at a major airport when a large jet is landing - I could clearly see the underside of the object, but it was nothing like any plane I have ever seen. There were no lights, and while I had a close up view, it was only for 1 or 2 seconds.

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Arlington, TX Sept. 9, 2010

Arlington residents report seeing UFO in night sky

by Neal J Leitereg

Residents of Arlington, Texas who witnessed lights in the night sky in recent weeks believe that they have witnessed a UFO. The incident according to *NBC Dallas-Fort Worth* was recorded by a number of cameras and posted onto the popular online video website YouTube.

The recordings show a series of blue lights flying through the darkened sky. "It was blue. It was real bright blue," said Reggie Washington, a resident who lives near Matlock Road and Southeast Green Oaks Boulevard and witnessed the spectacle. "It was going up and down and around," said Tammy Hewell, another area resident.

While residents may believe they may have witnessed a UFO, not everyone is convinced that it is visitors from another planet or galaxy.

Local authorities and workers for the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport have yet to receive any reports or complaints relating to the lights or the UFO sighting.

The Federal Aviation Administration has also not heard any word on the matter and, after reviewing the videos posted on YouTube, believe it is not a UFO, but rather a remote controlled airplane device with lights attached to it.

FAA officials have based this assumption on the fact that the object or aircraft is rather slow moving and appears to have lights that are available at local hobbyist or craft stores.

"It moves very slowly, and it stays in a confined area. We've seen this from time to time around the country," said FAA spokesman Lynn Lunsford.

While the FAA has its doubts, residents Washington and Hewell refuse to believe that this was merely the case of someone flying a remote-controlled airplane.

"I don't think it was a remote-controlled airplane, as fast as it was flying, as far as it went," Washington said.

"There's no way you could have seen it if it was a remote-controlled plane," Hewell said.

UFOs in the news

The UFO report from Arlington comes on the heels of a news conference held by former members of the U.S. Military who claim that UFOs and aliens have been deactivating nuclear missiles both in the United States and Great Britain for decades.

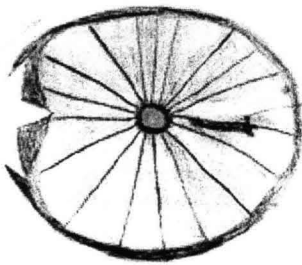
A news conference held Monday, that was assembled by UFO researcher Robert Hastings, included statements and first-hand accounts from members of the U.S. Air Force who indicated that UFOs have targeted nuclear missiles, rendering them useless.

The Air Force officers indicated that they have kept quiet about these claims for fear of becoming service outcast, but allege to have declassified military information that proves their claims.

Nov. 9, 2010 Indianapolis, IN

Giant disc UFO low over Indiana college campus

An Indianapolis, IN, college student reports watching a low flying disc-shaped object "15 to 17" times the size of a full moon that twice moved directly overhead on the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis campus beginning at 6:26 p.m. on November 7, 2010, according to testimony from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) witness reporting database.



Witness illustration of the object seen over college campus.

"It was either flying really low, or it was extremely huge," the witness stated. The witness claims being in shock prevented getting a picture of the object, although an illustration was produced for the MUFON report, which was filed on November 8, 2010. Red lights were reported on the object.

"The UFO had red lights on it. If I remember correctly, I'd say about 3 or 4 of them, and I believe that red light was coming from the center as well. Since I was looking up at it, all I could see was what it looked like directly underneath. It looked like the stereotypical UFO, or flying saucer, in most aspects."

The witness also described the object as looking like a mushroom.

"Besides being a perfect circle, it looked like what a mushroom looks like from underneath, whereas you can see the edges of what might be a domed top from below, and striations leading towards the center. Most of the red lights were towards the exterior, with the exception of the center (where the stem of a mushroom would be). Here was where more red light emitted."

The witness provided more details on the craft.

"For one thing, the front of the ship had a silver section, which reminded me of a bird shape since the shape had three corners. Secondly, I think that there may have been a protrusion at the base of it, which logically made me think that maybe somebody was playing a prank and it was actually some type of blimp because of how it glided forward, but it seemed much too big to logically call it this. There was no logical explanation for what happened."

The student went to an apartment to make a telephone call to report the incident to a relative, but then stepped back outside and saw the craft a second time between 6:34 and 6:37 p.m.

"I was partway into the conversation when I saw the object again flying over the apartment building, even though I thought it had already passed. At this point a passerby was walking down the sidewalk and saw me looking in shock up at the sky. He then saw the object too and said that it 'sure is a wide airplane'. (He didn't see it until it was going off into the distance.) I said that 'was definitely no airplane.'"

Please report UFO activity to MUFON.com.

IN, November 7, 2010 - It was flying really low over W. Michigan Street. MUFON Case # 26422.

I'm a college student in Indianapolis, Indiana. It was around 6:26 P.M. on 11/7/2010 when I was standing on the sidewalk of W. Michigan Street that lead back to campus apartment housing at IUPUI (my college). We usually have a lot of airplanes and helicopters around here, and at first I thought it was an airplane until I realized that it was flying way too low, but then I realized that it must have been a helicopter.

I couldn't have been more wrong I realized, as I looked up and saw a circular object flying right up above me, moving straight in the direction I was facing.

It was huge, and if a full moon were out, I would have to say that from my perspective, I would have to say that maybe 15-17 full moons would be equal to the size of it. I'd like to give a better comparison, but I was in a state of shock. I did spend what felt like a long time gazing at it, although in actuality, only about 2 minutes had passed.

The sky was clear, but being in the city, it appears as pitch black because of the city lights. It was either flying really low, or it was extremely huge. I feel stupid for not thinking about getting a picture, but I was in total shock, as I don't really believe in UFOs, or at least didn't until now, and even now I'm still skeptical. I did, however, try my best to draw a picture afterwards, even though I'm not good at drawing.

The UFO had red lights on it. If I remember correctly, I'd say about 3 of 4 of them, and I believe that red light was coming from the center as well. Since I was looking up at it, all I could see was what it looked like directly underneath. It looked like the stereotypical UFO, or flying saucer, in most aspects.

Besides being a perfect circle, it looked like what a mushroom looks like from underneath, whereas you can see the edges of what might be a domed top from below, and striations leading towards the center. Most of the red lights were towards the exterior, with the exception of the center (where the stem of a mushroom would be). Here was where more red light emitted.

Two things struck me as odd that distinguished this when compared to the stereotypical portrayal. For one thing, the

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front of the ship had a silver section, which reminded me of a bird shape since the shape had three corners. Secondly, I think that there may have been a protrusion at the base of it, which logically made me think that maybe somebody was playing a prank and it was actually some type of blimp because of how it glided forward, but it seemed much too big to logically call it this. There was no logical explanation for what happened.

I went back to the apartment building and called my grandpa to tell him what I saw because I felt like I needed to tell someone that wouldn't make fun of me. I made this call at 6:34P.M., and stepped through the back door of the apartment complex. I was partway into the conversation when I saw the object again flying over the apartment building, even though I thought it had already passed.

At this point a passerby was walking down the sidewalk and saw me looking in shock up at the sky. He then saw the object too and said that it "sure is a wide airplane". (He didn't see it until it was going off into the distance.) I said that "was definitely no airplane."

This second encounter lasted until 6:37P.M., so it was three minutes long. This second encounter took place on Porto Alegre Street, and again the object continued moving in the same direction until it got past the river, where it ascended up and disappeared into the sky. A girl walking a ways behind me during the first incident didn't bother looking up because she thought it was a helicopter and was busy texting, and was shocked when I told her what I saw. I was kind of angry that she hadn't looked up and I was the only one that saw this the first time, but I extremely glad that someone else saw it the second time to prove that I wasn't the only person that saw it.

By the way, the IUPUI campus apartments are near the Ronald McDonald House, which is not far from the hospital. This area is extremely easy to find on Google Maps, however, for some reason it doesn't show Porto Alegre, but the street that the UFO went across to get to the river is White River Pkwy E. Dr.

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examiner.com

Sept. 22, 2010 Michigan, USA

'Fog' surrounds Michigan triangle UFO

By Roger Marsh

A Michigan couple watched a triangle-shaped UFO at 5:50 a.m. on September 21, 2010, that hovered above a nearby tree line while a "fog or smoke" surrounded the object like "long trails of lights much like tentacles," according to testimony from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) witness reporting database.

The couple first noticed a light moving in from the west of their location and they began to rule out logical explanations like "helicopter, airplane or blimp."

"I began to watch the triangular shaped object with one very prominent light that turned red, then back to white," the reporting witness stated. "The object hovered in the same location above the tree line then took off in a slow but purposeful southerly direction where it hovered and moved back and forth for about twenty minutes (above and between two trees) before slowly moving away in the distance at 6:31 a.m." They said that something seemed to surround the object at times.

"Most notable was the appearance of the object. A couple times I noticed what appeared to be a fog or smoke surrounding the object with long trails of lights much like tentacles. The most prominent light was very bright fading in and out. There were lights around the primary light which gave me the opinion it had to be triangle in shape." The object moved away at 6:31 a.m.

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 Michigan MUFON State Director William J. Konkolesky investigates and reports back on this case, I will release an update.

