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HERE WE GO AGAIN!

The month of September has started off with a series of L.I.T.S. (Lights In The Sky) reports from across the East Midlands. Early sightings came from the Ashbourne area (yet again), Chesterfield, Nottingham and a "Flying Triangle" report from Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. A mysterious bang, which rattled house windows was heard in the Matlock area at about 9.30pm on the night of the 8th September.

A "cross shape" of bright lights was spotted by two girl students over Nottingham. "There were two bright lights in a cross shape, a bit like a plane, but we could see it wasn't a plane because it was stationary." "Then it suddenly flew off". Marie Cooper (19) and Laura Wilson-Dutton (20) telephone East Midlands Airport and were told that there had not been any flights in the area at the time.

Another witness Mr Keith Rowland, saw two bright lights moving across the sky over Ilkeston at 8.53pm on the night of the 8th of September. Shortly afterwards he saw another light, this time bright red, moving quickly across the sky in a Northerly direction.

The most interesting report came from a Mr A.E. of Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, on the night of the 2nd September. MR A.E.had just returned home from work at 10.05pm. It was shortly afterwards at 1015pm that his attention was attracted by a bright light about 8 miles away.

The light was heading slowly in his direction and Mr A.E. decided to fetch his binoculars in order to have a closer look at the unusual light. He was able to distinguish that the intense white light was actually positioned on the corner of a large triangular shape "half the size of a football field." He was able to study the triangular craft for about three minutes as it flew slowly past his house in a Westerly direction.

Mr A.E. commented that none of the lights were flashing, (similar to an aircraft's 'strobe' lights) and he identified a pattern of coloured lights (as shown in the sketch overleaf). As the object "glided over" he heard a sound "like the wind blowing". He estimated the height of the craft, which he could see clearly, at about 5,000ft. It was then lost from sight as it slowly glided away.

The "Flying Triangle" seen by the witness at Sutton-in-Ashfield is very similar to that of a Japanese witness Mr Satoshi Chiyojima in January of this year. This report has been fully covered in the OVNI of July 1994 and basically tells of a Japanese businessman driving to work, when he spotted a small white light moving in the South. The light stopped and made several acute right-angle turns.

Mr Chiyojima slowed down his car, the distant lights quickened their speed and overtook the car, bathing it in a bright white light. The witness accelerated his car and succeeded in getting away from the glowing light. He confirmed later, that when the light had been overhead, he had been able to make out a distinct triangular shape.

Section (A)
Please write an account of your sighting, make a drawing of what you saw and then answer the questions in section B overleaf. Write in BLOCK CAPITALS using a ball point pen.

on friday 2nd September at 10.00 s'clock pm I finished work and got home for Sminute's past. at 10.15 pm . I went up to our spore bedroom which face's north east. I saw a bright abject at 8 mile's distance .est. moving very slow. In the direction of our hoose as the object was coming from the East. Red light.

ANOTHER CROP CIRCLE 'SEASON' COMES TO AN END.

As another Crop Circle 'season' comes to an end, we are fortunate in being able to reprint a number of photographs taken by that well known aerial photographer 'Busty' Taylor. Whatever the cause of these circles, the perpetrators are quite artistic. The Key to the photographs shown on pages 4 & 5 is given at the bottom of this page.

Not to be outdone, two members of the PRA Claire and Tony Upton have succeeded in having a number of their photographs reproduced in the Japanese 'MU' magazine. This magazine is well known in Japan and is about to celebrate fifteen years of publication. Claire and Tony's photographs (which have previously appeared in OVNI) are shown on page 6 of this issue.

We recognise that Crop Circles not only appear in Britain but in other countries throughout the world.

We are indebted to PRA member Ken Potts for sending us a copy of "BILL KNELL'S UFO NEWSLETTER" (USA) in which there are two Crop Circle photographs shown. One from Canada and one from the USA. One headline ran:-

WEIRD WHEATFIELD DESIGN FASCINATES OBSERVERS, BUT FARM'S OWNERS ARE UNIMPRESSED. A bizarre pattern in a Malden Township, Ontario (Canada) wheatfield did not impress farmers Darwin and Gerry Wismer. The Crop Circle pattern which consists of two double circles with a large 2.5m wide central channel joining the two, also has a series of "T's" and curves along its length. The Wismer's who own the farm stated "Looks like we've lost a few bushels of wheat."

