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CAAW's UFO Revival Friday, Saturday

Event Will Commemorate the 1973 UFO Flap

Many area residents remember watching for UFOs during the 1970s. People sat in lawn chairs in their yards and parked at the old Piedmont dump, Clearwater Lake, and on Highway 49 below Mill Spring, hoping to catch a glimpse of mysterious lights in the skies. The UFO flap will be

revisited this Friday and Saturday.

UFO mania began in 1973. Hundreds of reports of unidentified flying objects were reported. One of the most famous involved the late Coach Reggie Bone and his basketball team. Returning from a ball game, a UFO was spot-

ted.

"It looked like it was about 200 yards off the road, hovering over an open field," Bone was quoted as saying. "It was impossible to determine the size or shape because of the darkness. Anyway, we saw four lights that looked like portholes: red, green, amber and white. We figured they were about three or four feet apart, all in a row."

The Cultural Arts Alliance Wayne Ozark Region Inc. will host a UFO revival Friday and Saturday, June 17-18, at the Patterson Community Center. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day.

Friday and Saturday's program will be emceed by CAAW's Barbara Decker. The program will begin at 10 a.m. with a welcome by CAAW director Dawn Allen; Dennis Hovis will give an historic recap and play radio clips from the flap at 10:15 a.m.

Mark Rutledge, Dr. Harley Rutledge's son, will present "PROJECT IDENTIFICATION, an Historical Perspective," at 11:15 a.m. Earl Mullins from the Space Museum at Bonne Terre will speak on-stage about space exploration at 12:30 p.m. A science demo entitled "Rockets Rule" will

be held at 1:20 p.m. on the gym floor.

At 2:30 p.m., Lowell Grissom will be speaking about his brother, Gus Grissom, one of the original NASA Project Mercury astronauts and a United States Air Force pilot. He was the second American to fly in space and the first NASA astronaut to fly in space twice. Grissom was killed along with fellow astronauts Ed White and Roger Chaffee during a pre-launch test for the Apollo 1 mission at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida.

Scheduled at 3:30 p.m. is Paul Vance, NASA space suit inventor; he will talk about his aeronautic past and his historic NASA spacesuit invention. At 5 p.m. David Marler, a native of the Piedmont area and UFO researcher/historian, will present "The 1973 UFO Wave: Piedmont and Beyond."

Kris Matson with the St. Louis Community College Mobile Tech Center will give 30-minute sessions throughout the day until 5 p.m. for students interested in the science and technology fields. This unique traveling classroom will be present on Friday, June 17, ONLY.

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Revisiting the UFO Flap

KELLY BETHEL, CAAW's souvenir coordinator, designed this logo for Friday and Saturday's UFO Revival. The two-day event will be held at the Patterson Community Center. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day. Various speakers are slated to speak. There will also be demonstrations, comedy relief, exhibits, and memorabilia. Souvenirs will also be available.

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On Saturday, Barbara Decker and Dawn Allen will open the program. Mark Rutledge will present a brief historic recap at 10:15 a.m.

Ken Storch, a notable UFO researcher, will present "Proof Beyond a Reasonable Doubt Versus Scientific Proof" at

11 a.m. Earl Mullins will talk about space exploration at 12:30 p.m. A science demonstration will be held at 1:30 p.m. on the gym floor.

Missouri Mutual UFO Network's Debbie Ziegelmeyer will give a presentation about Missouri sightings at 2:30 p.m. MUFON's Margie Kay will present "Inter-dimensional Missouri" at 4:30 p.m.

For the grande finale, Elvis (Richard McAllister) will perform a sing-a-long, "Flying Purple People Eater."

Both days, there will be UFO book sales, authored by some of the presenters; memorabilia; exhibits from the 1973 Flap; souvenirs; and homemade UFO and alien cookies.

CAAW members will offer comedy relief during the event, plus there will be an area for little people. People are also encouraged to share their UFO stories on the gym floor while relaxing in a rocker. "We invite you to spin your yarn to those of us that can't wait to hear about your experience," said Allen.

Admission will be \$2 for adults, and \$1 for children.

CAAW is a group of artists networking to stimulate, enhance and enrich communities through the cultural arts with appreciation for Ozark history, customs, area colloquialisms and folklore.



CAAW MEMBERS Andrea Birch and Janice Lowe Schuette recently dressed up in Piedmont to advertise the UFO Revival.

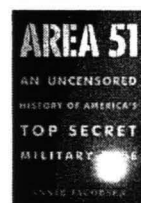
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Stalin, Mengele plot: Latest theory on Roswell 'UFO'

Plenty of skeptics on new book's explanation of 1947 incident

By Tom Sharpe
The New Mexican

UFO researchers are reacting skeptically to a new book's claims that the "Roswell incident" was a Soviet hoax using German technology to scare Americans into thinking space aliens were invading.



Area 51, by Annie Jacobsen, was published this month.

Annie Jacobsen's *Area 51* speculates that Soviet dictator Josef Stalin recruited Nazi physician Josef Mengele after World War II to produce "grotesque, child-size aviators" who would fly into the United States.

According to the book, published this month, Stalin hoped the sight of these odd-looking creatures disembarking from strange aircraft would panic Americans by reminding them of the Martians in Orson Welles' 1938 radio drama, *The War of the Worlds*.

When the craft crashed in Southern New Mexico in the summer of 1947, Jacobsen writes, the U.S. gov-

Editor's Note:

I wish to extend a special "thank you" to the team that organized the CAAW event discussed above. They were very gracious to invite me to speak at the event and displayed genuine hospitality to all who attended. It also provided the opportunity to advertise UFONS. Thank you again.

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UFO: Some say hoax perpetrated by U.S.

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ernment decided to cover it up, spawning the world's most famous space-alien legend, dozens of books and films, and a major tourist attraction for Roswell that culminates with an annual UFO Festival on the first weekend of July.

Bill Lyne of Lamy agrees that the Roswell incident was faked, but he thinks the hoax was perpetrated by the U.S. government — not the Russians.

"They're just saying what I've been saying all along, that it was a hoax," he said. "But that Mengele stuff is a bunch of hogwash because Mengele was recruited by the CIA (rather than the Russians), and he was actually brought to Albuquerque."

Lyne, who self-published a book called *Space Aliens from the Pentagon* in 1993, maintains the creatures recovered after a crash near Roswell in July 1947 were rhesus monkeys killed in a rocket-sled or early rocketry experiment. He said monkeys were shaved so their "g-suits" would fit.

"They changed from rhesus monkeys to chimpanzees after that," Lyne said. "The rhesus monkeys were too hard to handle. They were violent. ... They probably cut (the monkeys') fingertips off because they had these claws."

Lyne said that he hasn't actually seen Jacobsen's book but has heard about it through Internet chat rooms. He said his research indicates the U.S. military tried to float the rumor that a "space saucer" had crashed by photographing the dead, shaved monkeys after their skin was tinted green.

"What probably happened was, when the Pentagon saw those fake photos, they hit the ceiling, you know, and recalled the whole thing, so they redacted the whole hoax," he said.

Jacobsen is a Los Angeles-based journalist who has written for magazines and websites about business, finance and terrorism, according to her Wikipedia profile. Snopes.com, a website devoted to unmask-



Annie Jacobsen

for a terrorist bombing.

Area 51, published by Little, Brown and Co., primarily deals with the secret Air Force base in Nevada. A review of the book by Time.com says the Roswell angle is its "one flaw" because Jacobsen never explains why the U.S. government would want to keep the tale secret. *The New York Times* review says her reporting on the Nevada base is backed by "numbingly intensive documentation," but the Roswell story is the most controversial aspect because it lacks sources and attacks "a story cherished by conspiracy theorists and not easily refuted."

Peter Davenport, who runs the National UFO Reporting Center in Washington state, said he hasn't read *Area 51*, but became a skeptic after watching Jacobsen interviewed on National Public Radio recently.

"I should not pass judgment on her book until I've read every word in it, of course," he said. "All I'm going on is her tone, her apparent attitude in the NPR interview. I've probably seen the same thing happen hundreds of times. People,

ing rumors, disputes her claim on WomenWallStreet.com that she flew from Detroit to Los Angeles in 2004 with 14 Middle Eastern men who were on a "dry run"

by virtue of their academic credentials or their academic affiliations — I'm being overly histrionic here, a little dramatic — feel that they and only they can get to the truth. ...

"People have been studying the Roswell case for decades now. They've got death-bed testimony. They've got testimony from military officers who were involved, eyewitnesses. I think I'll go with the latter, rather than this young lady who penned this new book."

Like Lyne, Davenport believes the U.S. government has covered up the facts behind the Roswell incident, but he sees no reason to blame the Soviets or the Germans.

"If they had had that kind of technology, the Germans would have won the war," he said. "They wouldn't have had to worry about B-17s and B-29s. ... They would have just wiped them out."

Clifford Clift of the Mutual UFO Network, or MUFON, in Greeley, Colo., says he has not seen Jacobsen's book, but has read other articles that suggest the Roswell incident involved German technology.

"After researching the claim, I found little truth in this theory," he said. "It is a stretch. One of my concerns is if they wanted to create panic, why in New Mexico and not New York where there are more people to panic? I would suggest it is another conspiracy theory and, heavens, MUFON knows about conspiracy theories. They do

sell books."

David Perkins of Santa Fe, who has studied cattle mutilations for more than 30 years, finds Jacobsen's thesis about Roswell and "anti-gravity" flying machines so "fantastical" that it seems like something out of a novel.

"If we have had all this technology all this time, why haven't we seen it in the theaters of war where it was supposedly needed?" he asked. "I think this Jacobsen gal just got sucked in. I really do. I've seen this so many times, I don't know whether to say this is a giant plot on the part of the government to fan the flames of these myths."

Perkins said he thinks the most logical explanation for the Roswell incident is that it was a crash by an experimental aircraft that the government tried to disguise as an alien craft to confuse foreign enemies.

"Our enemies might say, 'Jeez, these crazy Americans might actually have alien technology,' so that creates a defense mechanism. It's a bluff in a way," he said. "It's my hunch that (government officials) know no more about alien visitations than your average UFO researcher. ...

"They washed their hands of it years ago and said, 'Well, it doesn't appear to be a threat, so let's incorporate it and act like secretly we know what it is, but we can't tell you fools out there.'"

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David Perkins

"It's not about believing, this is about research," said Maranto. "There are no tinfoil hats in our group. I want to research this for the betterment of humanity. I feel it's our birthright to have this information."

The majority of UFO reports are ultimately attributable to natural phenomena, aircraft or other explainable causes, he said.

Maranto was lead investigator of the well-documented 2004 Tinley Park Lights, featured on the History Channel's UFO Hunter's "Invasion Illinois" episode. He also researched Chicago's O'Hare Airport sighting of 2006.

He has been a source for many television programs, including 10 Best UFO Encounters, NBC Dateline, Aliens at the Airport.

MUFON offers more information about requirements for investigators here. Chicago Heights and Homewood-Flossmoor residents who believe they've seen a UFO can report the sighting here.

Interested in learning more about MUFON and area UFO reports? MUFON is inviting the public to a Southland meeting June 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Orland Park Public Library at 14921 Ravinia. The event is free. For more information, email Maranto at: mufonsam@comcast.net

ChicagoHeightsPatch

MUFON seeks Southland Investigators

Leslie Fuller Knox

June 10, 2011
Chicago, IL

Illinois MUFON, a citizens' organization which studies Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) is looking for a few good men and women from Homewood-Flossmoor and Chicago Heights to become field investigators for the group. Illinois MUFON Director Sam Maranto said the non-profit group's mission of volunteers studying unidentified flying phenomena has often been misunderstood.

UFO sighting increase ongoing over six weeks in Kansas City, Missouri area

June 23, 2011

Roger Marsh



Witness illustration of an object seen hovering in Missouri skies.

Credits: MUFON database

The Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) at Missouri is reporting a UFO sighting increase that has been ongoing these past six weeks, according to a June 23, 2011, telephone interview with Assistant State Director Margie Kay.

"The last six weeks in Kansas City have been absolutely crazy with sightings," Kay said today. "It all started May 7. I was in St. Louis to do a talk, and I was asked by Missouri State Director Debbie Ziegelmeyer to do an interview with a guy named Ray."