My husband noticed the bright 'star' at about 5:50 a.m. in a westerly direction from our bedroom. After deciding it couldn't be a helicopter, airplane or blimp I decided to take notice. I was suprised to see that what he was looking at was the same thing I had noticed the night before. It was the same bright lights in a southerly direction from our bedroom the night before but quickly dismissed since I had had a sighting a few months ago. I didn't want to know. However, this time I couldn't resist watching in an attempt to 'figure it out'. I began to watch the triangular shaped object with one very prominent light that turned red, then back to white. The object hovered in the same location above the tree line then took off in a slow but purposeful southerly direction where it hovered and moved back and forth for about twenty minutes (above and between two trees) before slowly moving away in the distance at 6:31 a.m. Most notable was the appearance of the object. A couple times I noticed what appeared to be a fog or smoke surrounding the object with long trails of lights much like tentacles. The most prominent light was very bright fading in and out. There were lights around the primary light which gave me the opinion it had to be triangle in shape.

I watched with disappointment as the object moved away from me in a westward direction. It finally disappeared behind the trees at 6:31 a.m. as it began to get light out. I was disappointed to see it leave. I want to know more.



Los Angeles Times

October 14, 2010 New York, NY

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 low 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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ABC CHAN 15 Phoenix

Oct. 23, 2010 Phoenix, AZ

By: Deborah Stocks

PHOENIX - Was it a plane, a balloon, a UFO?

ABC15 received several reports about lights in the sky in the northwest Valley Saturday night.

Amy sent us an e-mail saying she was sitting in a friend's back yard in north Phoenix when they saw "what looked like 2 meteors falling from the sky, with flames and sparks trailing behind them, began turning and moving. Lights were going off and on, the flames and sparks would come and go."

Phoenix Fire Department spokesman Scott Walker said what people saw around 8:30 p.m. were parachute exercises, possibly involving pyrotechnics, in the Deer Valley area.

Walker said he wasn't sure who the group was performing the exercises.

They don't appear to be the same as the "Phoenix Lights" seen in a triangular formation on March 13, 1997.

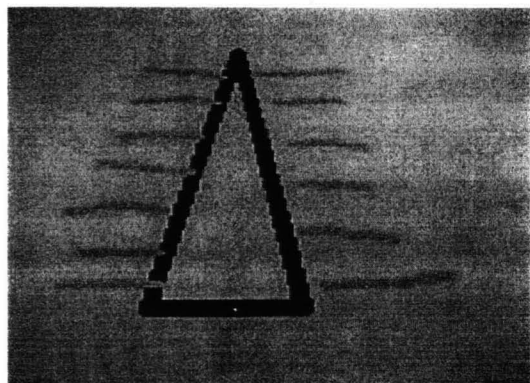
The United States Air Force later identified the lights as flares from the Barry Goldwater Range, but many continue to believe differently. Even former Arizona Governor Fife Symington reported seeing the lights, describing his encounter as a huge carpenter-square object moving over Phoenix.

So mystery solved... for now

Nov. 16, 2010 Oklahoma

Triangle UFOs investigated in two Oklahoma sightings

Two Eastern Oklahoma triangle UFO sightings were investigated by Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) Oklahoma State Director Marilyn Carlson after newspaper reports were made on events that occurred on September 16, 2010, and October 26, 2010, according to testimony from the MUFON witness reporting database.



Witness illustration.

Carlson went with the September 16 witness to a field where the triangle was seen. "The field had been plowed and bails of hay were there in the area," Carlson stated. "We found a spot where it was circular with green grass on outer edge and center has a bare spot. Appearance was that nothing was growing in the bare area. Rain may have washed out any imprints. It may be that the bare spot in the middle may have been created by the tail end of the triangular object. Geiger counter showed no readings.

Carlson explains the witness account for this incident. "Witness indicated the lights were white and went down the side of the triangle and it was hovering when she first got a glimpse of it from the highway 2 area. Object suddenly turned straight up with the tail down when she drove past it. She turned around farther down highway 2 and went back to get a look, but it was gone."

The witness provides more details on the craft. "Using Michael Schratt's drawings of classified aircraft she pointed out that it looked like the TR3-B aircraft. It was about 3 stories high based on her view from the highway. Estimate is the object was about 300 feet on each side."

Carlson also met with the two witnesses from the October 26 sighting. "They happened to look up and saw a huge elongated triangle right above them. It blocked out the stars and sky and they thought it was about the size of a city block. Back end appeared to be concave. It was black with single rotating white lights on each corner of the object. No sound was heard. It moved slower than an airplane, but also disappeared from their view quickly. They live in the country where neighbors are not very close to each other. Land has large trees with some open spaces."

The witnesses describe the shape of the object by choosing an illustration that is similar to what they saw. "Once again using Michael Schratt's drawings they pointed out the East German flying triangle which shows the shape of the triangle.

Witnesses in both cases did not file reports with MUFON. Carlson filed the report on November 16, 2010. *Please report UFO activity to MUFON.com.*

OK, September 16, 2010 - Triangle hovering & moved to upright position onto tail end. MUFON Case # 26610.

This event was reported by local newspaper journalist to Mufon State Director, *(Wit's name deleted--CMS/sg). The journalist did not submit a report and the witnesses did not submit a report. This report is being submitted by the SD. It is being reported only for documentation of triangles seen in E Oklahoma area.

I went to Stigler and met with the reporter on 10/14/10 and he introduced me to two separate witnesses. One saw the triangle on 9/16/10 and the other triangle was seen by two people on 10/26/10. Second triangle was a different shape. Very elongated triangle

The witness for first event took us to the field and we walked the field during the day. The field had been plowed and bails of hay were there in the area. We found a spot where it was circular with green grass on outer edge and center has a bare spot. Appearance was that nothing was growing in the bare area. Rain may have washed out any imprints. It MAY be that the bare spot in the middle may have been created by the tail end of the triangular object. Geiger counter showed no readings. See attached photo. Witness indicated the lights were white and went down the side of the triangle and it was hovering when she first got a glimpse of it from the highway 2 area. Object suddenly turned straight up with the tail down when she drove past it. She turned around farther down highway 2 and went back to get a look, but it was gone.

Using Michael Schratt's drawings of classified aircraft she pointed out that it looked like the TR3-B aircraft. It was about 3 stories high based on her view from the highway. Estimate is the object was about 300 feet on each side.

10/26/10 event: Husband and wife were outside about 10:30 PM looking at the stars through their telescope. They happened to look up and saw a huge elongated triangle right above them. It blocked out the stars and sky and they thought it was about the size of a city block. Back end appeared to be concave. It was black with single rotating white lights on each corner of the object. No sound was heard. It moved slower than an airplane, but also disappeared from their view quickly. They live in the country where neighbors are not very close to each other. Land has large trees with some open spaces.

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.

Contact Staci Matlock at 986-3055 or smatlock@sfnewmexican.com.

LA News Monitor

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Oct. 24, 2010 Los Angeles, CA

UFO Sightings Reported Over Phoenix? After New York, Texas, Florida, Where To Next?

UFO Sightings Reported Over Phoenix? After New York, Texas, Florida, Where To Next? Reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects have been flying around like anything in recent weeks. One after the other the reports seems to keep trickling in about UFO sightings made in various parts of the United States of America and the eastern economy of China and many other places in the rest of the world too.

The latest news to be coming in are of UFO sightings made in the Phoenix district of the United States of America. Many people in the region had reported to be witnesses of flickering lights in the skies of the North Western valley of Phoenix.

Apparently some of the witnesses could compare the same to a couple of meteorites dropping down from the heavens on to the surface of the earth. And jet beams were followed up from the tails of the lights. The lights were flickering too as the lack of that could totally have ruined the UFO effect. And to add to the imagery reports were made that these lights were also accompanied by sparks that would go off from time to time. Indeed, this total scene could very well be compared to that of falling meteors.

The time when these kinds of sightings were made was around 8.30 in the evening. Reports about the exact times had been made by Scott Walker who represented the Fire Department of Phoenix. Some of the explanations trying to vindicate these viewings included those that claimed that exercises using parachutes could have been misinterpreted for UFO. Comparisons to the "Phoenix Lights" of the 1997 incident on 13th March can't be drawn in this particular case though.

The Air Force of the US of A came up with a new and improved explanation at a much later stage. Flares from the Barry Goldwater Range were shot off that evening which could very well have been mistaken for the flickering lights that were sighted. However, people are taking their own guesses and with so many UFO reports around, Phoenix don't seem to want to let go off theirs.

TUCSON CITIZEN

Nov. 16, 2010 Tucson, AZ

Reality Check: UFO sighting over Boston was only tabloid news inspired by 'Centreville UFO' by Cherlyn Gardner Strong

Fox News affiliate Fox5 DC ran a story several days ago about a man capturing video of a blue UFO over Centreville, VA.

I didn't report the sighting for several reasons, including the fact that it looked like a hobby craft.

Yes, in fact, it was.

After posting the identification of the former UFO of Centreville, I received a comment and some emails telling me that it was a cover up, adding that the same UFO was spotted over Boston, MA a few days ago.