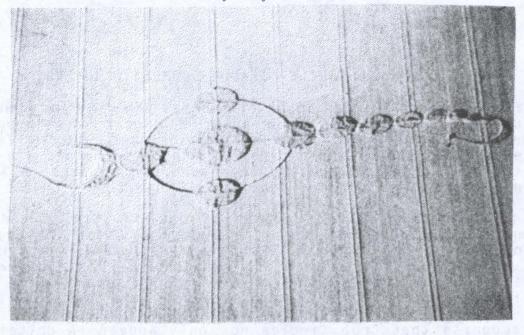
OREGON CROP CIRCLE SPURS TRAFFIC SNARL This was the other headline which accompanied the story of a large circle, with an outer trench and four satellite circles with linking trenches (although these may have been caused by sightseers).

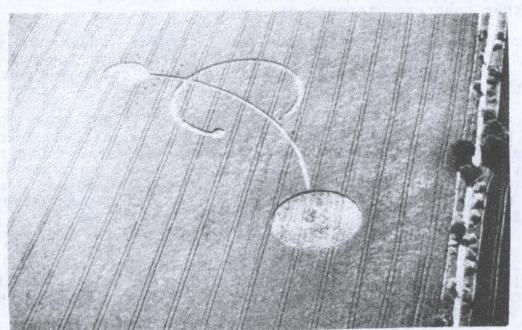
Patterns were cut into a wheatfield 10 miles west of Portland, Oregon, have steadily drawn spectators, since they appeared 10 days ago. over the weekend, sheriff's deputies had to direct traffic as hundreds of onlookers descended on the mysterious scene.

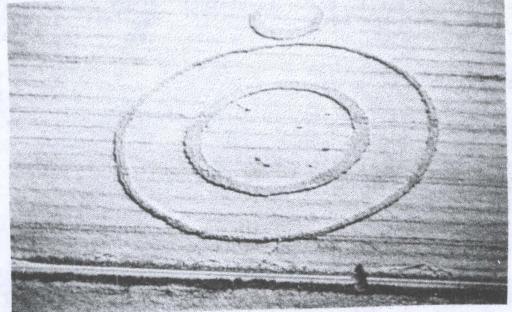
KEY to photographs on pages 4 & 5

- (A) "Scorpion" West Kennet, in Barley 25/5/94
- (B) Cherhill, Wilts. in Wheat June 94
- (C) Barbury Castle, in Rape 2/5/94 (D) West Overton, in Rape 26/4/94
- (E) Furze Knoll, Morgans Hill, in Rape June 94
- (F) "Manx Runner" Berwick Bassett, in Wheat July 94

END OF THE SEASON CROP CIRCLE PHOTO'S Busty Taylor (c)