Kay discovered that the man claims to have been meeting with extraterrestrials all of his life. "He has been visited by ETs his entire life," she said. "He's 63 now, and has been visited since age 12. And it's a conscious memory. They give him a telepathic message to meet him somewhere – he goes there and talks to them. I think he's very credible."

But the idea that someone is conversing frequently with ETs was just the tip of the iceberg.

"After the interview, I drove back to Kansas City. It was almost dark and I just had the feeling that something was near me and that I should take a picture of the sky. I was driving along I-70 – and I used my cell phone to take a picture of the sky. Then I pulled over and looked up and didn't see anything. But I took another photo. I now have two UFO pictures of an object that I didn't see at the time.

And back home, more strange things were going on.

"I live in Independence. I went home, and over the next week there are Apache helicopters seen around the Lee Summit area, flying low, taking turns flying in and out of the Lee Summit Airport. On Saturday night, one week later, several people stopped on I-435 and called in – these are people who don't know each other. They jumped out of their cars after seeing orange balls of light. Apparently there was something shooting out of these objects. They couldn't see what. But one

witness counted 125 of them. So one of the gentlemen who had stopped called a friend and his friend just happened to be on I-435 in Gregory and pulled over and took 13 pictures of these objects.

"The next thing I know, I am getting inundated with calls. Some of the witnesses went on television - interviewed as a witness." Then reports began to come in of a large, gray object.

"It's 4 o'clock in the morning Sunday, just hours later from this last sighting, and there is a report of a giant, gray UFO in Lee Summit. Four people saw it in one vehicle and another one saw it from another vehicle. They all got pictures.

"Since then – the helicopters stopped on Saturday. In Lee Summit, there's a lake. It's possible that the UFO hid in the lake – then the helicopters leave – and that night, the UFO comes up. And the orange balls of light might be related to it."

More witnesses came forward.

"Then a 7-year-old boy saw an orange UFO. The Mother thought he was fibbing.

"But there were orange orbs seen in Liberty, MO, too – we have two witnesses.

"Then in the early morning hours, a gray, metallic UFO, saucer-shaped, was reported over the witnesses' neighboring town home. The witness was on the second or third floor and was able to look down on the object. There was a possible abduction in that case – and with electrical going out."

There were several other reports of unusual objects in sky too.

"On June 19, there were five witnesses in Belton, MO, that saw a gray, metallic, saucer-shaped craft with neon blue lights pulsating around the craft, with bright, white lights underneath. They saw the craft two-to-three blocks away, hovering above houses near a four-way stop. They watched it for several minutes. They report seeing beams of lights coming down and lights shooting out of it. And then it disappeared. Then their electricity goes out three times. Then this thing reappears 50 feet away hovering over a nearby townhome. It was 40 to 50 feet in width – and shoots out four balls of light; and then shoots straight up and disappears.

"Then there are possible abduction cases here and with two other cases – all three women – who may have been abducted during this time. "It's very difficult to keep up with this.

"Some of the witnesses are professionals who do not want anyone to contact them. They simply wanted to make a report of what they saw. Some of them are in law enforcement. I have on file - 24 reports from May 7 to today of UFOs in the Kansas City area.

"There's a sightings escalation going on – and possibly on the Kansas state side too, right across the border."

Stay tuned. Margie Kay promises to keep us updated as additional reports come in.

The curious tale of a journalist who helped spawn the UFO industry

By Eric Berger

Houston, TX
June 21, 2011

Earlier this year a long-time newspaperman named Bill Bequette died at the age of 93 in Kennewick, Wash. An obituary described him as “straight as an arrow,” “honest as the day is long,” and a man who didn’t like clichés. That’s a pretty good line for an obituary. Another line in that obituary and others also noted that Bequette wrote the first “flying saucer” story.

Unfortunately — and I hate to write this so shortly about Bequette after his passing, he sounds like a grand newspaperman — the journalist apparently screwed things up by misquoting a source.

The original flying saucer sighting wasn’t actually a sighting of something that looked like a saucer.

The web site Life’s Little Mysteries has published a tidy (and eye-opening) piece about the curious origins of UFO mythology, and Bequette plays a leading role. From the story:

On June 24, 1947, an amateur pilot named Kenneth Arnold was flying a small plane near Mount Rainier in Washington state when he saw something extraordinarily strange. Directly to his left, about 20 to 25 miles north of him and at the same altitude, a chain of nine objects shot across the sky, glinting in the sun as they traveled.

This is all well and good, until reporters got involved.

When the objects faded into the distance, Arnold flew to Yakima, Wash., landed and immediately told the airport staff of the unidentified flying objects he had spotted. The next day, he was interviewed by reporters, and the story spread like wildfire across the nation.

“At that time there was still some thought that Mars or perhaps Venus might have a habitable surface,” Robert Sheaffer, an author of UFO books (and a skeptic), told Life’s Little Mysteries.

“People thought these UFOs were Martians who had come to keep an eye on us now that we had nuclear weapons.”

This was before satellites had visited these planets and found them to be incapable of supporting life as we know it. After the reports people everywhere were scanning the skies for flying the saucers. And when enough people look for something, some people will think they see something. Reports of flying saucers started coming in from all over. But did Arnold actually see a saucer flying?

In fact, Arnold had told the press that the objects had flown erratically, “like a saucer if you skip it across the water.” They were thin and flat when viewed on edge, he said, but crescent-shaped when viewed from the top down as they turned. Nonetheless, a reporter named Bill Bequette of the United Press interpreted Arnold’s statement to mean that the objects he saw were round discs. According to Benjamin Radford, UFO expert and deputy editor of the Skeptical Inquirer, “It was one of the most significant reporter misquotes in history.”

“The phrase ‘flying saucers’ provided the mold which shaped the UFO myth at its beginning,” Kottmeyer wrote. UFOs took the form of flying saucers, he noted, in artist’s renderings, hoax photos, sci-fi films, TV shows and even the vast majority of alien abduction reports for the rest of modern history, up until the present day.

In any case the UFO industry was born. It was about a month later that the infamous Roswell incident supposedly occurred in New Mexico. It soon became profitable to sell books and lecture about UFOs.

In Bequette’s error there’s the timeless lesson for journalists to take time and care to ensure fairness and accuracy. It’s a lesson I’m sure he would approve of though I didn’t know the man.

It makes me wonder how the story would play today. On one hand, rumors fly around the web like wildfire, and journalists are probably more careless and less accurate than they were in Bequette’s day. On the other hand, there’s a lot of good and immediate fact checking on the web, so this kind of nonsense would be debunked very quickly.

Sarasota, FL
June 23rd, 2011

The long-distance runner

by Billy Cox

Do not go gentle: At age 73, former NICAP activist and 'political poet' Larry Bryant has been filing UFO-related FOIAs against government agencies for so long, he doesn't know how to quit.

You've probably never met Larry Bryant but chances are you know somebody just like him, a guy with so much time on his hands, he spends a lot of it making neighbors' lives miserable. But instead of snapping photos of the derelict boat in your driveway or tape-measuring for easement code violations, Bryant courts UFOs whistleblowers and files Freedom of Information Act requests with the government.

And if, as researcher/author Robert Hastings contends, F.E. Warren AFB is ordering its folks to shut up about alleged UFO event unfolding near its nuclear missiles on 10/23/2010, chances are Larry Bryant had something to do with it.

After Hastings began fishing around for sources late last year, Bryant took out an online ad aimed at convincing Warren personnel to man up and jump-start a congressional investigation "charged with overseeing our military's readiness to cope with any other current or future such events."

For the 73-year-old Alexandria, Va., resident, needling federal bureaucrats comes as naturally as breathing. "It's a crusade for openness, accountability and fair play. It's something that, as Americans, we shouldn't consider a luxury item. But most people don't have the time for this. I do. I'm retired, I don't have much of a social life, but I do have some skills."

Retirement's not an excuse; Bryant's been agitating forever. He got the flying saucer bug in 1957, when he joined the venerable and long defunct NICAP civilian investigation group. He was 19. That was 54 years ago. You'd stand a better chance of convincing Tarzan to give up the vines.

Bryant files FOIAs like most people sling rice at weddings. He knows all the right acronyms and all the right lingo, and he's all over the board. From "a hostile encounter with a group of malevolent UFO-nauts" at Fort Benning in 1977 to "any and all NRO-produced reports of spy-satellite interference from alien spacecraft," Bryant trolls for minnows and tarpon alike.

His latest project: a deathbed confession form, offered to closeted gatekeepers as a way to clear their conscience on the way out the door. Like so many of his solicitations, this one is posted at classifiedads.com

"I view these ads as political poetry," he says, "and I intend to keep it up."

Bryant decided to help Hastings after meeting him for the first time last year during the USAF veterans UFO/nukes press conference in Washington. "He's a grownup nerd like me, and he's doing very useful work," says Bryant. "I admire his stamina. He's in it for the long run."

Bryant is still waiting for the USAF to satisfy his FOIA request for an incident report on the 50 nuclear missiles that went offline at Warren last October. He doesn't expect much to come of it. What he'd really like to get his hands on is military gun-cam footage of a UFO. He's offering a \$2,000 reward, but says the figure is arbitrary, that a video of that nature could probably fetch millions. He wishes porn king Larry Flynt would pony up.

"I don't know why they're not putting this stuff out there," Bryant complains. "These UFOs aren't hostile, the Air Force already says there's no national security at stake, so what's the big deal, right?"

Geauga County man shares story of UFO sighting

Cleveland, OH
June 26, 2011



Deb Lee

MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP, Ohio - A man who believes he saw a UFO in Geauga County shared his amazing story Thursday night.

"There's this disc above the lake," longtime resident Glenn Frohring said. "It just hovered there and all of a sudden it was like it was on a giant rubber band and went woof just like that."

Frohring said he believes the disc he saw that day in 1954 was a UFO. And there were other sightings during that same decade.

One man reported seeing a UFO leave a crop circle at Patti Clemson's grandparents' farm in Montville Township.

"I just remember them saying it was a UFO and this man saw it and went home to get someone and came back and it was gone," Clemson recalled. She was seven years old at the time.

The subject of UFO sightings resurfaced with the planned opening of Observatory Park, which will offer a unique look into outer space. The facility is about a mile from the farm Patti Clemson's grandparents once owned.

"I'm sure it happened," she said of the mysterious crop circles.

Frohring has a theory about why there were so many UFO sightings in the 1950s. He believes it had something to do with the setting off of atom bombs.

And why were the sightings in Geauga County and not Cleveland? "It's rural," Frohring said. "People are outside."

Daily TWiP – U.S. Air Force releases the Roswell UFO report today in 1997

Nashua, NH
June 24, 2011

Teresa Santoski

Welcome to Daily TWiP, your daily dose of all the holidays and history we couldn't cram into The Week in Preview.

Today (June 24th) in 1997, the U.S Air Force released a 231-page report titled "The Roswell Report, Case Closed," intending to prove once and for all that there had been no UFO crash in Roswell, New Mexico, back in 1947. The military was therefore not in possession of any alien bodies from the UFO wreckage and there was no massive government cover-up regarding extraterrestrial life. How could that be the case, they reasoned, when there had been no crash?

Unfortunately for the military, this had the opposite effect. Angry ufologists took the report to pieces, pointing out inconsistencies and continuing to cry cover-up.

We will attempt to pare down the rather convoluted tale of the Roswell UFO incident to its very basics. In June of 1947, William "Mac" Brazel discovered some unusual materials spread across the fields of the Foster homestead, where he worked as foreman. According to Brazel, the material consisted of rubber strips, tinfoil, and some kind of tough paper and sticks.

He reported his find to the local sheriff, who in turn reported it to the Roswell Army Air Field. The Air Force declared it to be the remnants of a flying disc. The remnants were shipped to the Fort Worth Army Air Field in Texas for examination. The Air Force then retracted their statement, saying what they had thought was a flying disc turned out to be nothing more than an errant weather balloon.

The Roswell incident faded into obscurity until the 1970s, when Major Jesse Marcel (who had accompanied the remnants from Roswell to Fort Worth) gave his account of what had transpired to author Stanton T. Friedman. Since then, suspicions that the government covered up what really happened have been alive and well.

Whether or not the cover-up claims are true, the possibility of extraterrestrial life is a fascinating one. Check out the SETI Institute at www.seti.org to see what astronomers are discovering about life on our own planet and the chances of finding intelligent life elsewhere in our great big universe.