No,, it wasn't.

The Boston blue light UFO was first run by *Weekly World News*, a tabloid. The publication also runs satirical stories like *The Onion*. The Boston UFO photos published by *Weekly World News* are so obviously Photoshopped that I am stunned that a few bloggers ran with the story. The writer of this particular post even said: "*The Defense Department and Homeland Security confirmed to WWN that the UFO was spotted over Boston, but declined to make any further comments.*"

No, they didn't.

I'm even more stunned that more than a few readers believed it. It's likely due to the fact that some bloggers rewrote and posted the story without naming the source. Although there are some seemingly serious reactions to the story in the comments section of the *Weekly World News* story itself.

The online news source often takes mainstream media stories and gives them a new spin. In this case, the Boston UFO story was inspired by the Centreville UFO story.

Anyway, for those who never noticed or are too young to remember, *Weekly World News* used to sit in the tabloid rack in grocery store checkout lines. They stopped printing it on paper, but they continue to post their outlandish stories online. They run headlines like: "Blue UFO Over Boston," "How to Sell Your Soul to the Devil," and "Megan Fox Is a Man." *Weekly World News* is nothing but tabloid entertainment. Yet, some people think that it's real news and that it's the only reliable news source for UFOs out there.

Yes. seriously, they do.

This tabloid was printed by American Media, Inc., which also publishes the *National Enquirer* and the *Globe*. There are folks who believe anything they read. The UFOs in El Paso weren't skydivers and the New York UFOs were not balloons, according to an astonishing number of people out there.

Another story not touched by myself and many other bloggers out there, was the Knotts Berry Farm UFO. It looked like a reflection, but that didn't stop NBC LA from running the photo and submitting the photo to the FAA for analysis. The guy who took the photo of an amusement park ride even said that he didn't notice the "object" until he looked at the photo later.

Fox5 DC and NBC LA published photos/videos and eyewitness accounts without thinking things through, unfortunately. If either of them submitted the "evidence" to an expert prior to posting (and it didn't even have to be a UFO expert), they could have focused on more important news items of the day.

But, why should they? Fox5 DC stated that they received more than 600,000 page views on their story.

Yes, they did.



Oct. 26, 2010 Phoenix, AZ

Ufo Sighting in Phoenix Explained? No Surprise There

UFO Sighting in Phoenix Explained? No Surprise There. After the UFO sightings in New York, Texas, Florida, Phoenix is next to join the league. Reports of unidentified flying objects have been in news for quite some time now. Residents of Phoenix Arizona have reported of Mysterious Lights in Sky.

The residents from the northwest Valley have seen lights in the sky on Saturday night, as was reported on ABC 15. The mysterious sightings have lead to speculations that if the light were coming from a plane, a balloon or a UFO.

One of the eyewitness in an email stated that she saw "what looked like 2 meteors falling from the sky, with flames and sparks trailing behind them, began turning and moving. Lights were going off and on, the flames and sparks would come and go." The explanation about the lights has come rather much quickly, and not one, but two explanations were offered.

The Phoenix Fire Department spokesman Scott Walker had ended the suspense saying that the lights were coming from the parachute exercises, in the Deer Valley area. Walker however was not sure which group was performing the exercises. The images of the light did not appear to be similar as the "Phoenix Lights" and the famous triangular formation as seen on March 13, 1997.

The later explanation comes from the U.S. Air Force, who identified the lights as flares that came from the Barry Goldwater Range. This is also the official explanation for the incident.

The sights of UFO are getting more and more popular with the passing of each day, involving new places and new witnesses. The reports have come from the Far East China, to the New York City to Texas and now Phoenix. Just in case if these actually were UFOs, are they aliens making us aware of their existence.

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.

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.



Nov. 8th, 2010 Centerville, VA

BLUE UFO OVER VIRGINIA

by Frank Lake

CENTERVILLE, VA - A blue UFO was confirmed over Virginia last night!

A large number of people in Centerville are talking about a bright blue light spotted moving in the sky Wednesday night. But no one had an explanation for this unidentified flying object last night, but today the Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security said this:

"It was a UFO. Our agents confirmed it this morning."



UFO experts around the country carefully examined the photos this morning. "I'd say the UFO is from Planet Zeeba, which is a planet in The Tadpole Galaxy. They are known to fly nothing but blue spaceships."

It was in the night sky just above Lee Highway when shoppers looked up and saw something weird in Centerville and it was all of it caught on camera.

"All of a sudden, it would stop and go back like this," said Bryan Fains, using his finger to point out the direction of the blue light in the sky. "At one point, it stopped and went up and up."

Fains quickly grabbed his phone, turned on the camera and recorded the erratic blue light in the night sky. It flew around for about 10 minutes. "There]was no sound. It was a distinct blue light. It never flashed or blinked or nothing. It was just blue," said Fains. "It's weird. You only see this type of stuff in movies. Just as long as we're here, I'm sure there are other things somewhere."

Fains has not seen it since. Only just the occasional airplane from Dulles Airport. He is all too familiar with those flying objects and their loud sounds. Fains says this one had no sound. The apparent UFO sighting has him baffled.

Some in the government are once again trying to cover this UFO sighting up. They are spreading disinformation. Even Janet Napolitano is backtracking a little bit now... but it's a fact. There WAS a UFO over Virginia last night.

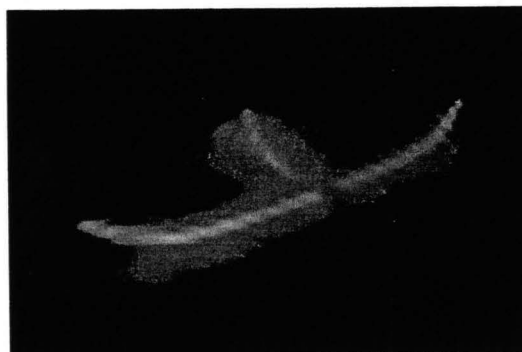
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Nov. 15, 2010 Washington D.C.

Mysterious Blue Light UFO Over Centerville Identified

owner of flying craft comes forward

By ROBY CHAVEZ



CENTERVILLE, Va. - The mysterious unidentified flying object with the blue lights was back flying over Lee Highway in Centerville, Virginia Monday night.

The curiosity surrounding mysterious blue lights flying in the sky over Centerville Virginia has not died down since the first sighting in early November.

The story on myfoxdc.com got over a 600,000 page views.

Monday night, in a small field in Northern Virginia, the secret was finally revealed. This time FOX 5 cameras caught it all. It looked a lot like what Brian Fains first spotted 10 days ago.

"Right there it looks the same. It's the same color that I saw," said Fains as he looked at the new images off a laptop.

Since the first sighting, he's been overwhelmed.

"It blew up. I got messages from all over the world. I got phone calls from T.V. shows," said Fains.

After our first report, FOX 5 got emails too from across the country, but one stood out. It said, "I have information on the blue UFO lights."

We agreed to meet the pilot of the UFO in a dark field in Centerville. We met just three blocks from the sighting.

"This is the open field that I fly from. From a distance with the blue lights; it's hard to tell what it is. If there is a light breeze it will hover and stop," said Tony Claridge, owner of the mysterious aircraft.

"This is the flying UFO. It's a glider. It weighs a little over a pound. It's great for night flying. It's slow and stable," said Claridge.

From his demonstration, the UFO appears to be a remote controlled glider plane. It flies up to 400 feet high.

Tony Claridge flies it as a hobby with a local flying club. He was flying it in this same field nearly two weeks ago.

"When it's from the distance you don't get an airplane orientation. It's a fuzzy blue light. I understand how misunderstood as a UFO," said Claridge.

The glider is decorated with blue LED lights and that has caused more than a few UFO sightings.

"People have actually followed the lights to the field. I've had people from grocery stores a mile away. They follow the lights and see me in the field. It's fun. We talk about it and show what it really is," said Claridge.

Fains who was even contacted by the Sci-Fi Network says it all makes sense.

"For him to be flying that night and the way it looks from a distance, I'm almost positive that's what it is. I'd rather it be that than what I thought it was," said Fains.

The starting cost for one of those remote controlled gliders is about \$300 for plane and controller.

TULSA WORLD

Tulsa, OK

UFO investigator Barbara Bartholic dies at age 71

By TIM STANLEY World Staff Writer

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'Inventive and avant-garde'

Barbara Bartholic: The Tulsa art gallery owner became a UFO investigator in the 1970s and was a consultant for the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." She had been working recently on a documentary film about extraterrestrial life before her death Nov. 10 at age 71.

Close encounters with Barbara Bartholic usually sparked the same reaction.

"She always left you laughing. She had this marvelous sense of humor," her sister, Catha Block, said.

"Barbara just had this way of making people feel important - like you were the only person in the world."

One out-of-this-world topic was no laughing matter, though, to the Tulsa artist and art gallery owner.

Bartholic had been fascinated for years by the possibility of extraterrestrial life, and in the 1970s, the subject consumed her.

Bartholic's subsequent field research into UFOs led to writing and speaking engagements. It wasn't long before she became a respected UFO authority worldwide.

One of the consultants on the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," she later wrote about her experiences in the book "Barbara: The Story of a UFO Investigator."