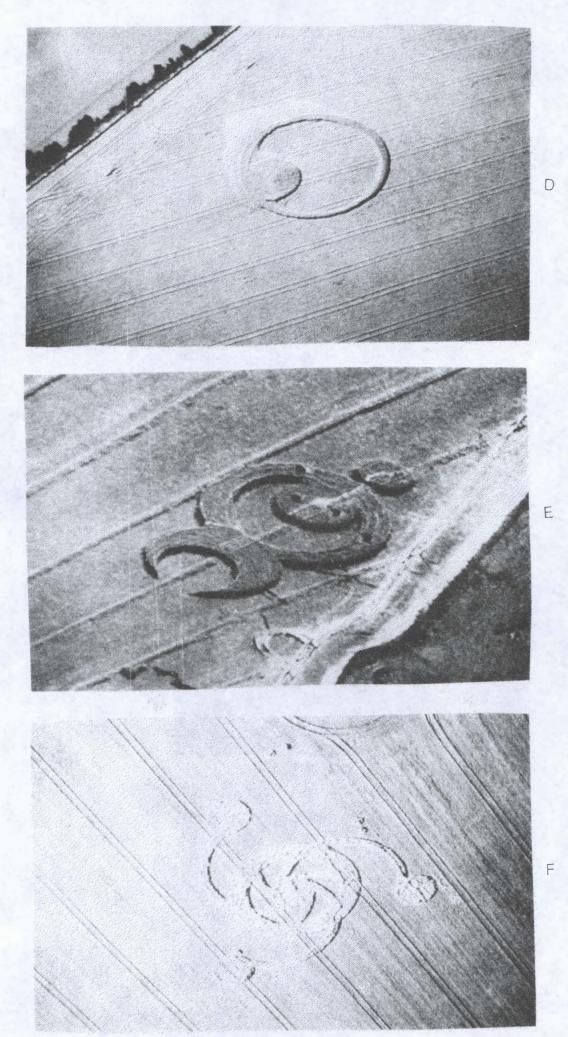






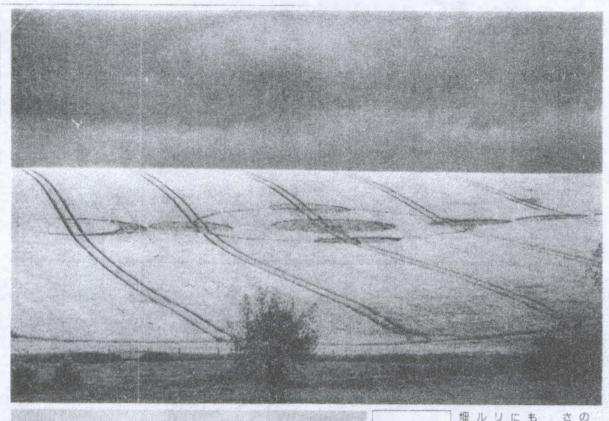
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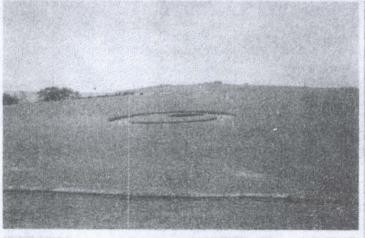
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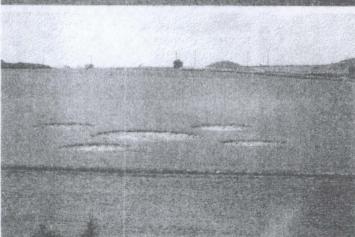


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YOU CAN'T HAVE IT PLAINER THAN THAT! (With thanks to Mr Shin-Ichiro Namiki J.S.P.S.)







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*!上!ウエスト オパートンのリ ングつきサーク ル。4月25~26 日にかけて出限。 リングの一部に サークルか接触 している。 (下)ウエストオ

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報をお伝えしたい。

(下)ウエストオ バートンの衝襲 つきサークル。 4月四一24日に かけて出場。等 真ではわかりに くいが、4個の 衝撃サークルを つなぐようにも うひとつのサークルがある。 要の成長を遅らせてサークル・ き フォーメーションを形成させると ち カる。はたして、今後も同様のサークルが出現するのか、きわめて び

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Tony and Claire Upton's photo's enlighten the Japanese readers!

THE EVENING SKY

September 1994

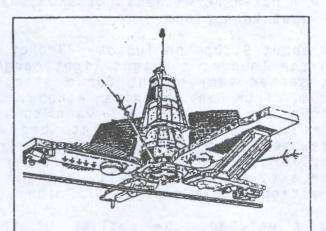
The first evenings of autumn offer open, clear skies which are ideal for observing the splendour of the heavens. The sky haze, the oppressive humidity, the nasty biting insects and the foliage of many plants, especially trees are all swept away by the prevailing cool autumn breeze.

Autumn is my favourite season. A season of change, of sharp visual images and long shadows. You can smell autumn in the air filling the beautiful days and nights with the fragrance of Mother nature. You can literally smell the Earth.

Over seven thousand artificial satellites currently orbit the Earth and some three hundred of these are visible to the naked eye. Many can be seen from the UK in autumn. Once your eyes are accustomed to the dark you may observe a fast moving point of light travelling through the star fields of the night. These celestial dots are satellites illuminated by sunlight. When they suddenly disappear, the satellites have moved into the Earth's shadow and are no longer visible.

The close encounter between Venus and Jupiter continues in the south western sky. On the night of the 8th the crescent Moon passes Venus and on the following night, passes Jupiter.

Mercury and the Virgo star Spicia make a low apparition again in the south west on the evening of the 20th.



The Soviet (ocean-reconnaissance) satellite Cosmos 1220 is visible to the naked eye orbiting above the Earth at 500 miles

The distant planet Saturn is visible all night throughout the month from dusk to dawn in the watery southern sky. At twilight this cold, distant, lonely world stands stunningly alone, the last planet out from the Sun visible to the naked eye at some eight hundred million miles distance. The ancients named the last day of the week after the last planet - 'Saturn's day' (Saturday).