Back in the Day - June 9, 1966: UFO sighting in Ringwood

Sunday, June 12, 2011

Bryan Laplaca

"I never saw anything like this," said a Skyline Lakes resident about a possible sighting of a UFO in Ringwood.

George Malmgren of Skyline Drive said he spotted two objects that looked like "very bright, white stars" in the vicinity of his home on June 4, 1966.

One object, Malmgren said, came from southeast, followed the curvature of the Earth and disappeared over the horizon. About five minutes later he saw another one "near the handle of the Big Dipper." He watched it come due east overhead, then go over the horizon, he said.

Malmgren was a flight engineer and Korean War veteran who served in the Air Force, and said he was watching television at about 10:30 that Saturday night when two neighbors came in and told him there was "something flying around outside." There was, he discovered.

The second sighting was also witnessed by his wife Joan. The couple said they watched the UFO "move erratically" until it disappeared in the span of about 20 minutes. Malmgren said the objects were of no determinate shape and both moved at moderate speed.

Malmgren had also seen a UFO in the same vicinity the prior January. Scores of Passaic and Morris county residents, among them Wanaque Mayor Harry T. Wolfe and members of the borough council, reported a "strange, hovering blue light" over the Wanaque Reservoir at the time.

Malmgren said in all his service in the Air Force on aircraft, he had never seen anything like it. He said he had reported this sighting to local police. Three miles from Malmgren's home, four Ringwood teenagers reported a similar sighting to police.



Roswell UFO museum's fascinating space

New Mexico's International UFO Museum and Research Center seeks to inform visitors about the discovery of what many think was an alien spaceship.



The International UFO Museum in Roswell, N.M., has information on a 1947 event supposedly involving an alien spaceship. (Jay Jones)

By Jay Jones
Special to the Los Angeles Times

June 19, 2011
Los Angeles, CA

Reporting from Roswell, N.M.—
As head of the International UFO Museum and Research Center in Roswell, Julie Shuster has heard every imaginable story about flying saucers, aliens and cover-ups. But one stands out.

She recalled standing near the ticket counter and hearing a visitor recount the tale of how the Army public information officer who first released details of a crashed "flying disk" had been permanently silenced.

As the anecdote progressed to conspiracies about the soldier's mysterious disappearance, Shuster felt compelled to interrupt. She repeatedly told the man his account was untrue.

He continued to claim he was right until the museum director uttered five words.

"That man was my father," she told him.

For decades after the discovery of what many think was an alien spaceship on a ranch about 40 miles outside Roswell, few people in town talked about it. In fact, Shuster didn't learn of it until 1980, when a book detailing the mysterious happenings was published that included her dad's account of what he had seen.

"At first, it was hard to believe," she said. Now, though, she is convinced something otherworldly did descend on her hometown.

"The focus of the museum is to provide information," she said. "We don't care whether you believe or disbelieve."

The museum, with an adjacent research facility for scholars, opened 20 years ago. Among its founders was Shuster's father, Walter Haut. In 1947, as public information officer for Roswell Army Air Field, he was dispatched to the crash site. Years later, he told of seeing nonhuman creatures among the wreckage.

According to his daughter, Haut started the museum because "people were curious. People wanted information."

Fellow museum founder Glenn Dennis was a Roswell undertaker at the time of the incident. He too had a personal connection.

"[Dennis] was contacted for 'small, youth-sized caskets,'" Shuster recalled. "When he asked if there had been an accident, they [military officers] said, 'Don't worry about it.'"

Attendance has soared from 1,400 visitors in 1991 to more than 153,000 in 2010. Shuster said that, on average, she welcomes guests from all 50 states and more than 30 foreign countries each month.

If you're looking for pictures of debris or government photos, you're apt to be disappointed. But what the museum does have are various newspaper and radio reports from July 1947, along with replicas of the debris and depositions from those involved.

One piece of the puzzle came from Homer Rowlette Jr., an Army sergeant who helped with cleanup at the crash site. His "confession" — as an exhibit describes it — came on his deathbed: "I saw three little people. They had large heads and at least one was alive."

Rancher Mack Brazel told reporters he discovered the wreckage and alien remains on the morning of July 5. The story, with details provided by Haut, broke in the Roswell Daily Record three days later. The following day, however, the military did an about-face.

The debris had been taken to an Army air field near Fort Worth, where a general issued a statement. The discovery was, according to an Associated Press article, "a harmless high-altitude weather balloon."

In a second, front-page story in the Daily Record, on display in the museum, rancher Brazel disputed that.

"I am sure what I found was not any weather observation balloon," he said.

What really happened is up to each guest to decide. What's certain — to spin a phrase from the "X-Files" — is that the truth is in there.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

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Aviation News

About 'Saucers' and Sen. Russell's Letter



By TOM TOWERS

Examiner Aviation Editor

Retired Rear Adm. Delmar S. Fahrney has revived nationwide interest in "flying saucers" by his statements in Washington, D. C., the other day, and his remarks have opened the way for a full explanation of the much-discussed "Senator Russell" letter.

Fahrney, who once headed the Navy's guided missile program at Point Mugu, is board chairman of a new private group, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, which apparently is out to obtain more definite data on "flying saucers."

He declared there are signs of an "intelligence" that directs the objects—known in scientific circles as unidentified flying objects, or UFOs—"because of the way they fly."

The Navy man further said "no agency" of this country or Russia is able to duplicate at this time the speeds and acceleration which radars and observers indicate these flying objects are able to achieve."

PERTINENT DATA—

The "Senator Russell" letter refers to a letter Sen. Richard B. Russell (Democrat), Georgia, chairman of the armed services committee, wrote to the writer under date of January 17, 1956.

The letter was in response to a request for information on a UFO sighting Senator Russell reportedly witnessed in late 1955 while on a European visit.

The writer had learned of the Senator's sighting from a reliable source in the Pentagon and permission to "break" the story in The Examiner was requested. Actually, a prior letter had been written to Senator Russell about his experiences in Europe, but it was not answered.

"Permit me to acknowledge your letters relative to reports that have come to you regarding aerial objects seen in Europe last year.

"I received your letter but I have discussed this matter with the affected agencies of the Government and they are of the opinion that it is not wise to publicize this matter at this time.

"I regret very much that I am unable to be of assistance to you."

The writer's decision to print Senator Russell's letter

is based on the fact that several local radio and television stations have made reference to the letter on programs dealing with "flying saucers." How the persons on the program knew of the letter's existence is not known.

Further, it was decided to print the document's contents after the writer had received a November 23, 1956, letter from Leeman Anderson, administrative assistant to Senator Russell, which stated, in part:

"I am not in a position, of course, to request that you do or do not publicize Senator Russell's letter of January 17, 1956. I am sure, however, that if you should, your innate sense of fairness would cause you to print it in toto."

This has been done.

Anderson wrote the letter in the absence of the Senator from Washington.

While Senator Russell does not elaborate on what he purportedly saw in Europe in 1955, the letter's contents would indicate that the "affected agencies of the Government" are most anxious that nothing he said about the incident. However, there is little doubt that he DID see something of a highly unusual nature.

NOTE—Congressman John Moss (Democrat), California, who is head of a subcommittee inquiring into Department of Defense public information policies, may subpoena two Los Angeles men for questioning on Air Force policies with regard to "flying saucer" reports.

Facing the possibility of appearing before the subcommittee are Albert M. Chop and Edward J. Ruppelt. Both worked on "Project Bluebook," the code name given the official Air Force "saucer" inquiry. Ruppelt was head of the project for two years as an Air Force captain while

Chop was a civilian press specialist for "Bluebook" in the Pentagon. Both are employed in the local aircraft industry.

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SPACE PARLEY IN DESERT

Flying Saucer Riders Will Tell All About It

Anybody for Mars?
Or the Milky Way?

Tomorrow is your chance if you want to learn how to hitchhike on a space ship and visit the far places of outer space, plumb off the tourist track.

It's convention time for space ship fans out at Giant Rock Airport near Joshua Tree in the Mojave Desert. Several thousand persons are expected to gather in the isolated spot which has become headquarters for a group purporting to communicate with the residents of outer space.

All day tomorrow, according to George van Tassel, head of the College of Universal Wisdom at Giant Rock, the space fans will be able to meet several men who say they have taken rides on flying saucers.

Everybody is warned, however, to bring his own food, gasoline, wood and water and plenty of cover. Neither food nor gasoline will be for sale, and visitors will have to camp out.

Chicago Still There

Prominent among those on the program is Dr. Charles Laughead of Chicago, who got mixed up last December in predictions by Dorothy Martin of that city concerning dire events that were sup-

posed to happen on earth Dec. 21. Dr. Laughead, as a result, gave up his job as staff physician at Michigan State College and now is reported planning to locate on the West Coast. Dr. Laughead passed along predictions of upheavals in the Lake Michigan area, and of the reappearance in the ocean of the lost continents of Mu and Atlantis. He denies predicting the end of the world.

Anyway, Chicago survived and neither Mu nor Atlantis obliged.

Along with Dr. Laughead, the space ship hitchhikers will be featured on tomorrow's program.

Van Tassel told The Times yesterday that George Williamson and Richard Miller and Dr. Laughead already are at the airport for the session. Williamson, Miller and Truman Bethrum, Daniel Fry and Orfeo Angelucci profess to have ridden in space ships, and will tell their "experiences."

Many of the visitors to the convention may fly their planes to the Giant Rock Airport.

So far, the exact number of reservations from one type of visitor—those from the wide open spaces beyond Andromeda—has not been announced.



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England

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS?

by **BRENDAN HUGHES**

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E.T. PHONED home almost 30 years ago, but Welsh households are still phoning the police with details of more UFO sightings in Wales.

South Wales Police have released details of reported UFO sightings it has received from homeowners.

A total of 16 reports of UFOs were made to the police force between the February 2007 and January of this year.

One caller reported seeing a large UFO emitting beams of light into the Aberfan night sky, with several smaller crafts circling it. Another person saw four unidentified flying objects soar past two aeroplanes flying above to the Ford engine plant in Bridgend.

And one witness at Maerdy mountain saw a large, grey orb shoot past the moon.

Almost 38% of the sightings over the past three years were made in Merthyr and Rhondda Cynon Taf. Most of the reports were made in 2009 making up six of the 16 sightings.

The details come after the Wales on Sunday revealed two weeks ago the extent of UFO



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>> Is the truth out there for members of the public who claim to have seen UFOs?

reports in North and West Wales over the past decade.

A total of 33 reports of strange crafts in the sky were made to North Wales and Dyfed-Powys Police services since 2002. A third of these were in 2009.

Only five of these reports

were explained as human activity, such as army training exercises or night lanterns.

But sceptics said people should think twice before claiming they have seen a real-life E.T.

Martin Griffiths, a senior astronomy lecturer at the Uni-

versity of Glamorgan, 49, said:

"If people think they see a UFO, be a bit more critical about it. It's probably not somebody visiting from the planet Zog."

"Don't think automatically that something in the sky is an alien craft. It is probably something else."

SIGHTING OF UFOS ACROSS WALES

■ **Merthyr and Rhondda Cynon Taf**

2007

Large light in the sky in Aberfan, with several vehicles circling it. Several beams of light coming from the main craft.

2008

Man reported his wife and her friend saw a UFO in the sky at around 9.30pm. A large, bright light flew out of the forestry and soared off.

2009

Round, grey orb, visible from Maerdy mountain moving across the moon and sometimes covering it.

2010

Three round UFOs in the sky. One staying still and the others moving around for about 15 minutes.

■ **Bridgend and Vale of Glamorgan**

2009

Group of people saw a bright, orange light in sky that seemed to be burning up. Four grey, circular UFOs flew above the Ford engine plant in Bridgend. Two aircraft were flying overhead when the UFOs flew under them, travelling faster than supersonic speed. Report of

an unidentified flying object flying in the sky over a windmill.

■ **Cardiff**

2008

Circular craft with flashing lights at about 15,000ft in the sky and heading towards Newport. Coloured lights in an oval shape in the sky. They stayed in one position for half an hour before disappearing and then returning. The caller said it was not a plane as a plane went past the lights.

2009

Witness reported seeing a UFO flying above the city.

2011

Crafts spotted at seven degrees east, travelling at speeds of 700 knots, but making no noise.

