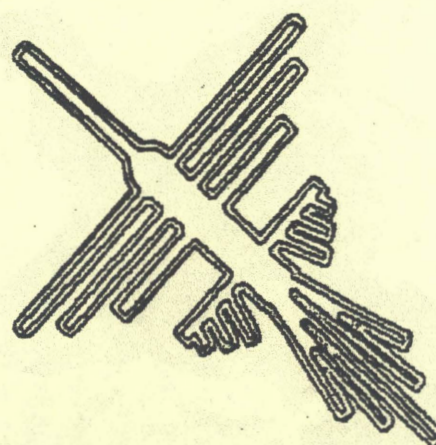
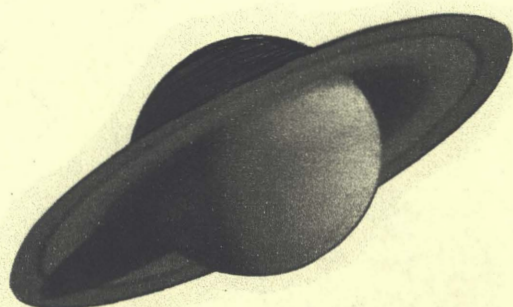
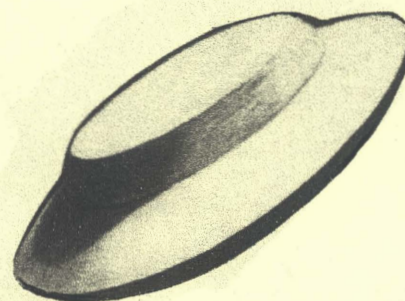
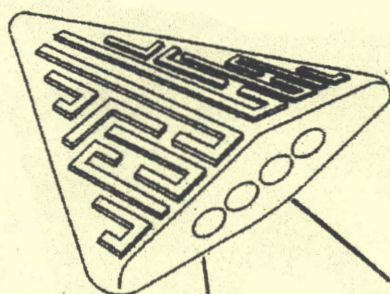


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A POLICY REVIEW

Here we are again, the 'Day of Destiny' predicted for the 25th May, turned out to be a 'damp squib'!

We have meanwhile been thinking about the future content of the OVNI magazine. While we would like to keep our readers informed of the majority of UFO events taking place both locally and throughout the world, this has been recognised as an impossible task. It has therefore been decided to give more prominence to the 'local' (UK) UFO sightings, this will become obvious in the current issue.

There are many excellent internet websites covering world-wide activity. Foremost in this field is 'FILERS FILES' (Major George A. Filer, USAF (Ret.) www.nationalufocenter.com), to which we contribute and in turn receive information on many of the worldly UFO and inter-planetary events taking place.

We are fortunate in having a number of world-wide members and we will continue to print their contributions. A prime example is the research being carried out by Daniel Wilson (Ohio, USA) into the association of 'FT' sightings in the proximity of NPS stations and nuclear activity. In this month's issue (page 10) Dan has highlighted the nuclear activities in Derby and the Flying Triangle flap that took place in the mid-90's.

We also welcome two contributions from Suzanne Hansen of 'UFOCUS NZ'. Sue is a well known conference speaker and also hails from the Tauranga area of New Zealand, the home of the late Harvey Cooke. We will look forward to exchanging many more UFO reports in the future.

THE NEW CROP CIRCLE SEASON IS UPON US!

Filers Files Comments:

Scientists studying the Crop Circles are convinced they have scientific proof that an extremely high heat is causing the effects at the fields. This heat is remarkable in that it does not burn or destroy the plants. The effects on the plants indicate some heat or radiation is involved, but obviously not at the extremely high temperatures indicated by the effects on the soil. There is a 99.2 percent level of confidence, that the soil changes within the crop circle are occurring. The roots in field roots do not reveal that the radiation or heat is coming from underneath, but appears to come from above.

OVNI Editors Comment: *We investigated Crop Circles intensely during the early 80's & 90's and discovered many of the facts detailed above. As a result we published our findings (Crop Circles: The Final Solution) and gave a talk on the subject at the 'Second International CCCS Conference' at Bath August 1993.*

The paper can be viewed on our website www.phenomenonresearch.com under 'articles'.



The Pilgrims Way, Burham nr Maidstone, Kent. posted 2/7/06
Image by Andy Fowlds - <http://www.cropcircleconnector.com/2006/ThePilgrimsWay/ThePilgrimsWay2006a.html>

CASTLE DONNINGTON (DERBYSHIRE.) POWER STATION EVENT 1983

Although we do not have a precise date, this report sent to us by a Mrs 'BK' is indicative of the UFO interest in power stations, both NPS and conventionally fired.