Detailed information from the Shoemaker /Levy impact on Jupiter will soon be available. Much intelligence has been gathered and the first analysis and interpretation of data will take several months to complete. When I receive results from the Planetary Society I will pass all the relevant details to you.

The autumn equinox occurs on September 23rd marking the beginning of autumn in the Northern Hemisphere. A voluptuous, full Harvest Moon rises in the dusk on September 19th. The full Harvest Moon low in the sky, is an awesome, inspiring sight!

Enjoy Your Evening Sky!
Barry Parkinson
Milton Keynes College

MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS OVER MATLOCK

A series of L.I.T.S. over Crich, Matlock on the nights of the 23rd and 24th of August were reported by a number of witnesses. One first-hand witness (Miss CR) has given details and drawings of what took place:-

At about 9.30pm on Tuesday 23rd of August, as I was watching TV in the lounge, a bright light caught my eye and I thought that it seemed very bright for a star. I went upstairs to have a look, from an upstairs window, but couldn't see anything. About 2 hours later, I went to bed (I sleep with my window open). I had just got into bed when a strange whining sound drew me to the window. Immediately I saw again what I had seen earlier. Only this time there were two bright white lights in the sky. They were quite high up, one larger and one smaller positioned to the right of Crich Stand.

As I watched, the smaller of the two shot across the sky quickly, then more slowly it made its way across the top of the ridge over the village, back past the the larger one and went off in a north-westerly direction. The larger one of the two remained stationary. I went in to get my parents to come and have a look at it, but we couldn't decide whether or not it was a star. (Miss CR decided to look out the following night).

On Wednesday 24th August 94, I waited until to dark to see if what I had seen the previous night was a star. As soon as it was dark, I immediately saw a large bright white light in the sky (this time it was more directly overhead and a little higher up), it had at least one or two smaller lights below and either side of it. I fetched my sister and parents and we watched it moving around, hovering, sometimes ascending or descending at high speed and moving in unusual directions on diagonal lines (unlike an aeroplane).

We watched the objects for about two hours, sometimes they disappeared for a few minutes, then re-appeared. (at one point a faint whirring noise was heard).

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TALE ENDERS

UFO ACTIVITY is on the increase, as apart from the typical report from Crich, the Newark Advertiser carried a report of a "jelly-fish" type UFO seen over Newark in its September 2nd issue. Mr Smith of Tuxford said "it was unbelievable. It was a round circle with green and yellow lights round it. The inside was like a jellyfish." (Newspaper cutting from Tony Caldicott)

£20 REWARD for the first person to contact the Editor on the whereabouts of a red turbo-diesel BMW registration M254 RRE. Last seen in the Derby area 25th August. Owned by an Irish "traveller".

UK NATIONAL UFO AWARENESS DAY SATURDAY OCTOBER 1st. 1994. Organised by the Alien Acknowledgement campaign, the idea is to draw attention to the UFO issue by a nation-wide presentation of the evidence.

THE LEEDS 1994 UFO CONFERENCE (Saturday 24th September) has sold all its tickets! No wonder, with special guest BOB DEAN appearing. Last time he "blew the gaff" on NATO's investigation into UFO's and the resulting TOP SECRET report.

CUFORN (Canadian UFO Network) have informed us that the implant section tested by Toronto University (OVNI August issue) was a section of the ear and <u>not</u> a metal implant. It was thought that the examination procedure may have damaged the metal structure. The small metal item is still awaiting testing, which is believed to be held up because of the costs involved.

CCCS East Midlands report that a Mr Wilson (86) recollects that when he was 16 years old (i.e. 1924) he worked on a farm in Syston, Leicester. When a field of Oats was being harvested, a circle was found with six foxes sitting in it (Source: Tony Caldicott).

IUFOPRA The Irish UFO study group, were recently involved in a National Broadcasting Service RTE chat programme with a Mr Michael Holmes. They claim that they were 'set up', as the recorded programme was slanted as a joke on the Irish investigators....(It's often better to go 'live'..Ed.).

MANSFIELD UFO GROUP has come back to life after being in 'troubled waters' recently and requested an exchange of magazines and information. Extracts from their MUFOG magazine will be carried in our next issue.

NEXT MEETING

A meeting will be held at the Stanley Club, Stanley Common at 8pm on the night of September 27th. A feature length film, on video and revealing the real truth of a well known UFO crash incident will be shown during the evening.

Non-members welcome. Fee for evening £1