Barbara Simon Bartholic died Nov. 10 after suffering a stroke. She was 71.

A service is set for 10 a.m. Saturday at Memorial Park Cemetery Chapel under the direction of AddVantage Funeral Service.

"Barbara really perceived a world that's larger than the one we live in," Block said, adding that

she was never embarrassed by her sister's devotion to a subject that often draws stares.

"We were a free-thinking bunch and were open to the idea," she said.

"And it was so fascinating. It was like going out of your universe into another one. If I was able, I'd love to carry on her work."

Bartholic, who moved to Tulsa from St. Louis, Mo., as a child, started out in an entirely different line of work - just one of many over her life.

Her mother, Tulsan Alice Simon, was a fashion model when she was younger. So was her mother before her.

Bartholic carried on the family tradition, starting at age 17. Her modeling took her to Los Angeles and New York City, where she worked with well-known fashion designers.

After she married Tulsa artist Bob Bartholic, she decided to move on.

A painter herself who excelled in oils, she and Bob became leading figures in the Tulsa art scene and ran two downtown art galleries in the 1970s.

Barbara Bartholic also hosted her own television show, "Arts Arena," on a local cable channel. She interviewed Tulsa-area artists, but it wasn't a conventional talk show, her sister said.

"She was very inventive and avant-garde," Block said.

Bartholic's other interests began to take a back seat to her obsession with UFOs.

For several years, she worked closely with friend and fellow UFO investigator Jacque F. Vallee, a French astronomer who inspired the "Close Encounters" character of Claude Lacombe, played by French film director Francois Truffaut.

Bartholic interviewed alleged alien abductees and looked into reported sightings of UFOs around the country. After nearly 40 years, she was convinced, her sister says, that we are not alone.

Block added that Bartholic had been working recently on a documentary film on the subject.

She is survived by four children, Braden Bartholic, Mandy Wilson, Catha Clark and Becky Bartholic; her mother, Alice Simon; one sister, Catha Block; six grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.





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THIRTY-TWO PAGES TODAY

Jet Planes Chase Mysterious Objects Over Mojave

Flying Saucer Reports Mount Over Nation

Military Officials Keep Mum About Results

MOJAVE, Calif., Aug. 2.—(U.P.)—The Air Force sent up three of its fastest jet planes early today to chase weird, red objects which moved pendulum-fashion over the Mojave desert.

Orders for the use of the Air Force planes were issued following reports of the mysterious objects from such official sources as the Civil Aeronautic Authority and the Sheriff's department.

What luck, if any, the jets had in taking pictures of the "saucers" or observing them at close range was not disclosed by military authorities who kept mum concerning the incident.

Several Observers

The bright objects were reported in the sky by two deputy sheriffs, two experienced C. A. A. observers at Palmdale, Calif., near here, a game warden and other responsible persons.

Don Benson and Ray Hollingsworth, two CAA Airways specialists on duty at the Palmdale airport, said they spotted a "brilliant red light" overhead near midnight. It remained in one spot for more than 30 minutes—then disappeared, they said.

Warden Jack Roff of the State Fish and Game Commission, notified the Lancaster Sheriff's station about the same hour that he saw two reddish objects moving about 15 degrees above the horizon.

Roff described the objects as "co-operative saucers," saying one descended slowly before disappearing "like a big mechanical bird" while the other remained stationary about 15 minutes, then "swung like a pendulum across the sky," traveling east to west.

Los Angeles, Tor

Other reports from the vicinity of Los Angeles, where the Rev. Louis Gardner said he saw a moving object near the moon.

"It appeared very plainly and faded out of sight in a brief time," he stated.

Another report in Los Angeles described the mystery disk as "brilliant and bright like polished metal," while another said it appeared to be a "bright, orange colored thing."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—(U.P.)—

New flying saucer reports kept pouring in from across the nation today, even from the Air Force which has been trying mightily to kill the "fad" off.

An Air Force spokesman said the latest "mystery object" was sighted zipping over the sands near the Atomic bomb laboratories in Los Alamos, N. M.

"Shining Metallic"

A report from the Los Alamos Interceptor Wing said witnesses saw a "shining metallic" object flying through the air for more than 30 minutes last Tuesday.

The Air Force said the object, spotted while fighter planes were in the area, made a 360-degree turn before disappearing. It did not attempt to evaluate the report.

During the week, the Air Force took sufficient official cognizance of the saucer craze to report:

The phenomena mainly are mirages caused by a combination of hot weather, light reflections and refractions which can do funny things to both the human eyesight and the electronic marvel known as radar.

But even the Air Force was unable to explain away a small percentage of the saucer reports submitted by "reliable" witnesses—including a Coast Guard picture. To explain these, it sought the aid of scientists and new high-speed cameras.

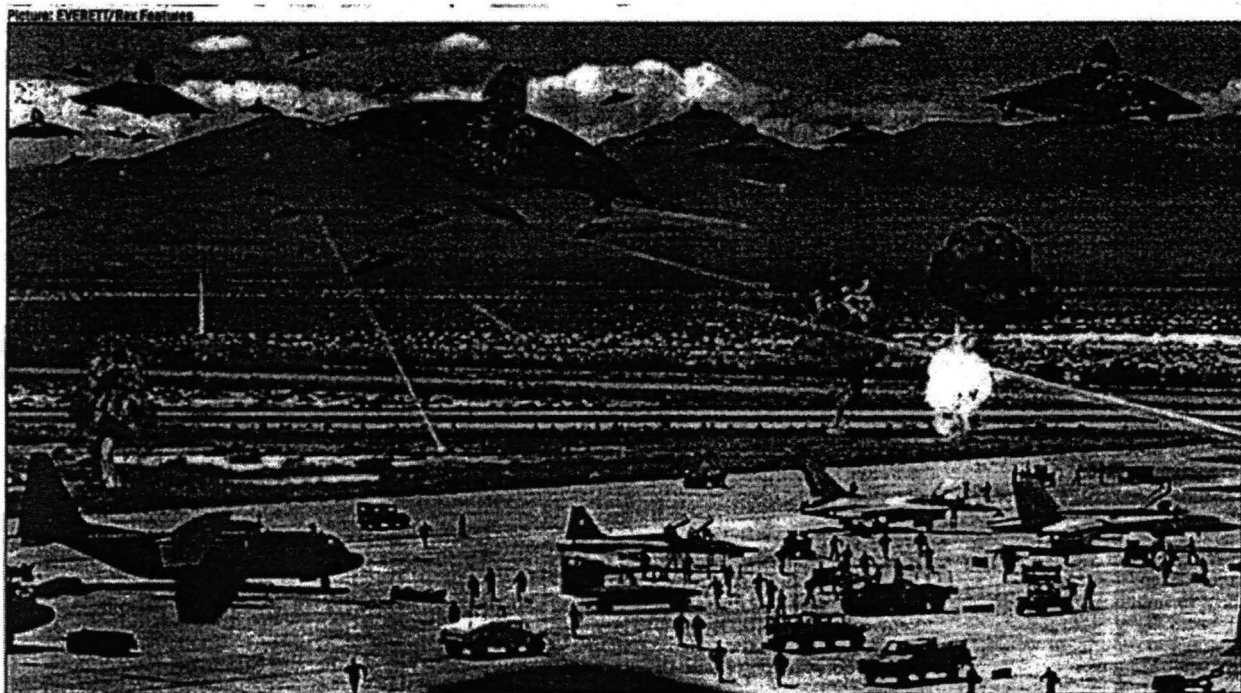
It did say it is certain that the saucers pose no "menace" to the safety of the United States or its people.

Officials, anxious to end the fad, remembered uneasily that today is Saturday—the day on which, in two previous weeks, weird spots were picked up on the radar equipment at Washington's National Airport. These reports touched off the latest tidal wave of saucer reports.



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CHILLING: Scenes like this from 1996 sci-fi film Independence Day were not far from reality, say Cold War missile base veterans

Aliens have attacked us

By Paul Thompson

A GROUP of former US Air Force officers plan to break their decades-long silence over top secret alien close encounters and reveal how UFOs attacked nuclear missile sites.

Missiles often malfunctioned and could not be fired after strange, disc-like objects appeared over military bases.

In one incident 30 years ago at RAF Bentwaters in Suffolk, a UFO directed beams of light down into the base, at one point near the nuclear weapons storage area, says Charles Halt, the deputy base commander.

Bentwaters was one of the few US military bases in Britain to have stockpiles of nuclear weapons, including Cruise missiles.

Halt will join five other senior US military officers at a press conference in Washington, DC tomorrow to break their silence over the presence of UFOs

Cold war nuclear base close encounters kept top secret

during the Cold War era. Giving the Sunday Express an early preview of what he will say, Halt told us: "The security services of both the United States and the United Kingdom have attempted, both then and now, to subvert the significance of what occurred at RAF Bentwaters by the use of well-practised methods of disinformation."

The former officers claim UFOs have been seen over many nuclear launch sites. Soon after their appearance missiles would malfunction and could no longer be launched.