■ **Swansea and Neath/Port Talbot**

2008

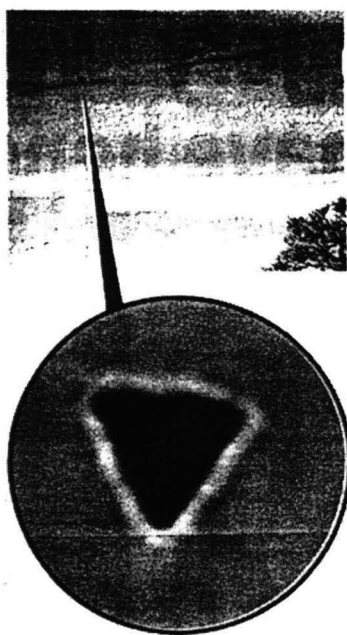
Spinning craft with 20 small lights above Margam.

2009

Three large lights in the sky positioned in a triangular shape. They hovered for a few minutes before moving.

2010

Witness saw a UFO landing on the mountain.



Paul Bignall and son, Sam, 10, were fishing in Ticknall when they saw this object, above, in the sky. Paul used his mobile phone to take a photograph. Picture: Laura Page DE(P20110414) 012.C



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England

Fishing pair make catch of the day with UFO photo

A BIG black triangle surrounded by an "eerie" white glow was captured on camera hovering over a fishing lake.

Paul Bignall and his son Sam were fishing in Ticknall when they saw the "intriguing" object in the sky.

Paul, 45, of Melbourne, said he initially thought it was a hot air balloon before it quickly dropped down behind trees.

He said: "It was about 4.30pm when I saw it. It was as clear as anything and had this eerie white glow around it. It

must have been in the sky for about three or four minutes."

Paul managed to photograph the strange triangle, spotted on April 10, on his phone and is keen to find out if anyone else witnessed the strange activity.

He added: "I really think it is a UFO because there is no other explanation for it, other than that."

"It was very high in the sky but still very clear. I'd be interested to see if other people saw it, too, or if there is an explanation."

Georgia Straight
Vancouver, Canada

UFO Chasers Head for the Hills

by
Adrian Mack

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One of Paul Trent's famed pictures of the McMinnville UFO, Oregon, 1950

Wanna see a UFO? The Lower Mainland has been buzzed by a lot of airborne orange orbs in the last few years, and according to the president of UFO BC, the best place to catch one is "the hills behind Mission, Sylvester Road area." Many of the orbs seen in this busy corridor are likely Chinese lanterns or something equally mundane, Richard Tortorella reckons. But a few defy simple explanation.

"The problem is when these lights all of a sudden zip out of sight very quickly, and come back into view, for whatever reason," he explains. "We've had quite a few good sightings, ex-RCMP members who have 30 or 40 years on the force have reported lights in the sky with similar descriptions to that. When they've taken a pair of binoculars to the object, they get a bit more of a structure as opposed to just light. They can see your typical saucer shape with the light underneath the larger grey structure."

Although Tortorella is well aware of the prejudice directed at the phenomenon he's pursued for over 15 years, the professional computer scientist is hardly some credulous boob. He states that "globally, out of the millions of sightings, you can explain 99.99 per cent of them."

"The big problem with anything like this is the credibility of the witness," he continues. "I'm not saying they're trying to come up with a fake report, but the problem is their observational skills are limited to their knowledge of what they're actually aware of... they simply don't have all the facts to make a proper analysis of what they're seeing, and because we don't see it

ourselves, we're limited to their description."

Tortorella added that "fifty percent of the cases we are given are either people that are intoxicated on some level on drugs or alcohol, or are, ultimately, psychiatrically unstable."

Still, there remains a small but hard number of reports that, as Tortorella says, "have absolutely no explanation."

An event that stopped air traffic above Vancouver International Airport in 2001 had all the hallmarks of an authentic encounter, when something that looked like a ball-bearing was seen "hung in mid air" by four separate ground crew members. "They radioed the control tower," Tortorella recounts, "They said, 'Look, do you guys see this?' And the answer is officially 'No,' but they reported that they said, 'Yeah, we can see it, but it's not showing up on any gizmos.' The object then proceeded to move and actually come down over the tree line, and shortly after a large number of white, unmarked SUVs were reported going to the scene, and it was blocked off by security personnel, civilian and military."

UFO BC was thwarted in its own investigation by YVR. "The number they gave us," he says, "Our common joke was that it must have been the telephone in the drawer somewhere. We called it 30, 40 times, never had an answer. It's one of those good cases."

As for the notorious orbs, the phenomenon actually began with a widely seen event at the Vancouver Folk Music Festival in 2008; Tortorella considers it to be another of the dozen or so "good cases" on the UFO BC books. "They saw an orange orb fall out of the sky, zip back up, and everyone's now pointing, so much so that even the entertainer on stage made a note of it and everyone looked at this thing. And then it just took off."

Since then the mystery has been concentrated mainly away from the city. UFO BC recently tracked an orange UFO that commuted from Chilliwack, to Mission, and out to Port Coquitlam, seen independently by several people. Mission is where Tortorella recommends any orb-spotters should camp down. But he adds a strong note of proper skepticism. "Chances are you'll never see anything, given the statistical probability," he cautions. "However, if absolutely nothing else, you get some good stargazing in there."



OFF THE HOOK

Journalist and broadcaster Lincoln Shaw uncovers some unusual local stories

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How Fred's 'sighting' made Bay a magnet for UFO fans

RIO saw it first. The little greyhound-lurcher suddenly froze and stood motionless with tail and nose in line 'pointing' at something in the moonlit sky over Paignton.

Fred Lewis-Goodwin saw nothing at first but then an image appeared, gradually taking the shape of a large rectangular box with two circular apertures in the middle. As he watched in astonishment the apertures glowed brightly orange-yellow and began pulsating as the object began to rise and climb the hill in front of him.

It was February 1998 and the incident has become something of a legend among the millions of people around the world who believe in flying saucers, unidentified flying objects and other mysteries of outer space.

Roy Dutton is an aerospace engineer, now retired and living in Torquay. For more than 50 years he has been fascinated by UFOs and has gradually built up an expertise on strange sightings all over the world and now recorded in a book with the title 'UFOs In Reality'.

He has tracked down eye-witness accounts of unexplained incidents as far apart as the US and New Zealand, with expert opinions and graphs to explain why he believes we on earth are being constantly monitored from outer space.

His research has been worldwide. How strange, therefore, that what he describes as 'one of the most significant UFO events ever recorded' should have happened on his own doorstep.

Roy had given a talk about UFOs to a well-known astronomical



UFOs: Above, author Roy Dutton with Fred Lewis-Goodwin and his dog Rio; right, Roy's book UFOs in Reality

society, which, he says, turned into a fiasco because so many in the audience (including the chairman) were scoffing and sceptical. Then someone more sympathetic approached him and mentioned the strange incident involving Rio the dog, earlier in the year.

He was put in touch with Fred Lewis-Goodwin who turned out to be a retired engineer who had worked for Rolls Royce and who flew in Lancasters with Bomber Command during the war. A level-headed man with feet firmly on the ground.

Fred told him about the strange object that suddenly appeared while he was walking his dog in a field

behind the Torbay Motel. It began as a series of dark lines against the moonlit sky which gradually formed themselves into the framework of a large, rectangular box with those pulsating, yellow-orange pulsating apertures.

It climbed into the night sky and remained motionless for about 15 minutes before it became 'a brilliant ball of white light' and moved rapidly out of sight.

Fred has since died but a clear memory of what he saw remains. He took Roy Dutton to the exact spot and a filmed interview was recorded in which he described what he and Rio saw that night.

The incident made worldwide news at the time except, oddly enough, in this country, where it seems to have been ignored. UFO enthusiasts in America got very excited and both Roy and Fred took part in an hour long coast-to-coast radio broadcast when they discussed the strange sighting with aerospace experts over there.

Torbay became a large dot on the United States UFO map. Many enthusiasts wanted to see exactly where it happened. In the next year or two Fred, with Roy and his wife Marion, met several coach-loads of American UFO addicts and took them to the site of the 'Torbay Motel incident' they had heard so much about.

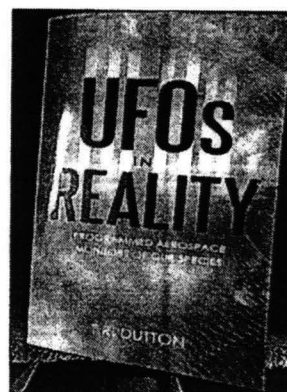
Fred, being a responsible citizen, reported what he had seen to the Ministry of Defence and was incensed when they seemed to dismiss it out of hand. But Roy believes this is just a cover up. He is certain that defence and intelligence agencies and other people in high places really do take UFOs seriously and are convinced there is constant monitoring 'by advanced technology somewhere out in space'.

If they ask for it Roy has plenty of evidence of UFO sightings elsewhere in South Devon. All of which he has thoroughly researched and talked to those who claim to have seen them.

There was one at Dartington, he says, just a couple of miles from where we live — so why didn't I, or any of our neighbours, see it?

Probably, he says, because we were not on the lookout at the time or maybe there was a hill in between.

A UFO which appeared at Bovey Tracey in 1990 was witnessed by a security guard. Another the



following year, at Higher Auswell, near Ashburton, had three witnesses. And there were others at Salcombe, Kingsbridge, Dartmouth (twice), Tuckenhay and Totnes.

In fact, he says, the Torbay area has become famous as a centre of UFO activity, just as Roswell in New Mexico has in the US.

"Perhaps the tourist board should include this in their advertisements," he suggested. "There are a great many people out there who are interested."

As a cynical, seen-it-all-before journalist I must admit I set out reporting this story with a certain amount of cynicism. But having read this book I rather grudgingly admit there is plenty of evidence to support the claim that there is indeed something out there.

I have a feeling this is not the end of the matter. Do any readers remember the Torbay Hotel incident or any of the other sightings in the area? If so, let me know.

UFOs in Reality by TR Dutton is published by AuthorHouse UK Ltd, and is available from AuthorHouse Bookstore, Amazon and Waterstones.

Friends baffled by 'UFO' sightings in skies over Burton

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A GROUP of friends have described how they followed 'weird objects' through Burton that they thought they were UFOs.

Tanya Marks contacted the Mail following the incident, which happened at around 10.30pm on Wednesday, May 4.

She said: "At around 10.30pm me and two of my friends were parked up in a car in Stapenhill and saw at least four weird objects fly over us within 10 minutes.

"The objects were as big as a jet plane and a weird triangular shape with white blue and red flashing lights on them.

"We thought they were really weird so we decided to drive in the direction that they went.

"We ended up in numerous locations, one being Branston and another being in the Shobnall area in Belvedere Road.

"One of the flying objects was just hovering and not moving, so we pulled up to look at it.

"By this point we were all in shock and then straight away it zoomed off.

"Another one was flying towards us and had a big orange beam on it then sud-

denly it changed direction and also zoomed off.

"We saw another one in Winshill and we were driving up Ashby Road and one flew straight in front of us. It was very low and we could see weird ridges on it.

"We followed these weird aircraft for around three hours.

"They were too fast and too small for planes and changed direction very quickly.

"We have no idea what they were and would love to find out."

Earlier this year, the Mail told how Ministry of Defence (MoD) files revealed that a family reported seeing orange lights in the sky flying above Burton.

The National Archives has released 35 'X' files, charting all unidentified flying objects reported in the UK from 2000 to 2005.

These included the account of a Burton family from Saturday, June 28, 2008, who were driving through Branston at around 11.30pm.

The opening of the files is the result of Freedom of Information requests to the MoD.

The files are available to download by visiting the website www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ufo.

'They were too fast and too small for planes and changed direction very quickly'

Tanya Marks

President refuses to halt Gary's extradition

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By James Slack
and Michael Seamark

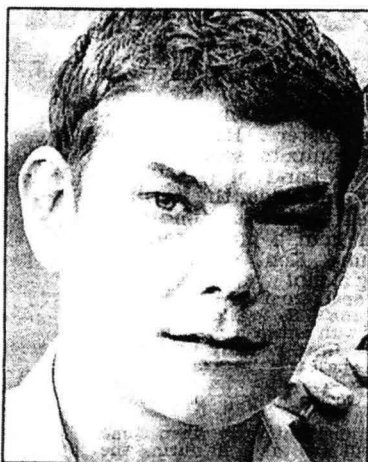
GARY McKinnon's hopes of avoiding extradition to the U.S. suffered a severe setback yesterday when Barack Obama declined to allow him to be tried in Britain.