Mrs 'BK' has an excellent recollection of the event and her description is given below:

Observation: 2.30pm, November 1983

I was an employee at Castle Donnington Power Station for a period of two years and it was during this time that a most unusual event occurred.

I was working in an office on a particular project which I was due to complete in the mid-afternoon (that is how I recollect the precise time of the event). I had decided to take a short break from my work and stood up to look through the window, not expecting to see very much as the weather that afternoon was a blanket of thick fog.

My office looked across the car park towards the workshop. The site service road passed by the end of the office building and between the end of the workshop and some large garages on the left hand side of the road.

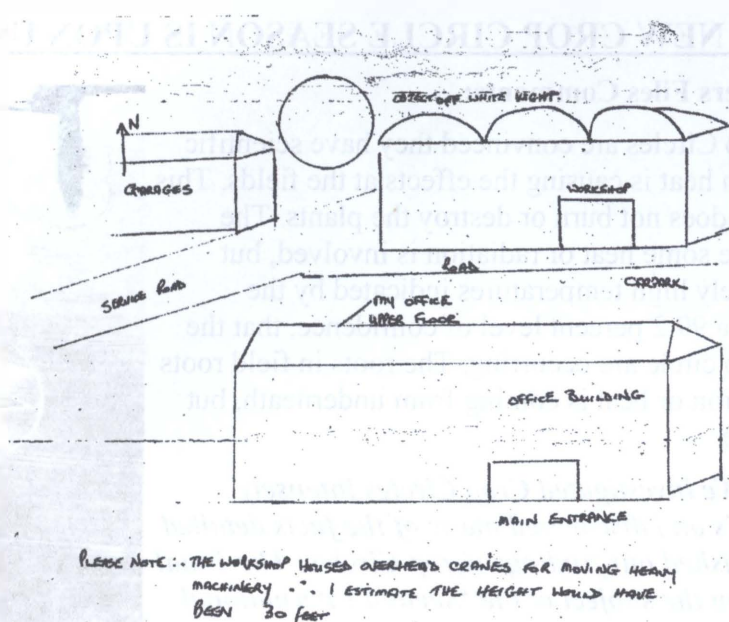
The space between the workshop normally offered an uninterrupted view through to the horizon in the northerly direction of Ilkeston (town).

There were two colleagues were standing with me when we saw a huge object of intense white light in the form of a flat circle positioned between the workshop and the garages. I estimated that the white circle was hovering about 30 feet from the ground.

The pure white circle of white light was not diffused, but extremely sharp. It was just a circle of pure bright white light. It was not attached to anything but seemed to be just floating in a stationary position.

Altogether, the object must have been there for about 15 minutes. I sat down for a while and when I looked through the window again, it had gone.

The next evening on the BBC TV Midlands News, there was a report with drawings, of a UFO sighting at Ilkeston, as seen by junior school children in that town.

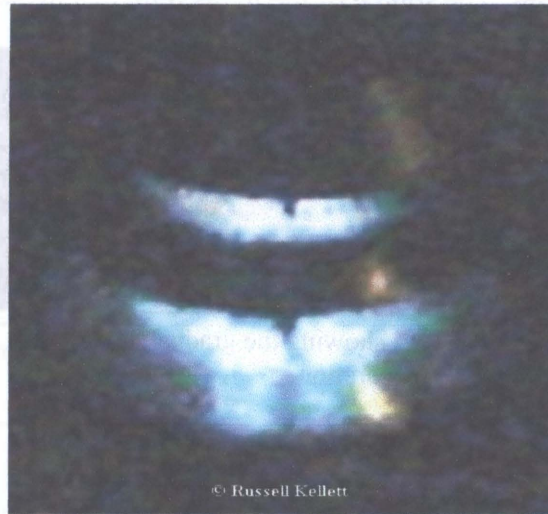


Mrs 'BK's' drawing of the incident.

Two-tier saucer (North Yorkshire)

(Sent in by Russell Kellett)

On the 30th May Jode was outside smoking a fag when he noticed the object moving from his left side. The craft was over Brayton Barff when he took the shot, Jode went inside for his camera which has a video facility he took four pictures and a small video clip. At first Jody thought it was an aeroplane, but on closer inspection he saw it was a saucer with a two-tier effect. This is just one of a number of sightings filmed by Jode over the past three years.