Among those revealing what they know tomorrow are several officers responsible for launching the Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles aimed at Russia. Bruce

Fenstermacher, retired USAF captain, will describe how a UFO buzzed remote Warren Air Force Base in Wyoming in 1976.

Security reported a cigar-shaped UFO hovering low over the launch site that suddenly raced away and began moving from missile to missile in their silos. Fenstermacher said his men were told never to discuss the incident with anyone.

Former US Air Force captain Jerry Nelson plans to tell the conference how a UFO pointed a bright light at his missile base in New Mexico.

The incident took place in 1964. Reports of the close encounter were classified as top secret and witnesses were told never to discuss what happened.

The press conference has been organised by former captain Robert Salas, who witnessed a UFO incident in 1967. He claims a launch missile malfunctioned after a UFO appeared but he was ordered to stay silent about it.

He said: "The UFO was reported by my top-side guard. A bright red oval object appeared hovering outside the front gate."

"He was very agitated, frightened, when he told me this over the phone. The reason I believe what he said is true is because they had no access to our missile system. They had no way to control it and while this object was up there, my missiles shut down."

"The US Air Force is lying about the national security implications of unidentified aerial objects at nuclear bases and we can prove it."

The men plan to display a number of declassified Government documents to support their claims.

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England
Oct. 14, 2010

Thirty five years later I still vividly recall my encounter with a white 'UFO' in the sky

I read with interest the article by Kevin Daly (September 30). Obviously not everyone believes things that can't be explained but it is rather different if you yourself have experienced it.

I was the leader of the Ray Star Dance band and one night, returning from an engagement, I had an amazing experience. I was driving from Trowbridge towards Westbury, the car radio announced that it was 12 minutes to 2am, I had both my teenage

daughters with me and as we approached the Blue Circle Cement works I asked them if they had noticed the object in the sky. My daughter in the front of the car said that she had been watching it for some time.

It was a huge white circular object and was not moving, quite still. I slowed my car down to watch it (there were no other vehicles on the road) it then started to move and kept abreast of me although at a height, as though

observing me all the way into Westbury when it suddenly sped off at an amazing speed. The UFO did not affect us or the car in any way.

This happened just over 30 to 35 years ago, I did report it but cannot remember where.

I served in the RAF and what I saw was not a planet or a craft made on this earth. I know that UFOs do exist.

MR R B GRIST
Eden Vale
Westbury

'We did see a UFO near Suffolk base'

RENDLESHAM: Former US deputy base commander speaks out

By Lizzie Parry

A VETERAN US air force chief has told of the "bright glowing object" he and other servicemen spotted hovering in the skies at a Suffolk air base.

At a Press conference in Washington last night the servicemen broke their silence describing how they believe UFOs had tampered with nuclear missiles in the US and the UK.

Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Halt was deputy base commander at RAF Woodbridge in December 1980 when patrolmen from the United States Air Force claimed they saw a small, triangular shaped craft moving backwards through Rendlesham Forest before taking off.

They claim missiles often malfunctioned and could not be fired after the strange, disc-like objects appeared at the air base.

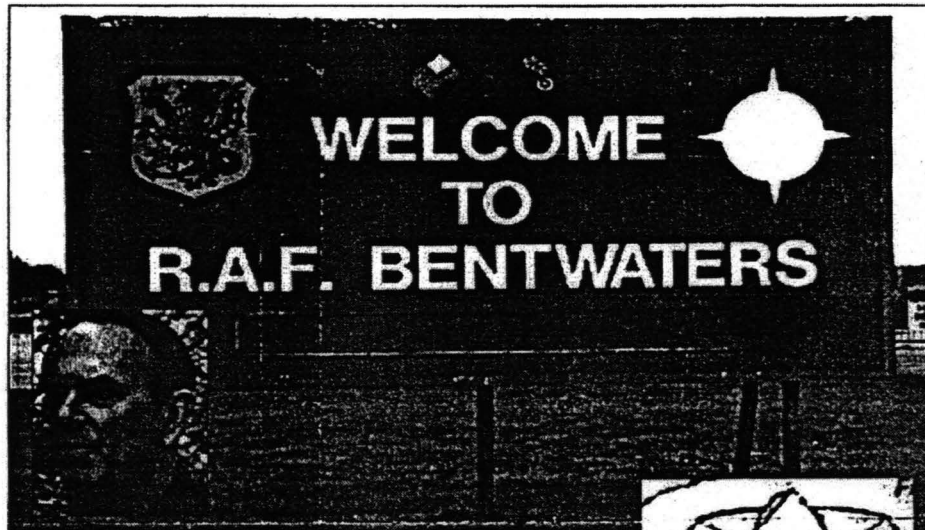
Lt-Col Halt told the Press conference he was working at RAF Bentwaters, near Rendlesham, in 1980 when the encounter took place.

He said early one morning in December 1980 several of his base's security forces saw lights in the forest near Woodbridge. Two USAF patrolmen sent to approach the lights reported a craft, describing it as triangular, dark and metallic in appearance, sitting on three legs.

Days later he said he was interrupted at a family Christmas party and told the lights were back. He went back out into the forest with a couple of policemen, a camera and a cassette recorder.

At the site in Rendlesham Forest he said they discovered indentation on the forest floor, of around six to eight feet wide and increased levels of radiation as well as broken branches on the trees.

At the Press conference Lt-Col



MYSTERY: Right sketches of the UFO allegedly spotted near RAF Bentwaters, above, in December 1980, drawn by USAF witnesses. Inset above, Lt-Col Charles Halt

Photos: PA

Halt said: "Milling around one of the individuals saw a bright glowing object like an eye."

"It would appear to be winking and was shedding molten metal and silently moving through the trees and at one point it actually approached us."

He then described how the object exploded into five white objects which became visible in the sky.

He described how he moved out of the forest and observed "several objects in the sky" which changed shape from elliptical to round.

One of the objects then directed a beam of light at the feet of the men, the Press conference heard.

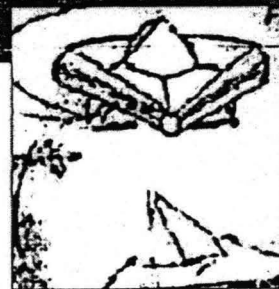
"I have no idea what we saw that

night but I do know it was under intelligent control. My theory is that it was from another dimension or extra-terrestrial," Lt-Col Halt said.

He and five other senior US military officers are calling on US and British authorities to release 60 years' worth of files they claim prove the existence of extra-terrestrials.

The former officers claim that UFOs have been seen over many nuclear launch sites and displayed a number of declassified Government documents at the Press conference to support their claims.

The Rendlesham Forest inci-



dent, often described as 'Britain's Roswell' happened in the early hours of December 27, 1980, but was never fully explained.

Papers released by the National Archives show the Ministry of Defence's final position was that there was "no evidence of anything having intruded into British airspace."

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UFO expert Darren beaming into homes

THE strange events of March 30, 1993, have remained in Darren Perks' mind ever since and have yet to be explained – even by one of the world's leading UFO experts.

It was approximately 11pm when the then 16-year-old was walking home from his part-time job at a local bowling alley on Harlescott Lane. He caught sight of a slow moving structured object floating from left to right across the sky.

Darren, now 32, from Herongate, recalls seeing a black triangle shape, about the size of a small aeroplane which blocked out the stars, complete with a white light moving back and forth as if it was searching for something.

He could hear nothing but a very low humming sound and all of a sudden the craft shot off and left the area. That

Have you ever spotted anything hovering in the night sky which you couldn't explain? CHARLOTTE HESTER met Shrewsbury UFO researcher Darren Perks who has just finished filming for the History Channel's hit show *Ancient Aliens*.

night and early the next morning more than 200 people across the UK reportedly witnessed the same thing, including military police at RAF Cosford and a MET officer at RAF Shawbury. The phenomenon was also witnessed in parts of Ireland, northern France and Europe.

Now Darren, who is a member of the Shrewsbury-based UFO research and investigation unit, has featured in the History Channel's second offering of *Ancient Aliens* with

Nick Pope, one of the world's leading experts on UFOs, the unexplained and conspiracy theories.

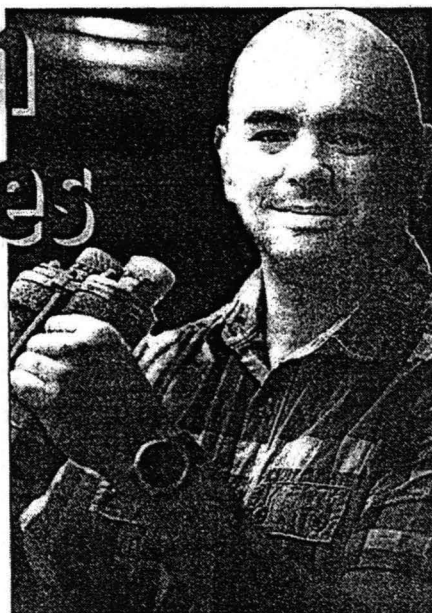
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Mr Pope also used to run the British government's UFO Project and recommended that the MOD and the US authorities investigate further the March 1993 incident.

Together the pair will feature in the programme to be aired worldwide on December 30.