Campaigners had hoped the President would halt the legal proceedings because of the Asperger's sufferer's precarious mental state.

But Mr Obama - despite previously saying he wanted to find an 'appropriate solution' to end the computer hacker's ordeal - effectively endorsed the extradition process.

He said: 'We have confidence in the British legal system coming to a just conclusion, and so we will await resolution and we will be respectful of that process.'

Over the past decade, the British courts have repeatedly refused to block 45-year-old Mr McKinnon's extradition, despite doctors saying he will kill himself if bundled on to a plane to the U.S.



Gary McKinnon: Suicide risk

Judges have themselves agreed he is a suicide risk but - under the controversial Extradition Act, which is biased in favour of the U.S. - this is considered insufficient reason to halt proceedings.

David Cameron raised his plight in face-to-face talks with Mr Obama yesterday morning. The two leaders were then questioned during a joint press conference at

Daily Mail CAMPAIGN AN AFFRONT TO BRITISH JUSTICE

which the extradition was one of only a handful of subjects raised, alongside Libya and the Middle East.

Campaigners say this shows the huge importance of the case, which has been the subject of the Daily Mail's Affront to British Justice campaign.

Shami Chakrabarti, director of Liberty, said: 'If, as the President says, he will be "respectful" of our legal process, then he should be happy for Gary to be dealt with here in the UK.'

'If our Government seeks to honour the words of both Coalition partners in opposition, it will decide that Gary's condition warrants halting this farcical extradition immediately, so that justice and compassion can be dispensed at home.'

Mr McKinnon's case began almost a decade ago when he hacked into Nasa and other military computers from the bedroom of his North London flat, searching for evidence of 'little green men'.

There are two ways of ending his ordeal. The first is for the U.S. to agree to allow him to be put on trial in the UK, where the crimes took place. The alternative is for the British courts or Home Secretary to rule that he cannot be extradited.

Under the 2003 Extradition Act, it is very hard for Britain to stop the proceedings. This placed the focus on the U.S. helping to find a way out of the legal mess during Mr Obama's visit.

At a White House press conference last year, the President had raised the hopes of Mr McKinnon's supporters by promising

an 'appropriate solution'. He said that, in dealing with the case, the U.S. would recognise Britain was an 'ally that is unparalleled in terms of our co-operative relationship'.

Yesterday, however, this language was replaced with the simple statement that America would respect the rule of British law. President Obama said: 'We have proceeded through all the processes required under our extradition agreements. It's now in the hands of the British legal system.'

Mr Cameron said: 'The case is in front of the Home Secretary (Theresa May), who has to consider reports about Gary's health and his well-being and it is right that she does that in a proper and effectively quasi-judicial way.'

'I totally understand the anguish of his mother and family about this issue. We must follow the proper processes and make sure this case is dealt with in the proper way and I am sure that is the case.'

Mr McKinnon's mother Janis Sharp tried to find some positives from Mr Obama's words. She said: 'I am happy because President Obama has confirmed that it is a UK decision and the United States will accept it and not contest it.'

'But we are tired and worn into the ground and really expected our family's torment to be over this month. We so need an end to it.'

So far, the Americans have repeatedly refused to allow Mr McKinnon to be tried in the UK. Cables released by WikiLeaks revealed that the U.S. ambassador had rejected a personal plea from then prime minister Gordon Brown for him to be imprisoned in Britain.

The U.S. has taken an equally robust position with the Coalition.

This month U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said the administration would 'take all of the necessary steps' to have Mr McKinnon extradited and 'held accountable for the crimes that he committed'.

Mr McKinnon's solicitor Karen Todner said: 'I hope the British justice system does now support Gary and stop this misery that he and his family are going through.'

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Daily Mail COMMENT

A PR triumph, but short on substance

FLIPPING burgers with the Prime Minister ... Posing with the new Duchess of Cambridge at the Palace ... Cracking jokes, with perfect timing, in the splendour of Westminster Hall ...

As a public relations exercise, Barack Obama's state visit to Britain has been a resounding triumph, which will do this consummate showman no harm at all in his bid for re-election next year.

But leave aside the glitz and the undeniable charm. It's on matters of substance that the Mail has reservations about the sentiments he has expressed and their significance for the relationship between our nations.

Take Afghanistan, Iraq - and now Libya. In his address to the Lords and Commons, the President justified attacking sovereign countries by citing our 'broader responsibility' to fight for democracy.

But can American or British politicians really look with pride on our achievements in any of these countries? And when David Cameron assures us that the U.S. and UK have 'learned the lessons of history' over foreign interventions, isn't it all but impossible to believe him?

Indeed, as the conflict and the costs escalate in Libya - and the original UN resolution simply to protect civilians is ignored - we seem to be making the same mistakes all over again.

Meanwhile, the President and the Prime Minister send out different signals over their vision of Libya's future.

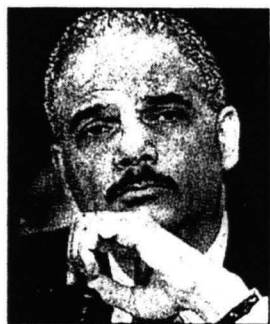
Then again, take Mr Obama's fine words about his reverence for the Magna Carta and our shared commitment to the rule of law. How do these square with his failure to honour his promise to shut down that monument to injustice, Guantanamo Bay?

But there's one issue above all on which the President's lip-service to justice and the Special Relationship rings hollow.

Nothing could have been easier than for Mr Obama to drop America's vindictive demand for the extradition of Gary McKinnon, the Asperger's sufferer who hacked into U.S. computers in his quest for evidence of 'little green men'.

Yesterday, however, he made it clear that he wasn't going to lift a burger-flipping finger to help, allowing Gary's ordeal to drag on after almost a decade.

But then of course, in contrast to an appearance with the former Kate Middleton, a show of clemency to Gary could be bad PR for the folks back home.



Unrelenting: Eric Holder

By James Slack
Home Affairs Editor

PRESIDENT Obama's top law officer last night dealt a bitter blow to computer hacker Gary McKinnon by insisting that he must face trial in a U.S. court.

Eric Holder, the U.S. Attorney General, vowed to 'take all of the necessary steps' to have Gary - who suffers from Asperger's syndrome - extradited and 'held accountable for the crimes that he committed'.

Gary, 45, and his thousands of supporters had been hoping for a breakthrough in his case when Mr Obama visits the UK later this month.

His mother Janis Sharp had written an open letter to the President pleading with him to end ten years of torment.

However, it appears the U.S. has made its decision before Mr Obama even sets foot on British soil.

The Americans are demanding the extradition of Gary despite medical experts warning he is likely to attempt suicide if sent to the U.S.

Mr Holder told ITV's London Tonight: 'McKinnon is a person who

No mercy for Gary

As Obama prepares for UK visit, his law chief insists U.S. will not bend on extradition

committed serious crimes resulting in about \$1million worth of damages in the United States.

'There has been a review by seven judges here in the UK who made the determination that his extradition was appropriate.'

'The previous Home Secretary made the determination that his extradition was appropriate.'

But Gary's mother said Mr Holder's attitude was shocking. She called on the Government to halt the extradition.

Miss Sharp told the Mail: 'I'm quite frankly shocked by the response of the U.S. Attorney General.'

'Britain needs to see the compassionate face of America that we had all expected to see when Obama was elected.'

'Britain stands side by side America in everything they do, including

sending our young men to die in Afghanistan.'

'If America asked our Prime Minister not to extradite an American, David Cameron would instantly agree to America's request.'

'However, we all know that America wouldn't ask, they would just refuse to extradite, in the same way they refused to extradite Irish-Americans accused of terrorist offences to Britain.'

She added: 'The time has come for our Government to show their compassion and to assert their authority and to simply refuse to extradite.'

'Pre-election, David Cameron and Nick Clegg had both said that Gary can and must be tried in the UK.'

Last July, Mr Obama gave fresh hope to Gary, who faces a jail sentence of up to 80 years if he is forced to stand trial in the U.S. for



Ten-year nightmare: Gary with his mother Janis

hacking into Pentagon and Nasa computers in 2001 searching for evidence of 'little green men'.

He promised to find an 'appropriate solution' after Mr Cameron raised the plight of the computer hacker on his first visit to the White House.

Home Secretary Theresa May agreed to stall the extradition last year, saying she wanted to ensure the hacker was treated fairly.

Since the Mail launched a campaign to have Gary tried in Britain the Government has agreed to review the contro-

versial 2003 Extradition Act. Gary's mother is currently at loggerheads with the Home Office over the choice of an independent expert to reassess her son's health.

Peers last month demanded an immediate end to Gary's decade of 'psychological torture'.

Lord Maginnis raised the case in the House of Lords after describing his treatment during the extradition process as 'unbelievable and unforgivable'.

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UFO invasion or fishermen tales?

by Sarah Holmes

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COULD Leighton be on the verge of an alien invasion? Well, according to many people in the town there have been some sightings of UFOs over the skies during the past few weeks and now they are searching for answers.

It all started the Thursday before Easter when many readers reported to the LBO office that they had seen these bright lights in the sky which clearly were not aircraft. People thought they may have been a satellite or meteors, but they were unsure because the lights moved like some sort of 'craft'.

Then on Easter Saturday, a post was made on to an American website by someone calling themselves 'Britwarrior' about a strange encounter he and some friends had experienced while fishing at Eggington Fisheries near Leighton.

'Britwarrior' said there were seven people in their group who first spotted a very bright star-like object moving west directly in a flight path with oncoming traffic, but slightly higher than planes. He said the light blinked on and off which caught their eye. The fisherman said it got smaller and smaller and then vanished. All this happened at about 9.40pm.

He then explained that the fishermen spent the night scanning the horizon and sure enough more appeared and what was to follow was both "shocking and enlightening". He exclaimed: "Many were sceptics, but not any more!"

Then even weirder stuff started to unfold as they tended their fishing lines. 'Britwarrior' wrote on the web blog: "They looked like stars but hung around for a bit and then just zipped off and reappeared elsewhere. It was really odd to watch. Four of us remained around the fire, bait alarms still on, having a couple of beers and chatting."

"All of a sudden my best friend, who was a sceptic, spotted something directly behind my head. He was talking to me at the time but he just stopped so I looked at him and asked him what was wrong. He was speechless and looked

shocked."

'Britwarrior' said his friend muttered some expletive question and then beckoned the others to look - trying to get his words out. He said: "I turned around to see a green disk hovering over the tree tops slowly maybe a mile away, just above the dark treetops. As our eyes adjusted it was a green disk, no trail, with a red ring around it."

"When I first saw it, it was travelling slowly then it picked up very, very rapidly and shot off and just disappeared. In around 10 seconds from first seeing it, it was gone."

"It was shocking. Everyone just went 'wow, what the hell was that?' and stood up and started laughing. There was absolutely no sound at all just odd flashes for about 10 minutes after. There were no clouds about in any direction and I checked when I got home that there had been no thunderstorms that night either."

"I know my stuff... we had a police helicopter flying around just before this happened and we could see the oncoming planes' headlights to the south landing pretty much all night and coming from the west directly over us on approach until late. This was very, very different and I can say 110 per cent it was not any of those things. I have seen many meteors, also this was travelling too slow and horizontal across the treetops."

'Britwarrior' added: "I'm stumped and amazed how much you can see going on in the skies at night. I'm back there soon and I will turn my camera on. I'm gutted I cannot share any pictures or videos with you."

Another 'bright star' sighting was registered on a UK website over the same weekend. The witness statement said that a very bright blue silver blob, possibly an oblong sphere-type shape, had been spotted above Wing Road in Linslade. It disappeared after about two seconds.

Another listing was made at the end of last year when someone had spotted a black oblong shape, flying completely silent much lower than aircraft are normally spotted over Leighton.

>> Did you spot these UFOs? Can you explain what everyone is seeing? Get in touch with the LBO, our contact details are on the top of this page.

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Looking for youths who spotted UFO

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I am a retired CID Officer with the West Midlands Police who has spent the last 15 years cataloguing on a daily basis thousands of reports from members of the Public about strange things seen in the sky going back to the 1940s.

I believe that the volumes which we are not publishing will be judged as being some of the most informative and accurate books that have ever been produced with regard to the UFO subject, thanks to a veritable arm of UFO researchers that have laboured from all over the country to assist us with the preparation of the books which took 15 years of research!