An (Edited) analysis by Win Keech

The photo shows a self luminant object with two conical tiers bounded by three dark conical sections, the lower of which seems to be reflecting light from illuminated tiers above and all three sections appear to be reflecting light from a source above and two the right. At first glance the object strongly resembles a white LED solar garden lamp with a two tier diffuser lens, similar to a 'Ring' 'Pagoda' garden lamp in fact - and this is one hypothesis of the analysis. An absence of background details makes it very difficult to judge size and distance for the object, however inspection of the camera gives some assistance.

The garden lamp hypothesis - however, the light reflected from below is inconsistent with the expected shadow/burnout characteristics expected from such a lamp. Further, vertical edge detection algorithms fail to highlight the vertical support pole associated with such lamps.

Analysis of the self luminance further discounts the garden light hypothesis - although very tempting a first glance : The LED 'bulbs' in such lamps work by being in effect a nanoscale collection of red, green, orange and blue light emitters - not a single colour temperature emitter such as a tungsten/halogen bulb. The relative balance of these four colours (like 4 colour printing) is adjusted to provide a light that appears to be white to the naked eye. The eye however is not uniformly sensitive to the colour spectrum (being most sensitive to orange and similar) and so orange/red levels are relatively reduced whilst blue/green are relatively increased. false colour interpretation shows that the colour levels are in fact constant for red, blue, orange, green - not the expected result for a 'white' LED and far closer to the expected spectrum for a xenon strobe.

What is it? I cannot say - there is insufficient information from the photo. Having seen the camera video clips and other photos from the series, this is an unknown object, that appears to be airborne (no ground flash return in any foreground) and above the buildings surrounding the garden - as described by Jodie. A second red flashing object is seen to approach this one and the dark section reflected light is consistent with light from this. this was filmed by a highly experienced ufo photographer/investigator whose sincerity and honesty I have never found to be in question. The photo is what it claims to be - the best possible photo of a mid distant self luminant airborne object using a very limited camera as described by a seasoned observer.

MORE MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS OVER LANGWITH, MANSFIELD, NOTTS.

Photographed by Neil Cairns

Neil Cairns has been observing and photographing a number of mysterious UFO lights that have been appearing near his home in Langwith, Nottinghamshire, over recent months.

In the latest series of photographs, Neil has captured what at first appeared to be a single bright light, slowly separate into two distinct globes of white light.

The greatly enlarged photographs shown below have been taken from 'still' sections of a video taken by Neil during his nightly observations. The source of the lights remain a mystery and are classified LITS.



Photo 1, taken on the 14th May 2006, showing the beginning of the globe separation.



Photo 2, showing the gradual globe separation

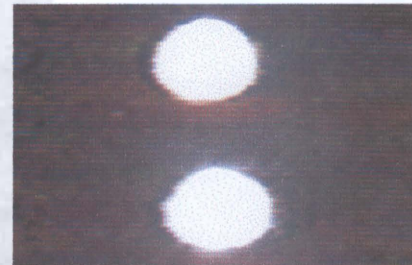


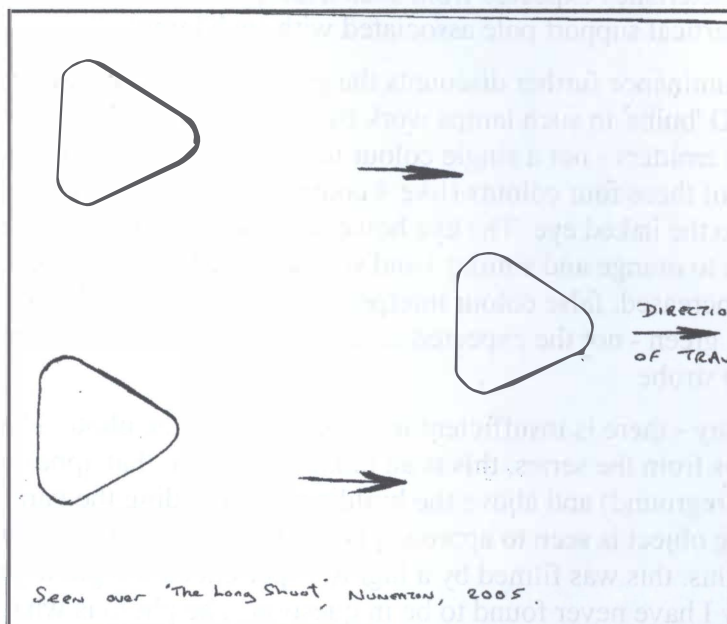
Photo 3, the complete separation of the two mysterious globes.