Filming took place recently in the Rendlesham Forest where the United States Air Force personnel witnessed a UFO in 1980, and at RAF Cosford and RAF Shawbury where Darren retold his experience.

Darren has already made a name for himself in Australia after featuring in a programme called *Sunday Night* on Channel 7 last year.



Darren Perks, a member of the Shrewsbury-based UFO research and investigation unit.

Picture: Richard Bishop

"I've had a big interest in aircraft since I was a small child," said Darren. "During filming we talked about incidents all over the country and covered my witness statements to the 1993 incident."

"I'm in contact with the production company in Los Angeles all the time and I'm looking forward to the programme being aired. It will definitely put Shropshire on the map for recognised hot spots for UFO sightings."

"At the UFO research and investigation unit we get hundreds of UFO sightings in Shropshire and Mid Wales every day. It's hard to keep up with them some-

times. There are a lot of sightings confused with Chinese lanterns. What we're really interested in are sightings of structured crafts and groups of lights some bigger than others."

He added: "I 100 per cent believe that UFO and extraterrestrials are with us constantly and it is only a matter of time until it is fact."

The UFO research and investigation unit members meet once a month and use specialist technology to keep watch on the night sky including infra-red cameras.

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Nick Pope, left, and Darren Perks meet for filming in the Rendlesham Forest. CHS

UFO closes an airport

JETS DIVERT TO AVOID CRASH

By VIRGINIA WHEELER

A MAJOR airport was forced to shut down to prevent packed passenger jets crashing into a UFO.

The "flat and tubular" object hovered two miles from Bootee in Inner Mongolia, a part of China.

Astonished officials say it then zoomed in to circle the airport before suddenly vanishing.

Twinkling

Three flights from Chinese cities Beijing and Shanghai were diverted to nearby airports.

It is the **THIRD** mysterious UFO sighting this year to have resulted in Chinese airfields being closed.

Xiaoshan, in Zhejiang province, shut for a few days in July after an "oddly-shaped, twinkling bright light" was seen nearby. Another scare was reported earlier in the summer at Hong Kong.

The latest UFO was spotted by air traffic controllers in Inner Mongolia's capital Hoot on radar



Plane mysterious . . . UFO hovers near Inner Mongolian airport

screens. But they could not make radio contact with it and immediately warned Bootee. A spokeswoman said: "Aircraft had to land at secondary airports to avoid a collision."

The airport was closed for around an hour last month.

The Chinese authorities have refused to comment but some

experts believe the three sightings could be evidence of a new Chinese military aircraft.

Nick Pope, a former Ministry of Defence UFO investigator, said: "Whatever you think about UFOs there are serious national security and air safety issues involved."

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Watching them, watching us

AFTER my letter in the Gazette several weeks ago, I received quite a few reports of UFOs in the area which I thank those contributors for.

The quality of the sightings were remarkable, with people taking the time to note height, speed, direction, lighting patterns and behaviour of these mysterious objects (which fit no known aircraft we are aware of).

There are often great similarities in the details provided by the different observers of these objects, which reinforces the fact that these are not merely "random" freakish events, but multi-corroborated sightings of intelligently controlled flying objects made by rational, ordinary folk who are fascinated by the bizarre spectacle of strange lights moving around the district.

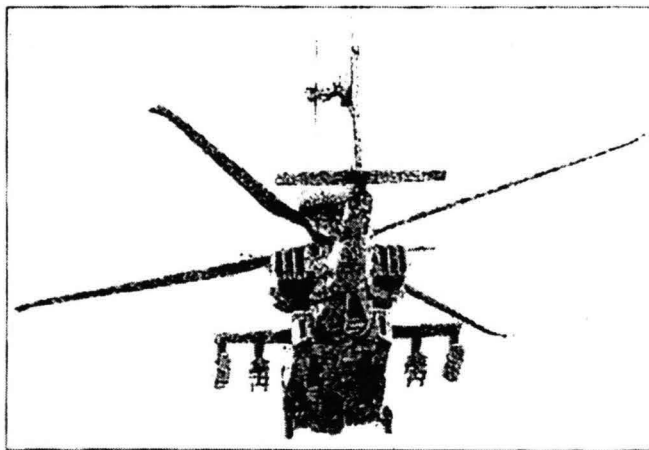
As yet we have no explanation as to what these objects are or what they are doing. But they are there nonetheless, and may well be observing us as keenly as we are watching them. Who knows?

But I would like to bring up the point that we now have in this area almost daily patrols of military helicopters, which sweep the area at fairly low level, often in broad daylight.

I am not talking about the large yellow Air Sea Rescue choppers that patrol the coastline, or the air ambulance or police helicopters we often see.

These are distinctive dark green or grey military helicopters mounted with weapons or equipment pods on both sides, possibly Apache aircraft. These intimidating looking combat 'copters are becoming a regular feature in this area and I wonder why. What exactly are they doing?

I observed one of these helicopters yesterday hovering a few hundred feet over the houses in Frinton for no apparent reason. It



ON A MISSION?: An Apache military helicopter (3SGWZ-48)

stayed there for a couple of minutes before executing a dramatically rapid hard turn and racing off.

Many other people must have also seen this.

Sometimes these aircraft make wide circles of the area two or three times, then move off and sit in the sky a very long way off as though waiting for something or scanning the skies.

These purposeful helicopters are certainly not just "passing through", but seem rather interested in this area. Perhaps they are merely carrying out some sort of "training".

Perhaps so, but if training exercises are being carried out over populated areas, then surely the residents below are at some risk. After all, I have seen some pretty dramatic manoeuvres from these pilots, so we hope they know what they are doing.

But could the answer actually be that these helicopters are monitoring local UFO activity?

Ironically, the 'copters and the

UFOs have much in common for us landlubbers in as much as we don't know what either are really doing or what they want. We aren't told why they are here, why they are interested in this area, who sent them or when their mission will end (though the UFOs are certainly quieter, less intrusive and intimidating and less annoying, it has to be said).

The military air activity we now see above us locally is thus as baffling as the unidentified flying objects we see in the same airspace.

But one thing is for sure - something is going on up there, and all we are left with are our questions, though perhaps someone out there might be able to enlighten us as to the actual purpose of the more "human" aerial activity we are witnessing of late.

Meanwhile, we continue to watch the skies and wait for explanations and answers.

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Researcher keen to find information on 1965 town meeting Couple issue UFO appeal

A COUPLE are asking for information from residents in Warminster to help them write a book on UFOs.

John Hanson and Dawn Holloway of the West Midlands are researching their second volume of the Haunted Skies series, which will cover the period 1960-65.

The couple plan to write 11 volumes cataloguing reports of UFO sightings across the UK.

Mr Hanson wants specific information or photographs of a meeting held at Warminster Town Hall in August 1965.

The 64-year-old said: "I know the chairman of the town council at the time was Emlyn Rees who chaired the meeting.

"There were hundreds of people there who came to listen to all manner of strange things seen and also heard.

"I also know that Fred Smith was at the meeting. He was a founder member of the Isle of Wight Society and they produced a magazine called Ufolog. I've been in touch with him but I don't

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know anyone else who was at the meeting.

"This is a last-ditch effort to find out what happened at that meeting. I would also love a photograph from the meeting if anyone has one.

"If anyone else has information of any other sightings they can also contact me."

The retired police officer has been working on the books, each 300 pages long with more than 100 photographs, since he retired in 1995.

He said: "I've got 11 volumes to complete. I was initially planning to write four books but I've accumulated a vast amount of information and just thought I'll put it all together in an encyclopaedia.

"I've got an enormous amount of reports of sightings in the Warminster area and have been there many times.

"I had no interest in this when I was a police officer. If people mentioned UFOs or flying saucers then I thought



John Hanson and Dawn Holloway, and, right, the cover of their UFO encyclopedia

they would have been off their trolleys, but it's amazing how many sightings there have been and how much information I have accumulated. This information should be available to the public.

"No-one has ever done this before. It's a one off, no one has been daft enough to take on the job."

If anyone can assist, contact them on 01214 450340 or email johndawn1@sky.com

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I saw UFO on way home from work, claims driver

A FLYING saucer sceptic says the truth might be out there after all after having a close encounter of her own.

Victoria Whale did not believe stories of spaceships until she came face to face with a UFO on her way home from work.

The nail beautician was driving back to Clacton when she spotted something out of the corner of her eye.

"It was like a dark shadow," she said. "I was relieved because I thought it was just a helicopter, but then a split second later I realised it had no lights.

Victoria, 33, slowed down and turned off her radio.

She said the mystery aircraft was silent.

It was less than 100 yards away and hovering at about roof height.

"It can't have been a helicopter because the trees would have been moving, but there was nothing at all," she said.

"It was so close I should have been able to feel the vibrations, but there was no noise or lights."

The incident happened near Tendring village last Thursday night.

"It was a full moon, so it was pretty light," said Victoria, of St Mary's Road.

"I've never seen anything like it before.

"I don't usually take any notice of UFO stories, but I can't get it out of my mind.

"I don't like driving down that road at the best of times, but this really frightened me.

"I won't be going down there again - I'll be taking the long way round."

Victoria, who works at Waves hairdressing salon in Harwich, said: "I'm just hoping someone will tell me that there was a helicopter in the area that night."