I hope readers will be able to help us with regard to the current whereabouts of any members of the Felmersham youth club who, together with Mr Howard Honeywood and his two sons, (a total of 13 children) who witnessed a UFO hovering over the village at 8pm on January 19, 1978.

This was an important sighting and will be fully covered in Volume 5 of our books 1978-1979. If any of the children who were there would like to contact us the matter can be discussed further. Hopefully someone will remember what happened to the family concerned, and put us in touch.

After all at the end of the day this is important social history which should be preserved for posterity.

Don't call us about UFOs

By DAVID POWELL

POLICE "X-files" reveal officers have taken 13 reports of UFO sightings in recent years.

Incidents above Beaumaris, Penmaenmawr, Colwyn Bay, Abergel, Bangor, Pwllheli, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Prestatyn, Denbigh, Llangollen and Wrexham were all reported between 2004 and 2010. Three of them were last year.

The details were revealed in by North Wales Police in answer to a question under the Freedom of Information Act.

A North Wales Police spokesperson told the Daily Post: "We take a note of these calls on UFOs. It depends on the circumstances as to how we respond.

"If there are lights in the sky we might contact HM Coastguard to see if they are flares. In other instances we may let the RAF know.

"But we would prioritise each call depending on the information received."

One sighting, believed to have

13 spotted in N.Wales in last six years... but MoD's axed its sighting hotline

been by a member of the public, apparently took place over Bangor in 2010. Documents show that police were told by this observer: "A large, black triangular shaped craft appeared 'out of nowhere'.

"The craft was of a large scale, approximately 150ft-200ft wide, had a central light, and numerous glowing bright lights on either side (white, blue and red).

"It was hovering slowly at a very low altitude (a few feet above the height of a telephone pole). It made a noise similar to that of a lawnmower." The object "made no attempt to avoid detection" as it hovered above the group, "proceeded to cross the field" then after 90 seconds vanished out of sight.

In Penmaenmawr, five years earlier, an observer reported two UFO sightings of "an immense white light moving across the sky quite quickly, silent, quite big, height estimated at 200ft plus."

Reports have to be treated with scepticism. One caller who described seeing a UFO above Abergel in 2006 "was suspected of being drunk".

The Ministry of Defence has withdrawn its dedicated UFO hotline answer-phone service and e-mail address. It says it no longer investigates sightings which would be an "inappropriate use of defence resources".

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Can you solve UFO mystery?

by Connie Primmer

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STRANGE flying objects spotted above a house in Luton left a stargazing observer puzzled.

Phil Bray noticed the unusual objects just before 8pm on Sunday as he was looking out of his conservatory doors.

He is curious about what they could have been and would like to know if anyone has an explanation for them.

Mr Bray said: "It was very odd and I was very puzzled by what I saw. I wonder what

the objects could have been."

Mr Bray, who is retired, said he was in his St Olams Close home when he noticed something moving slowly through the air.

Mr Bray said: "It was quite light outside and at first I noticed an object about the size of a helicopter, which appeared to be travelling silently towards Houghton Regis. It made absolutely no noise.

"The object travelled horizontally, then climbed slowly but steeply, then dropped again, all the while moving at about 50mph, around 500ft in the air before disappearing behind a tree."

Mr Bray said he then saw another similar object which was much closer to him, travelling at the same speed and in the same direction.

Mr Bray said: "The strangest thing was that the objects changed their silhouettes as if they were made up of different panels, 5-10ft square, all linked together but drifting apart and changing their positions.

"I have no idea what it was, nor did my wife. I've never seen anything like it before."

A Ministry of Defence spokesperson said they had no record of any mystery objects flying over Luton on Sunday.

WRAITHSCAPE

the UK's spookiest newspaper column

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Aliens invade the airwaves

JESSE Randolph is the man behind Ufonaut Radio, one of the US's most radical media when it comes to spilling the beans on all different aspects of the UFO enigma.

I was recently hired as the UK news correspondent for Ufonaut Radio, and do a weekly newscast, which is a great challenge.

Hence, I couldn't miss the opportunity to interview Jesse and ask him what brought him to the heart of the UFO mystery:

Jesse: "I was born and raised in New York and left home for Los Angeles at 18. I worked for internet studios during my twenties and wound up at Yahoo for a long stint. Technology became a drug, and I wanted to leverage it any way I could".

Mike: What precipitated your interest in UFOs?

Jesse: "It's blatantly obvious that governments around the world have lied to cover up their existence.

"The fear emitted by politicians and the wealthy regarding extraterrestrials is proof plenty that they don't want this topic discussed openly".

Mike: Have you had a UFO experience yourself?

Jesse: "Yes. I used to hang out in the back of Edwards Air Force Base and China Lake. I've seen plenty of strange stuff".

By MIKE HALLOWELL

Mike: How did Ufonaut Radio come about?

Jesse: "I was in India working for Yahoo and became ill. Back in the States I discovered I had cancer and needed surgery, chemotherapy and radiation. Things looked grim. Situations like this make you re-evaluate how you want to leave your mark in life. I wanted to start a 'New Guard' or fringe element to Ufology that would be more aggressive towards change".

Mike: Can you recall one interesting person you've interviewed?

Jesse: "My regular favourite is Stan Friedman. I can't think of a better messenger for the cause.

"With the amount of garbage within the subject, he continues to give us an element of credibility within the mainstream. I also love Don Schmidt and the work he's done with death-bed confessionals (where high-ranking military and political officials have finally admitted they've seen evidence of extraterrestrial visitation just before they die).

"Think about it; your last breath and you're gonna make up a hoax like that? I don't think so ..."

Mike: What's happening with Ufonaut Radio just now?

Jesse: "We've decided to move the show to Phoenix KFNX 1100 AM as our flagship station every Sunday night at 9pm Pacific Standard Time.

"We decided that Phoenix

was much more UFO-friendly and provides an intelligent audience for the subject matter. We're also really growing abroad, which is awesome.

"Our Australian and UK audiences are really supportive. We will continue to market to our friends in Europe.

"Our YouTube presence has only just begun, but we are really gaining momentum. I can say with pride that we are doing something with radio and YouTube convergence that Coast to Coast and other shows within the genre aren't even close to competing with.

"This will expand this year and really open some doors".

Mike: Finally, what's it like having an English guy read the news?

Jesse: "We'd interviewed people in the States, but you got it and we definitely made the right choice in my opinion. When people hear your voice they really pay attention.

"It's all about doing things a bit differently, which is what the New Guard is all about. Ufology can get complacent because it's a difficult subject to excel in. We are looking to change it whenever possible".

So then, if there really has been a cover-up by the world's governments to hide the truth from us - that we truly have been visited by extraterrestrials - then Jesse Randolph and Ufonaut Radio won't rest until we all know about it.

And now for the news ...

■ You can visit Ufonaut Radio - and download some amazing shows as podcasts - at www.jesserandolph.com

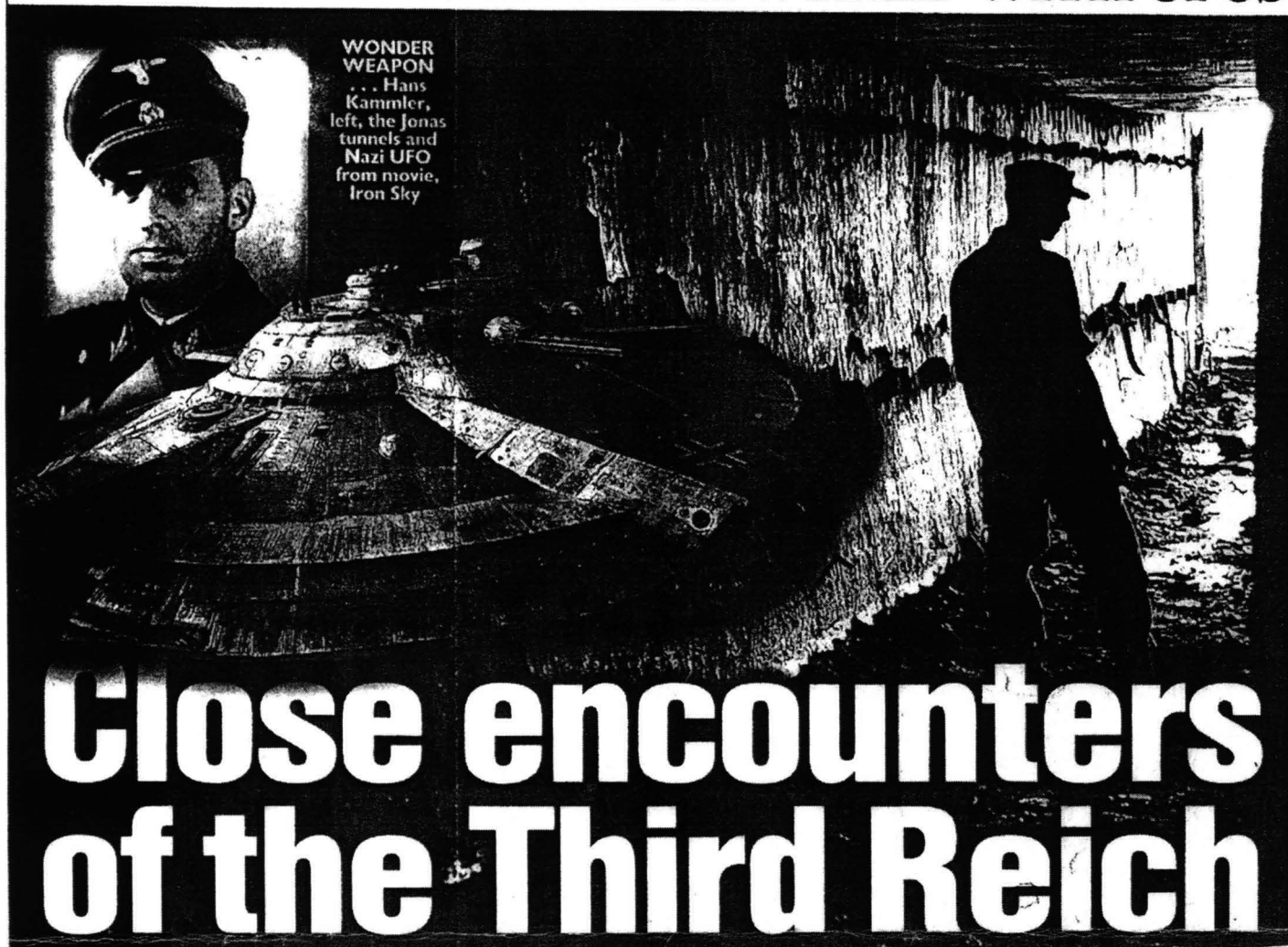
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NAZIS' PLAN TO ATTACK WORLD WITH UFOs



WONDER WEAPON
... Hans Kammler, left, the Jonas tunnels and Nazi UFO from movie, Iron Sky

Close encounters of the Third Reich

HITLER fantasised about creating a fleet of flying saucers capable of destroying London and New York as his armies retreated on all fronts.

One alleged site of production of the Nazi UFOs is a series of tunnels buried under the Jonas Valley in Thuringia, central Germany.

Here, under the command of SS General Hans Kammler, legions of slave labourers worked to bring the Führer's fantasies into existence.

New movie Iron Sky, due out next year, tells the story of Nazis escaping to the MOON to regroup for a new attempt at world domination.

But The Sun can reveal the truth about Hitler's UFOs is far more chilling.

The respected German science mag PM has reported how "advanced" the programme was as scientists toiled in secret factories to produce the "wonder weapon" to win the war.

The magazine quotes eyewitnesses who saw a flying saucer marked with the German Iron Cross flying low over the Thames in 1944. "America also treated the existence of the weapons seriously," it said.

The US believed Germany could use it to drop weapons on New York - a target the Führer obsessed on as the war progressed.

At the time the New York Times reported on a "mysterious flying disc" with photos of the device seen travelling at extremely high speeds over the city's high-rise buildings.

"Apparently that machine was capable on its maiden flight of travelling 2,000km," added the PM report. "The Germans had destroyed much of the paperwork of their activities but there are numerous hints that it did indeed exist."

There has been more recent evi-



From
ALLAN HALL
in Berlin

dence of UFO activity. Two weeks ago we told how 8,000 cows were snatched by mystery aircraft then dropped from the skies in the US.