FLYING TRIANGLES OVER NUNEATON, LEICS.

(Investigated by Colin Saunders PRA)

John Haden is unsure of the exact date, but it was during the afternoon (2005) when he was driving through Nuneaton, Leicestershire, that he caught sight of three, what he described as "silver triangular/delta shaped objects" passing overhead, "three objects I had never seen before".

John described their size as being "3 inches at arms length" and the objects were sharply defined and he estimated that he observed them for a period of approx. 30 seconds, before they disappeared over the rooftop of a nearby house.



John Haden's drawing of his 'FT' sighting

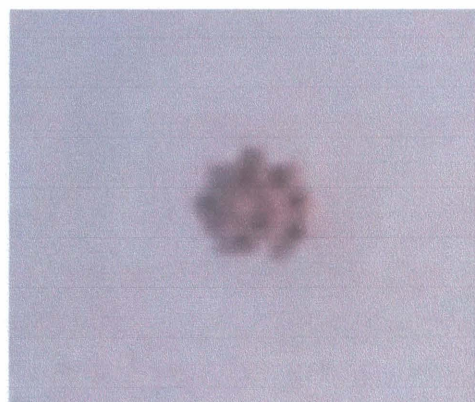
A NEW TYPE OF UFO ?

While on holiday at Great Yarmouth, PRA member Paul Usher noticed an unusual object travelling across the sky. The date was the 10th June 06 and the time was 3.30pm.

The photograph was enlarged and at first, the object appeared to be nothing more than a bunch of balloons. However on closer inspection the collection of ball-like objects is not consistent with that analysis and now, photographs of a similar object(s) has come to light from New York. They have been reproduced on this page for comparison with Paul's original photo. Both sets of objects were photographed in June of this year!

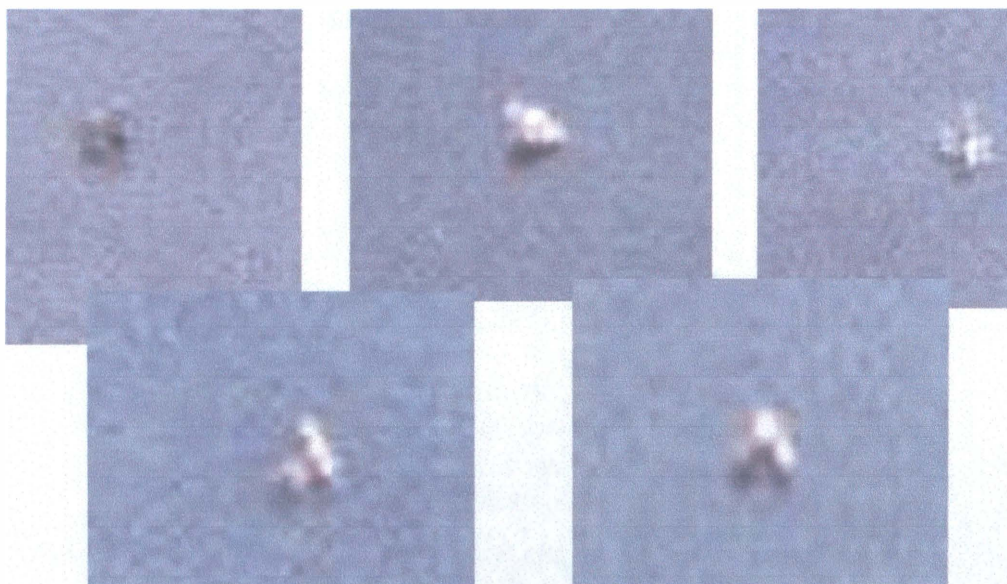


Paul's original photo taken over Great Yarmouth



Enlargement of the 'object'.

New York Photographs



New York City – George Naytowhowcon took five photographs of the same object above Central Park in June of 2005. He states, "At first, I thought they were balloons, then after awhile I realized they were not floating randomly and the object had mechanical movements. Enlargements show spheres enjoined and rotating EXCEPT these were very controlled manoeuvres. Thanks to George Naytowhowcon (Filers Files)

NORTH AMERICAN REPORTS

We are indebted to Daniel Wilson our colleague in Ohio, USA for many reports being brought to our attention from both Canada and the USA with particular reference to 'FT' sightings in the proximity of Nuclear Reactors in power stations and in also research facilities. Daniel comments below:

Note of discovery:

While searching through the Triangular-shaped UFO reports for Ontario, Canada, from the NUFORC Database, I started noticing many reports coming from areas near Hamilton, Ontario. My previous research had shown many instances of sightings of triangular-shaped objects had occurred near nuclear reactors, especially Nuclear Power Reactors. Working on that syllogism, I assumed that there must be a nuclear reactor at Hamilton, Ontario. Voila, a little internet research and we have a research nuclear reactor at the McMaster University at Hamilton, Ontario.