Police said they did not receive any other sighting reports that night.

Both the police and air ambulance confirmed their helicopters were not in the area.

An air ambulance spokesman said: "They are very noisy. She would have known if it was one of ours."

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Strange lights caught on camera

MYSTERIOUS lights in the sky were spotted by a Bradford on Avon hairdresser on her way home from Sunday lunch in Chippenham on October 10.

Emma Chorley, 17, of Westwood, had been to the Hungry Horse in Chippenham with boyfriend James Sainsbury and a friend.

They were driving home along the A350 near Lacock when she noticed two lights outside the passenger window, and quickly took a picture.

Miss Chorley, who works at Chop and Change hairdressers in Bradford, said: "I knew it wasn't the sun as that was shining in the other side. Our boss has talked



Emma Chorley

about seeing lights but I have never really believed that sort of stuff. It looked like what she described. I thought 'no way', and got a picture. "It is the first time I have

seen anything like this. I don't really believe in aliens. I believe there may be something out there other than us, but not green monsters."

Miss Chorley's lights follow on from summer sightings over Trowbridge and Warminster, which were attributed to Chinese lanterns.

She said: "I have no idea what they could have been but they definitely weren't Chinese lanterns. I have seen plenty of those.

"It was two lights that looked like they were travelling at speed. They looked a bit like light bulbs but not really like anything man-made. It hasn't made me believe in aliens though."



Emma's photo of the lights near Lacock

By James Slack, Michael Seamark
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THERESA May is to give Gary McKinnon a fresh opportunity to prove he is unfit to be extradited, the Daily Mail can reveal.

The Home Secretary is to call in a new medical expert to assess the 44-year-old computer hacker's health amid fears he will kill himself if sent to stand trial in America.

Mrs May said she wanted to ensure Asperger's sufferer Mr McKinnon was treated 'fairly', so was calling in an independent expert to look at the case anew.

She wants to break a legal deadlock which dates back eight years, while Home Office lawyers have repeatedly insisted there are insufficient grounds to halt his removal on health grounds. They have

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rejected a string of medical reports saying that the stress of extradition would create a high risk of Mr McKinnon committing suicide.

But expert opinions obtained on behalf of his legal team have stated that because of his mental condition, suicide was an 'almost certain inevitability' should he be sent to America, where he faces up to 60 years in jail.

NHS consultant psychiatrist Professor Jeremy Turk said Mr McKinnon has a 'fixed psychological conviction that he will kill himself in preference to being extradited'.

The Home Office was even presented with a warning that his condition is so grave he may have to be sectioned under the Mental Health Act.

During a series of court challenges by his lawyers, two High Court judges ruled in 2009 that they could not stop his extradition but declared that, if extradited, 'his mental health will suffer and there are risks of worse, including suicide'.

Both David Cameron and Nick Clegg

New health evidence could save Gary from extradition

have publicly condemned plans to send Mr McKinnon to the U.S. Last year, in opposition, the Prime Minister said that if Mr McKinnon had questions to answer there was 'a clear argument to be made that he should answer them in a British court'.

Mr McKinnon was on the verge of being extradited earlier this year after the then Home Secretary Alan Johnson ruled he should go.

The move was postponed after a judge found that it was 'arguable' that extraditing him could violate his human rights.

Then in May, shortly after becoming Home Secretary, Mrs May agreed to halt the case.

She has only very limited powers to intervene left under the terms of the hugely controversial Extradition Act 2003. A succession of Labour Home

Secretaries did have the power to step in, but all insisted that Mr McKinnon - who was searching for evidence of 'little green men' when he hacked into Nasa and Pentagon computers - should not be allowed to stand trial in Britain.

This was despite the fact that all the crimes took place from the bedroom of his north London flat.

As a result of the trail of decisions taken by past Home Secretaries, Mrs May could keep Mr McKinnon here only if the medical evidence proved conclusively he would suffer a breach of his human rights.

She recently announced a review of the Extradition Act to see if it is unfair, or if ministers need to be given extra powers to intervene to block the removal of a British citizen.

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At risk: Gary McKinnon with his mother Janis Sharp

Daily Mail COMMENT

If this is what it seems, the Mail welcomes the Home Secretary's move to give Gary McKinnon a fresh chance to prove he's unfit to be extradited.

But a word of warning: If this is a cynical bid to kick an awkward issue into the long grass - or a ploy to find 'evidence' that Gary is fit after all to face trial in the U.S. - Britain will not quickly

forgive the betrayal. May we remind David Cameron and Nick Clegg of their unequivocal condemnation before the election of the plans to extradite Mr McKinnon?

It would be appalling beyond words if this tragic and vulnerable young man's case were to join the lengthening list of this Coalition's broken pledges.

Welsh 'Roswell' defies explanation

It was the historic UFO sighting dubbed the "Welsh Roswell".

Locals heard a huge bang and saw a brilliant light in the sky, but Ministry of Defence files say the incident in 1974 was just a combination of an earthquake and a meteor.

Now a new book claims a key element of the events remains unexplained.

In *UFO Down? The Berwyn Mountain UFO Crash*, author Andy Roberts claims the authorities still cannot account for nurse Pat Evans' description of a glowing object she saw in the North Wales mountain range.

Mrs Evans broke her long-standing silence on the issue earlier this month, when she called the official account "rubbish".

The retired nurse, 72, told how on January 23, 1974, she and her two daughters, then aged 14 and 15, saw a "huge ball glowing and pulsating on the mountain" with "some lights scattered around it".

The illuminations scattered around the main object were like fairy or torch lights, she said.

Mr Roberts, who has written widely about UFOs, said: "It was too big to have been a meteor and if it had been a meteor that had landed, it then becomes a meteorite."

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NEW BOOK SHEDS LIGHT ON ALLEGED UFO SIGHTING

"But what she saw was on the ground - it wasn't in the air. What she said she saw was almost the size of a full moon."

"That's huge and even if a meteorite had come to Earth it would only glow and she wouldn't see it that size."

"So it's certain that what Pat saw is as yet unexplained. And we know that what Pat says she saw was what she did see because she recorded it with the seismologist two days after the event."

The original Roswell incident was the alleged recovery of alien debris, including corpses, from an object that crashed in New Mexico in 1947. Conspiracy theorists have alleged a government cover-up ever since.

In 1974, a search and rescue team from RAF Valley on Anglesey was scrambled on the night to look for wreckage on the mountainside, but found nothing.

Government inquiries un-



■ The Berwyn mountain, scene of an alleged UFO sighting in 1974

PICTURE: Robert Parry Jones

covered five other reports of UFOs over the UK at about 10pm on January 23 - three in the Home Counties, one in Lincolnshire and one in Sussex.

In his book, Mr Roberts, from Flintshire, details how Mrs Evans told friends she also saw a group of vehicle lights congregating on the other side of the valley.

Mrs Evans, from Llandderfel, near Bala, Gwynedd, believed it was such a remote spot that it must have been a team of people who knew exactly what was going on, as locals would not have been able to get there so quickly.

After hearing the bang Mrs Evans had driven up the mountain with her two daughters,

believing a plane had come down and she could use her nursing skills to help.

She returned after spending about 15 minutes watching the "moon-shaped" object change colour from yellow to white and back again several times.

But in his book Mr Roberts points to inconsistencies in Mrs Evans' recollection of the exact

location. Following an interview with Mrs Evans in the mid-1990s, "ufologist" Margaret Fry produced a drawing which put the object on Moel Sych at the southwestern end of the Berwyn range.

Mrs Evans told the ufologist the object was two to three miles away, but in 1998 she informed Mr Roberts it was between half a mile and a mile away.

Mr Roberts also recalls her pointing "much further to the left than the location given to Margaret Fry".

He concludes "several factors" may have made the light appear larger than it was, including Mrs Evans' expectation that she was visiting the scene of an aircraft disaster.

He writes: "Pat was looking out across a huge area of dark and featureless landscape with no points of reference other than what she believed was vehicle and torch lights."

"Nonetheless we must accept that whatever Pat and her daughters were observing was a bright, self-contained light that appeared much bigger than torch or vehicle lights."

■ Published by Fortean Words, *UFO Down? The Berwyn Mountain UFO Crash* is available now, priced £8.99



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Is El Chupacabra roaming Waukesha County?

Wales family finds strange creature in its back yard

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One Wales family may have found one of the most elusive mythical creatures in history in their own back yard.

In September, Rob Braun, his wife and his five children woke up to find a hairless creature with a long tail using its paws to eat apples and pears that had fallen from the trees in their back yard.

Braun's children were screaming, because they had never seen anything like it before.

"I would have thought it was a coyote, but they don't use their paws like that," Braun said. "It almost looked like a giant possum; like a really big rodent. This is a residential subdivision, so we generally don't have strange creatures like that just wandering around."

To the untrained eye, the



Submitted photo

Wales resident Rob Braun took this picture of an unknown creature in his back yard. To the untrained eye, the creature matches the description of El Chupacabra, a mythical creature from Hispanic folklore.

creature matches the description of El Chupacabra, a mythical creature from Hispanic folklore. Legend has it that El Chupacabra roams through fields at night, attacking and drinking the blood of goats and other livestock. Descriptions of the creature range from a reptile-like animal with long legs and pronounced scales down its back to what has become the more common description of a lean, nearly hairless creature closely resembling a canine.