The Nazi UFO project was driven by engineers Rudolf Schriever and Otto Habermohl and was based in Prague between 1941 and 1943.

Initially a Luftwaffe project, it eventually fell under the control of armaments minister Albert Speer before being taken over once again in 1944 by Kammler.

Eyewitnesses captured by Allies after the war claimed to have seen the saucer fly on several occasions.

Joseph Andreas Epp, an engineer who served as a consultant to the Schriever-Habermohl project, claimed 15 prototypes were built.

Rockets

He described how a central cockpit surrounded by rotating adjustable wing vanes formed a circle.

The vanes were held together by a band at the outer edge and were set in rotation by small rockets placed around the rim.

Once rotational speed was sufficient and lift-off was achieved, horizontal jets or rockets were ignited.

A German official recorded that at the Prague-Gbell aerodrome in September 1943, he saw inside a hangar "a disk five to six metres in diameter. Its body is large at the centre. Underneath it has four tall, thin legs. Colour: aluminium. Height: almost as tall as a man. Thickness: some 30 to 40cm. Along with my friends, I saw the

device emerge from the hangar. It was then we heard the roar of the engines, we saw the external side of the disk begin to rotate and the vehicle began moving slowly and in a straight line toward the southern end of the field.

"It then rose almost one metre into the air. After moving around some 300m at that altitude, it stopped again. Its landing was rather rough. Later, the 'thing' took off again, managing to reach the end of the aerodrome this time."

The theory is further fuelled by Igor Witkowski, a Polish journalist and historian of military and aerospace technology.

In his 2000 book, Prawda O Wunderwaffe, he claims Hitler wanted his top scientists at his disposal to work on bell-shaped aircraft.

So impressive was Nazi technology found at the end of the war, V-2 rocket scientists were hunted down by the US and Soviets and hired for their own missile and space programmes. More than 120 rocket scientists, including Werner von Braun who became a central figure at Nasa, went to the US.

German engineer Georg Klein claimed two types of flying disks had been created by the Nazis:

- A non-rotating disk developed by V-2 engineer Richard Miethe, was captured by the Russians.
- The Schriever

and Habermohl model. Klein claimed he saw this craft's first manned flight in February 1945 when it climbed to 40,700ft and reached 1,400mph.

Klein, who went on to have a distinguished postwar career as an aeronautical engineer, said: "I don't consider myself a crackpot or eccentric or someone given to fantasies."

"This is what I saw with my own eyes - a Nazi UFO."

British and American bomber crews also reported strange sightings over enemy territory.

They reported seeing objects that were neither aircraft nor ack-ack fire and described them as "fiery" and "glowing red, white, or orange."

Were these the test flights of the disks meant to unleash terror on Allied cities? But if so where were they flying from?

Jonas Valley is where the secret work is believed to have been carried out. Now the site is officially sealed off, authorities play a cat-and-mouse game with UFO hunters each weekend. Captured by the Americans, its secrets were placed under lock and key for 100 years.

Conspiracy theorists believe the Americans found two things in the tunnels - a nuclear bomb and the flying saucers meant to deliver it.

Martin Stade, author of a book on the area, claims 174 flying saucers were developed at the site. He continues to search the tunnels illegally but hasn't found any UFOs.

He said: "Research into Third Reich archives points to a secret factory in the Jonas Valley complex. Why else would the Americans take away everything they found and place the results under a 100-year secrecy order?"



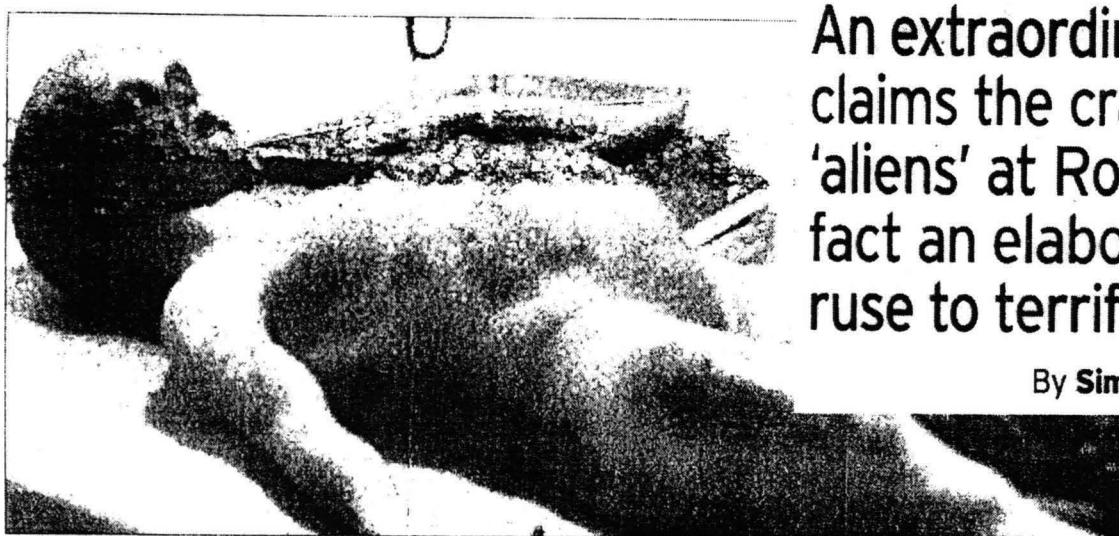
UDDER ATTACK... Sun story



SECRET...
Martin Stade

An extraordinary new book claims the crash-landing by 'aliens' at Roswell was in fact an elaborate Cold War ruse to terrify the world

By Simon Edge



GROTESQUE DISCOVERY: New research claims deformed beings were found at Roswell like those in the grainy iconic photos of the 'extraterrestrial' in the film based on the 1947 incident

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How Stalin and Mengele plotted the UFO invasion

IN A powerful lightning storm in July, 1947, a flying craft crashed on to the property of a rancher called WW Brazel outside Roswell, in the US state of New Mexico. He loaded the pieces of debris into the back of his pick-up and took them to the local sheriff, who reported the find to a nearby army base.

In the next few days large numbers of military personnel descended on the town. Brazel was jailed for almost a week. Witnesses saw military police loading large boxes and crates on to trucks while others saw similar boxes loaded on to military aircraft. The local coroner received a call requesting several child-sized coffins that could be hermetically sealed, and townsfolk were threatened with jail if they ever spoke about what they saw.

They did not do so until three decades later when two researchers started asking questions. The book they published, *The Roswell Incident*, made the town world-famous. It spawned the spine-tingling legend, accompanied by iconic, grainy photos, that aliens had landed at the site and that not all of them had died. The name Roswell has become sacred for anyone who believes that UFOs come from other planets and that the US government has been engaged in a huge cover-up for more than half a century. Discovering what really happened there is the holy grail of conspiracy theorists.

What if there were not one but two conspiracies, involving Cold War propaganda rather than visitors from another planet? That is the conclusion of Annie Jacobsen, a Princeton-educated investigative journalist on the Los Angeles Times. In her new book, *Area 51*, tracing the history of the secret base of that name where the Roswell wreckage was held, she agrees that the authorities tried to cover up the crash. But she rejects the idea that the craft came from outer space. In an extraordinary twist she says the incident was the result of a conspiracy cooked up by Joseph Stalin with the help of the Nazi "Angel of Death", Dr Josef Mengele.

Based on unprecedented interviews with personnel at Area 51, her argument may not be as outrageous as it sounds. In 1938, Orson Welles broadcast an adaptation of the sci-fi novel *The War Of The Worlds*, designed to hoax listeners into thinking that Martians had invaded New Jersey. The mass hysteria that ensued made global headlines and Jacobsen surmises that it gave Stalin an idea for a black propaganda hoax of his own.

That is what they seemed to believe at Area 51. She quotes a senior scientist from the base saying that Stalin had sent a stealth aircraft with a cargo of midget-like passengers - biologically or surgically re-engineered children - over New Mexico in the hope that it would land there. The idea was to send a message to President Harry Truman, who had been testing nuclear weapons in the Pacific. "Stalin's plan was for the children to climb out and be mistaken for visitors from Mars," she writes. "Panic would ensue, just like it did after the broadcast of *The War Of The Worlds*. America's early-warning system would be over-

whelmed with sightings of other 'UFOs'. Truman would see how easily a totalitarian dictator could control the masses using black propaganda. Stalin may have been behind the US in atomic bomb technology but when it came to manipulating the people's perception he was the leader with the upper hand."

In the crucial first week of July 1947, Jacobsen says US Signal Corps engineers began tracking two objects moving across the southwest of the country. Although they flew in a traditional forward-moving manner, they also hovered sporadically before moving on. When one of them crashed on Brazel's ranch the Joint Chiefs of Staff took command and recovered a flying vehicle with a round fuselage and no tail or wings, which intelligence memos called a "flying disc".

Crucially, Jacobsen says, they also discovered writing in the distinctive Russian alphabet inside the craft, and the conclusion for the Americans was a terrifying one: the Russians had hover-and-fly technology, presumably developed with the help of German aerospace experts who had been co-opted at the end of the Second World War, and it could outfox US radar.

An elite team of US engineers was urgently recruited to establish how the technology worked and to copy it. Decades later, Jacobsen spent 18 months interviewing the only member of this team who is still alive. He told her that the first military investigators on the scene at Roswell found two crash sites. At the second they found bodies, not of aliens nor even of consenting airmen. They were human guinea pigs.

"Unusually petite for pilots they appeared to be children," she writes. "Each was under five feet tall. Physically, the bodies of the aviators revealed anatomical conundrums. They were grotesquely deformed but each in the same manner as the others. They had unusually large heads and abnormally shaped oversize eyes. These children, if that's what they were, were not healthy humans. A second fact was shocking. Two of the child-size aviators were comatose but still alive."

THE US engineers were also told to find out what had happened to these poor creatures. They were briefed that the children were rumoured to have been kidnapped by Mengele, the Nazi madman who was known to have performed barbarous human experiments at Auschwitz, including removing parts of children's craniums and replacing them with bones from larger, adult skulls.

According to some, Mengele was offered a laboratory by Stalin after the war if he could create a crew of grotesque, alien-looking aviators for Stalin. He kept his side of the bargain but the Soviet dictator did not: Mengele never took up residence in the USSR, living for four years in Germany before fleeing to South America where he died in 1979.

If this account is true, there is a grotesque epilogue that may compensate

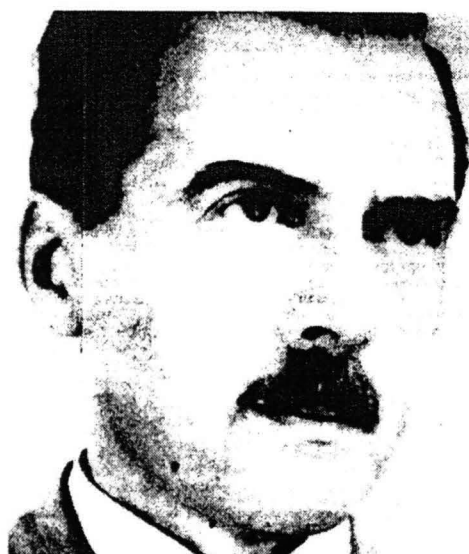
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PROPAGANDA MASTERS: Joseph Stalin, left, and the Nazi 'Angel of Death' Dr Josef Mengele may have been involved

those conspiracy theorists who are disappointed to see the "aliens" theory debunked. "For months, I asked the engineer why President Truman didn't use the remains from the Roswell crash to show the world what an evil man Joseph Stalin was," Jacobsen writes. For a long time, she says, her contact refused to answer. Eventually, he did.

"Because we were doing the same thing," he told her. "They wanted to

push science. They wanted to see how far they could go. We performed experiments on handicapped children and prisoners."

That's a horrific confession. But is any of the theory plausible? Rationalists have always assumed the Roswell incident was a hoax but that did not explain testimonies such as that of Walter Haut, a press officer from the Roswell Army Air Field. In an affidavit left to be

opened after his death in 2005, he said the military had recovered bodies from a second crash site with child-sized bodies and disproportionately large heads. "I am convinced that what I personally observed was some kind of craft and its crew from outer space," he wrote.

The virtue of Jacobsen's argument is that it is consistent with Haut's observation. He was not a liar or a hoaxter. And whether the

Soviet dictator was behind it or not, the Roswell incident seems to have worked in Stalin's favour.