National UFO Reporting Center Sighting Report Occurred : 8/11/2002 01:30

(Entered as : 08/11/02 1:30am)

Reported: 8/15/2002 2:34:19 PM 14:34

Posted: 2/5/2003

Location: **Ancaster (Canada), ON**

Shape: Chevron

Duration: 8 minutes.

I was walking through a park near my home called spring valley. I was out late in the evening walking my dog (lab/border c) and tried to see the august meteor shower. I could see some stars but their was some cloud present. Spring Valley is just a stream that comes out of a side of a hill and has carved out a little valley. It then became very quite, it felt as if the air pressure had changed, and the air current was coming from above. The dog became aroused and when the air current was coming from above the dog sort out low wood areas and tried to keep me moving. When I looked above the sky was black and felt and very, very heavy.

The air current became stronger and warmer. The pressure made my ears pop, I had great difficulty walking. I fell a lot and seemed to feel heavier then I am. We moved along the stream down hill to the end of the park, are way out. my dog seemed to be making a sound like when he is distressed and ran off. As I left the park I looked up and could see a faint outline of a very large object floating above the valley. From that angle I could see what looked like large wide V's ,the odour in the air was different, I felt physically exhausted, it had felt as if I had the air sucked out of me. I have a surgical pin in my ankle joint from a past bike accident and that felt as if it were burning. I do not know what this was about.

I had to get a new watch and new cards with that black stripe on them. (*Credit Cards demagnetised?*)

Florida - Slow Flying Black Triangle

GAINESVILLE -- I was getting in my car and movement overhead caught my eye on October 20, 2005, at 6:14 PM. I spotted a very slow moving and very low overhead craft that was absolutely enormous. At first when I recognized the dark triangular shape, I thought perhaps it was a stealth bomber, but realized it wasn't possible as it was so low, moving so slowly, and did not make a sound.

It was silent on a perfectly clear night with the stars shining. It was an hour after sunset and the moon was rising. The object was barely visible but had very dim lights around its edges- roughly as bright as the dimmest stars, that distorted the background sky to conceal itself. It flew due east and I watched as it passed over the roof of the adjacent building. I followed the best I could but I had no luck and nearly got in an accident.

Incidentally, I have a BS in psychology.

Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.ufocenter.com

Sea Urchins on Mars

(Extract from the 'Filers Files' #25-2006)

Sir Charles at Xenotech Research reports some of the best images from the Opportunity Rover were released very early in the mission. Sol 028 microscopic images contained some of the best and clearest features and are still outstanding in content and detail. I have located a terrestrial urchin that matches the most prominent features of this particular fossil organism well enough for the uninitiated to see for themselves.

A - the cleft that appears on so many of the spherules, similar to the cleft on a peach.

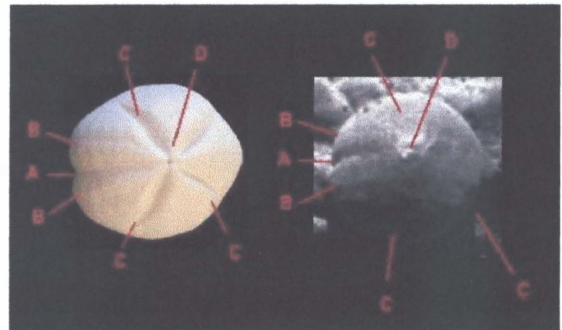
B - the margins around the cleft that are raised and divided by sutures, almost like lips.

C - shallower clefts that surround the major cleft in a roughly pentagonal manner.

D - a prominent single bump at the apex of the shell on both the terrestrial Sea Gopher (left) and the Martian urchin (right).

Sea urchins are close relatives of sea biscuits and sand dollars, and all share many features of their anatomy. Many of the Martian specimens are clearly sand dollars, others are like sea biscuits, and some are clearly urchins. All three classes existed on Mars, just as they do in our seas here on Earth. Thanks to Sir Charles W. Shults III, K. B. B.