Curious as to what the creature was, one of Braun's co-workers submitted the photo to the Wildlife In Need Center in the town of Ottawa, which provides free medical care to injured, ill and orphaned native Wisconsin wild animals. The experienced wildlife rehabilitators there came to another possible conclusion — the animal was a fox with a severe case of sarcoptic mange.

WINC spokeswoman Sheryl Cummings said the organization has treated

other foxes with sarcoptic mange, but the photo of this fox looked so similar to descriptions of El Chupacabra that she had to raise the tongue-in-cheek question about the creature's existence in a news release. Plus, it is Halloween season.

Sarcoptic mange is contracted when a burrowing mite attaches to an animal and causes the animal to itch and scratch, resulting in varying degrees of hair loss, wounds and sometimes scabbing. In worst cases, the affected animal will become emaciated not only from an inability to find enough food due to the constant itching, but also due to fighting the ongoing infections in its body, according to the release.

If caught early in the cycle, sarcoptic mange can be treated, but treatment is not always successful. If left untreated, the animal could die, as the condition slowly prevents the animal from performing even basic survival functions.

If you discover a fox with sarcoptic mange, contact the Wildlife In Need Center for suggestions and instructions on how to safely get the animal the care it needs.

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Wood County wild man root of Bigfoot legend?

Forget about the wild man of Borneo — back in the early 1900s, we had our own wild man right here in Wood County.

In August 1910, the local papers were full of stories of encounters with the Wood County Wild Man. Marshfield, Stevens Point, Oshkosh and Grand Rapids newspapers all had stories with various details about the strange man near Auburndale.

It was first reported that Marshfield was in terror over the wild man who was living in the forests surrounding Auburndale on Aug. 15. It said he occasionally appeared in the open, wearing only a shirt, "more abbreviated than a Scotch kilt."

Reporters were quick to point out the man had been seen in broad daylight

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and the story was neither a hoax nor a hallucination.

Thought to inhabit a wooded spot near the old George Zollinger place, the unkempt man was called "wild as a hawk" in his actions.

The Echwells, who resided there, had seen him many times but with any attempt to approach him, he made off to his lair with the speed of a deer.

"He puts one hand on a fence post and vaults a five-wire fence as easily as a college athlete, and his speed defies pursuit," according to one story.

A group of men and boys once tried to surround and apprehend him, but he leaped a fence and went to ground in deep thickets.

Local berry pickers were giving his domain a wide berth as authorities tried to capture him.

Officers Schmidt and Thompson from Marshfield and Sheriff Griffin of Grand Rapids had been searching, but he managed to elude them — never allowing them a glimpse. A subsequent story joked they were especially anxious to catch him so he could be the star attraction at the street fair the following week.

The wild man became such a hot topic that Griffin and Schmidt actually perpetrated a joke on a saloon keeper with the aid of "Curly Babcock," who impersonated the

wild man in realistic style, giving rise to the story he had been apprehended.

Another time, Officer Thompson and D.A. Andrews made a fruitless trip to the area where he was often seen. Unlike Griffin and Schmidt though, they extended sympathy toward the man, stating it was likely the nude man was deranged, but since no one had reported anyone missing, it was difficult to say who the man was or where he came from.

Meanwhile, in Plover, 29-year-old William Annes who was living in the woods of Plover, milking cows and stealing food in the nighttime, was captured, examined, found insane and committed to the Northern Asylum.

Likewise, in the woods of Colby, wild man Herman

Schneider, who was living on game and roots, eventually was captured and hospitalized.

In Wood County, however, no reports ever were made of the wild man's capture. Who was he? What was his story? Who knows, but perhaps the legend is true that Wood County has its very own Bigfoot — a throwback to this early wild man.

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Crop circles: Why?

Retired professor
travels abroad to look
for insights, answers

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Lou Greub

Lou Greub of River Falls journeyed to and visited southern England for about a week in early August along with a group of other curious individuals.

The 11 travelers, made up of United States, Canadian and German citizens, had one mission: To locate and investigate the latest appearances of crop circles that mysteriously occur in random English farmers' wheat, oat, canola and barley fields.

Crop circles, which began receiving strong international media attention in the late 1970s, are unexplained "formations...made by laying crop plants...down on the ground to form a design," says Greub. "These very distinct and precise designs can have a powerful visual impact when viewed from the air," he continued. "Most of the formations are created during the night...most evoke mathematical, geometric, mythological and astronomical themes."

Greub, a retired emeritus professor of agronomy from UW-River Falls, has long been interested in crop circles and traveled to England to see them for the first time.

"The fact that they appear," is intriguing to Greub, he said. "It's obviously an attempt to convey a message," he added, "but why take that form?"

His questions along with those of thousands of other persons interested in the crop circle phenomenon go unanswered.

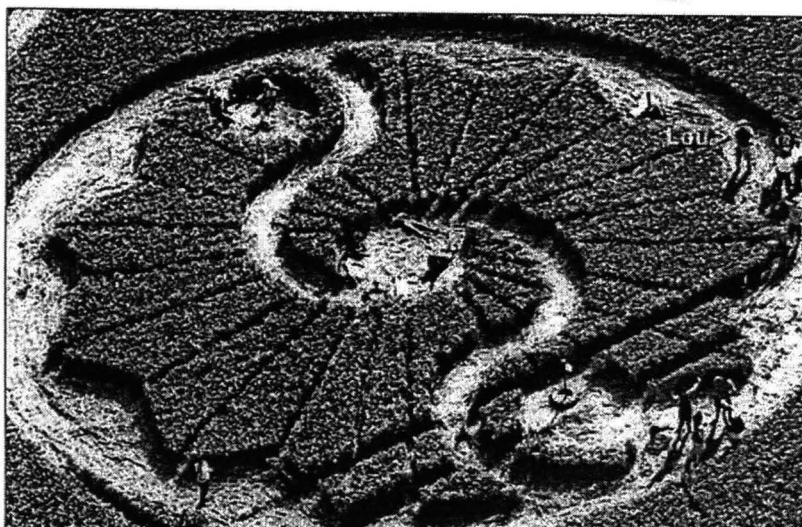
Who or what has been creating the intricately designed formations all this time? How have they been made? Why do they occur? Why are no two crop circle designs alike? What is their purpose?

Many theories have been offered through the years, but none with a definitive explanation. Perhaps they are being created by visitors from another planet; maybe some government entity has experimented with a newly developed technology; maybe they're made by high bursts of microwave energy or a laser beam that's been guided by a template pattern; perhaps someone's playing games at the expense of the area's farmers.

Greub taught agronomy for 31 years at UW-RF before retiring. He was asked how those English farmers reacted to the imaginative creations they found in the fields of their livelihood?

"Some (farmers) are honored to have had their field chosen," said Greub. "Some hate 'em."

In a report he wrote shortly after returning from England, Greub said, "Some (farmers) are at least amenable to having visitors come out and look at (the crop circles). One landowner has had over 100 formations in his fields over the last 20 years. Most of these farmers, but not all, put up a collection box and it is the generally accepted practice to deposit a couple of British



SUBMITTED PHOTO

This is an aerial view of one of the crop circles Lou Greub and his fellow travelers investigated during their trip to England.



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Lou Greub, on his hand and knees in the middle of a crop circle, looks for nodes on the shafts of flattened wheat that have burst and show possible evidence of the presence of microwave energy which might have made the mysterious formation.



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Even at ground level, the work done by crop circle creators is impressive.

pounds (about \$3) in the box when you visit the site. This serves to help offset the loss of much of the crop laid down in the formation and that is trampled down or damaged by the visitors.

"A few farmers detest the circles, either because of the crop loss, the public trampling around in their fields, or just for philosophical reasons. These farmers either put up signs forbidding people to enter their fields or very quickly destroy the formations."

Greub and his group were able to visit eight sites that were anywhere from two weeks to 12 hours or less old.

One of particular interest to him was a design, somewhat spiraled in shape, that consisted of 400 variously sized cir-

cles, and was over 900 feet in diameter. Even more astounding to Greub was that it was created during a rainy and stormy night.

Greub says he is amazed by the precise alignment of the elements in the formations.

"Most of them are geometrically based and perfect," he said.

The retired professor said he's "...done a lot of research on (crop circles), and the trip reinforced what I expected."

According to Greub, most crop circles begin appearing in May, when crops begin growing up from the dirt, and continue through September or when crops are harvested.

"June through August are the most active months," said Greub.

At present Greub doesn't have plans to travel back to England anytime soon. But he is excited about sharing information with other crop circle enthusiasts when he attends the International UFO Conference in Phoenix, Ariz., this year.

A vast collection of crop circles photographs can be found in a hefty coffee-table book by Steven and Karen Alexander called "Crop Circles: Signs, Wonders and Mysteries." Greub owns the impressive book and suggests that persons interested in finding more crop circle formations simply Google "crop circles" or go to www.bltresearch.com or www.cropcircleconnector.com.