By the Fifties the US obsession with UFOs had reached fever-pitch and CIA director Walter Bedell Smith complained it could have dire consequences. With the authorities overloaded with fanciful or irrelevant reports, they might miss a genuine Soviet air attack, he warned. For him, the "preposter-

ous" reports of UFOs coming from other planets were one thing alone: "clever hostile propaganda".

● To order Area 51 send a cheque or PO for £20, payable to Express Bookshop, to Area 51 Offer, PO Box 200, Falmouth TR11 4WJ, call 0871 988 8367 (calls cost 10p/min from UK landlines) or visit www.expressbookshop.com UK delivery is free

CONVINCING UFO SIGHTINGS

1897 - AURORA, TEXAS
An alleged UFO is said to have hit a windmill in the small town of Aurora at about 6am. The pilot was reported to be "not of this world", and a "Martian" according to a purported Army officer from nearby Fort Worth. It did not survive the crash and was buried "with Christian rites" at the nearby Aurora Cemetery.

1947 - WASHINGTON
On June 24, American pilot Kenneth Arnold spotted a string of nine shiny, disc-like flying objects shooting past at then unheard-of supersonic speeds that Arnold clocked at a minimum of 1,200 miles an hour. Arnold's description of the objects led to the press quickly coining the term flying saucer.

1980 - SUFFOLK
Around 3am on December 26 strange lights were reported

by a security patrol at RAF Woodbridge descending into nearby Rendlesham Forest. Servicemen saw the lights moving through the trees and a bright light emanating from an unidentified object. One later claimed to have encountered a "craft of unknown origin" and to have touched its "warm" surface. The object allegedly flew away after their brief encounter.

1993 - MELBOURNE
Kelly Cahill and five others observed a flying saucer that appeared shortly after midnight on August 8. They were also confronted by tall, slim, black aliens with glowing red eyes.

2009 - NORWAY
A large, circular spinning white light with a long blue tail was spotted by thousands for two minutes at approximately 8:45am on December 9.

The Assam Tribune

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Guwahati, India

UFO appears in Manipur!

Correspondent not named

IMPHAL, June 19 - Believe it or not, mystery shrouded Ngankha Lawai village in Manipur's Bishnupur district, 35 kms south of here after a young farmer fainted and was hospitalised following an encounter with an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO).

The mysterious incident occurred when the 31 year-old farmer Koiremba Kumam was taking video of a fish farm near his house using his mobile phone on June 15 around 3.11 pm.

"Suddenly, I captured mashak khangdaba potsak ama (UFO) in the sky", the farmer said. "I fainted for a few seconds after a small round black object sped towards me."

Showing the video image of the UFO captured in his mobile phone, Koiremba claimed he felt an electric shock when it came towards him. He returned home after few moments of unconsciousness.

The family took him to the nearby district hospital due to deterioration of his health and later referred to RIMS hospital in Imphal the following day. But he was discharged from the hospital the same evening after giving treatment as there was no symptom of any illness. However, Koiremba said he has not fully recovered.

A similar mystery shrouded Monsangei maning leikai village under Imphal West district in early part of last year when the villagers saw a bluish icy mass, weighing around five kilograms which fell on the tin-roofed kitchen of one Sougrakpam Jugeshwar of the locality with a sudden bang from the sky.

Lok Sabha MP Dr Thokchom Meinya, who is also an astronomer, reacting to the descriptions given by the onlookers, had opined that the mass might have been accidentally ejected from the support system of a rocket or a space craft.



Article courtesy of Rich Heiden

Poll Finds Many Washingtonians Believe Sasquatch, UFOs Are Real

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You might not believe that hairy hominids roam our wildlands, but some of your neighbors do: Nearly four out of 10 Washington residents believe it's possible that Sasquatch exists, and 13 percent say they've either seen one or know someone who has, according to the latest PEMCO Insurance Northwest Poll.

And even if you're not convinced, a Spokane woman believes she captured a Sasquatch on her iPhone camera last week while hiking along the Spokane River, and she posted the video to YouTube as proof.

"The Northwest is home to unique folklore, so we decided it would be fun to explore what residents think about subjects that clearly are, well, a little different," said Jon Osterberg, PEMCO spokesperson. "We've had our share of strange sightings and events in Washington, and people here apparently are open to the idea that some of it is real."

Surely, in a state where so many rational beings work in high tech, biotech and aviation, few would believe in UFOs, right? Washingtonians were asked, "Do you believe there have been sightings of UFOs – space craft – that truly cannot be identified by anyone?" While 28 percent said "no, there's always an explanation," 55 percent said "yes, UFOs exist." And 32 percent said they've seen a UFO or know someone who did.

Although many Washingtonians say they believe in UFOs, a smaller number know where "flying saucers" first were reported. About one-third said it was in Roswell, N.M., while 10 percent said Area 51, Nevada. Only 12 percent correctly answered Washington, perhaps aware that the first highly publicized sighting of "flying discs" – which evolved into the widely used term flying saucers – was by pilot Kenneth Arnold near Mt. Rainier, when in 1947 he reported seeing nine flying discs that "moved like saucers across the water."

"I guess it's appropriate that 'The X-Files' was shot on location in the Northwest, in Vancouver, B.C.," said Osterberg, referring to the long-running TV show.

The Northwest is home to other colorful folklore. In November 1971, a man using the name Dan Cooper (subsequently reported as D.B. Cooper) hijacked a Northwest Airlines 727, collected a \$200,000 ransom in Seattle, and parachuted out of the jetliner at 10,000 feet near the southwest Washington town of Ariel. In 1980, a boy found \$5,800 of Cooper's money while playing on a Columbia River sandbar. So speculation remains: Did Cooper jump to freedom and lose some of his loot while hiking out of the hills? Or did he die after jumping, perhaps from exposure or from broken bones?

The PEMCO Poll didn't ask residents whether Cooper lived or died, but if inquiring minds want to know, it could be addressed in the future. Perhaps the truth is out there.

Washington is home to many well-publicized Sasquatch sightings and reports of giant footprints. Even skeptics found the Bossburg footprints, discovered in 1969 north of Kettle Falls, too intriguing to simply dismiss. The left imprint measured 18 inches long and nearly 7 inches wide, but it was the right imprint that caused a stir: deformed, crooked, with a skewed small toe, it showed so much anatomical

detail that Washington State University anthropology professor Grover Krantz said the average person would not have the expertise required to fabricate the print.

Krantz put forth the theory that Sasquatches could be surviving *Gigantopithecus*, a giant ape that inhabited China and southeast Asia 300,000 years ago.

There's also the mystery of "Mel's Hole," a paranormal pit with mystical properties allegedly located near Manastash Ridge in rural Kittitas County. Urban legend told of the nine-foot hole for years, and in 1997 a man calling himself Mel Waters phoned Art Bell's late-night radio show to say it indeed exists on his former property, though he refused to reveal its location. Waters said the hole was perhaps endless, because he'd dropped 80,000 feet of weighted fishing line into it without touching bottom. Animals and birds avoided the hole, and neighbors dumped trash and carcasses into it for years but it never filled up. Waters also claimed a dead dog was once tossed into the hole, only to be seen hours later alive and well. Some say that if Mel's Hole is real, it's perhaps a lengthy lava tube, a Mt. Rainier blowhole.

Some Northwest legends are in fact true. Old tales of a sulfur mine and wood shack at the summit of 12,276' Mt. Adams seem preposterous, but the U.S. Forest Service confirms that sulfur was mined at the very top of the peak in the 1930s and hauled down the mountain on pack mules. The shack ruins are still visible, particularly in low-snowfall years.

Then there are the Mima Mounds near Rochester, Wash., thousands of short grassy humps ranging from 10 to 70 feet across on a 637-acre preserve. No one knows how they were formed, but theories abound: tailings from busy gophers. Wind and water erosion. Odd settling from an earthquake. Glacial deposits. Scientists know what they're not – a remnant of secret nuclear tests, since the mounds predate the atomic age; nor are they Native American graves, as suspected by 1841 Naval explorers.

You can visit the sulfur mine, the Mima Mounds, and – if you can find it – the Prosser gravity hill. Somewhere within a few miles of the southeastern Washington town, you can stop at the base of a gentle rise, put your car in neutral, and roll uphill several hundred feet. That's what many people claim, as documented on their YouTube videos. Skeptics offer a simple explanation: optical illusion. They say the hill is not really a hill at all.

"The fact so many people embrace this stuff makes the Northwest an amusing, engaging place to live," said Osterberg, noting a 1969 Skamania County law protecting Sasquatch as an endangered species. "We don't need a poll to confirm that the Northwest is in fact a little different. Where else in the country do you find a law making it a felony to shoot a Sasquatch?"

To learn more about the PEMCO Insurance Northwest Poll and to view a summary of the results, visit www.pemco.com/poll, where the public is invited to participate in an informal version of the poll to see how their own responses compare to those collected by FBK Research of Seattle in November 2010.

PEMCO Insurance commissioned this independent survey that asked Washington drivers several questions about driving habits and attitudes toward current Northwest issues. The sample size, 826 respondents, yields an accuracy of +/- 3.5 percent at the 95 percent confidence level. In other words, if this study were conducted 100 times, in 95 instances the data will not vary by more than +/- 3.5 percent.

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Travel: Mothman put Point Pleasant on the map

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The Mothman statue is a tribute to the legendary 7-foot, winged, red-eyed creature reportedly sighted in the 1960s. Mysterious "men in black" and UFO sightings were also reported. The Richard Gere movie, *The Mothman Prophecies*, was based on the legend. / Tammy Ramsdell/The Clarion-Ledger

POINT PLEASANT, WV — A decade ago, the odds of this small community attracting tourists from around the globe ranked right up there with getting hit by lightning and winning the lottery - on the same day.

"We probably get several thousand visitors a year," Josh Pitchford estimated from a storefront museum in the center of this 5,000-population town. Located between the Ohio and Kanawha rivers, Point Pleasant is about 60 miles north Charleston, the state's capital.

"We've had people in here from all over this country," Pitchford says, pointing to a wall map of the world, covered with little colorful pins. "They've been here from Europe, Africa, Australia, Japan. Even Reunion Island off the coast of Madagascar."

Pitchford serves as guide, answer-man and souvenir salesman at what's touted as the world's only Mothman Museum.

The Mothman legend, rather, the first sighting of the 7-foot tall, winged, red-eyed creature was first reported in Point Pleasant in the late 1960s. Around the same time, there were reports of mysterious looking "men in black" roaming

around the community, along with several UFO sightings.

In 1975, author John Keel wrote a book recounting several local teens' claims of sighting the creature, along with what he claimed were related paranormal events that climaxed with a tragedy on Dec. 15, 1967 - the collapse of the Silver Bridge that spanned the Ohio River between Point Pleasant and Gallipolis, Ohio. Forty-six people were killed; no more sightings of the creature were reported.

When Charles Humphreys became executive director of Main Street Point Pleasant and the Mason County Development Authority in 2000, he and the board members shared a common goal - to promote the area's natural beauty and its rich Revolutionary War history.

Like many small towns across America, Point Pleasant had its share of economic woes. The area was once rich with well-paying jobs in salt and coal mines, a commercial boat-building factory, an explosives plant, along with a thriving agricultural base.

Even though Point, as the locals call it, still struggles with high unemployment, Main Street has realized many of its goals thanks largely to a golden opportunity that unexpectedly presented itself in 2002.

Keel's book about the legendary creature and the related paranormal happenings was used as the basis for the Richard Gere film *The Mothman Prophecies*.

While the locals were mildly miffed that the moviemakers chose Kittanning, Pa., over Point Pleasant for location shooting, they were thrilled at the end result. Interest in the Mothman legend, the paranormal and Point Pleasant, the community where it really happened, soared like, well, a giant winged creature.

"Mothman is the man," Humphreys chuckles. "He put us on the map; he's sustained us. Washington State has Bigfoot, we have Mothman. It was a golden opportunity."

Capitalizing on the Mothman connection, the small and economically depressed community has managed to garner millions of dollars from local donors, private foundations and state and federal grants, resulting in a remarkable riverfront development, an impressive river museum, increased attendance at existing attractions and several new downtown merchants.

A lot of people are interested in the unexplained and the Mothman, but everybody is interested in history, Humphreys says.