<http://www.xenotechresearch.com/seagoph1.htm>



Mars Seas

Xenotech Research shows mud polygons at the same site, showing chunks and pieces. Image copyright (c) Michael Almond. Now let's compare these with another image of mud polygons. I will place the photo from one location right next to the photo from the location above, and we will see how closely the two match. I have also adjusted the color slightly so that we get a closer match, but that is cosmetic.

If you look, the patterns of slabs almost continue from one picture to the next. This is a nearly perfect match. Nobody would deny that these are both pictures of mud polygons, if they could in fact confirm that either of the pictures was mud polygons. This is because they are clearly identical and could not be distinguished from each other. Clearly the same processes created both.

What is most interesting is that the left image is from Mars, from Opportunity on Sol 632. The right image, however, is Death Valley, California. It is a dried lake bottom and is made of mud. If you did not know the difference, you could not tell the difference. My conclusion? Meridiani Planum on Mars is absolutely, positively a dried sea bed. The slabs of stone we are seeing are sediments and mud that dried slowly as the water receded and left those patterns of polygons we see today.

Why do I say that Meridiani was a sea and not perhaps a lake? Because it extends for *thousands of kilometers*. A salty body of water, thousands of kilometers in extent, is not a lake, it is a sea or ocean.

To see the original images, click: Mars images from NASA/JPL are located here. Michael Almond's excellent photography is located here.



New Zealand UFO Sighting Report

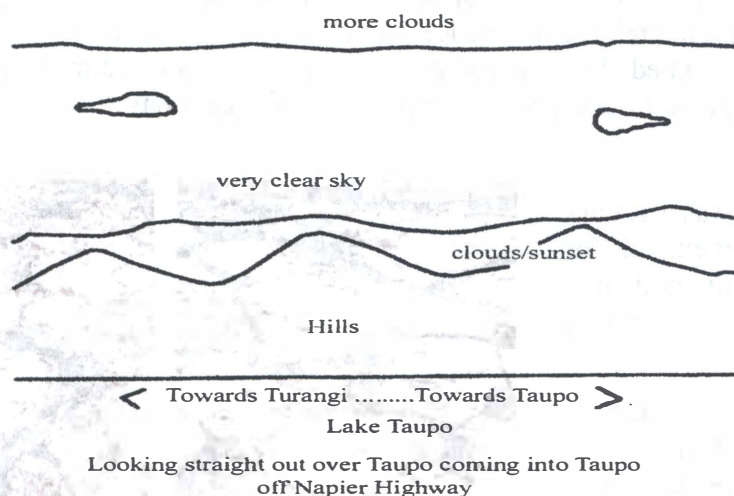
By Sue Hatten Date: 8 February 2005 Time: 8pm Place: Taupo, North Island, New Zealand

Description: The witnesses, 'Sharon', her mother, and sister, were traveling by car approaching the lakefront in the city of Taupo, arriving from the Napier-Taupo Highway. Being Summer, it was still light, with the sun was just starting to go down. The sky was generally clear, apart from two long, narrow, and clearly defined cloudbanks to the north. There was only a very slight breeze.

Sharon's sister drew their attention to an unusual shaped cloud at a low altitude. The whitish 'cloud' was rounded and thicker at one end, tapering off towards the other end like a teardrop turned on its side, or a short comet-like shape. It was in a patch of clear sky between the two layers of clouds. They then spotted another identical 'cloud' some kilometres away from the first, and realized that both the 'clouds' were actually steadily moving directly towards each other – one moving faster than the other in a north-easterly direction towards Taupo, and the other in a southwesterly direction towards the ski resort town of Turangi. Each 'cloud' was moving horizontally, with the rounded end facing forwards, and a short tail behind. Apart from the two distant cloudbanks, there were no other clouds in the sky in that area. They were moving at a speed that was not consistent with the calm weather at the time.

The women quickly stopped the car on the Taupo lakefront and used binoculars to observe the 'clouds' more closely. They were able to see a dark shape or object slightly protruding from the rounded front of each 'cloud'. The 'clouds' continued moving slowly across the sky towards one another until one was directly above the other over Lake Taupo. They both hovered stationary in that position for a few seconds. From their place of observation the women described the clouds as being, "...very close to each other, almost touching – only a tiny gap (visible) between them". The clouds surrounding the objects did not change size or shape and remained well-defined. The 'cloud' or object moving towards the township of Taupo then began to move off quite quickly and within a few seconds just seemed to suddenly disappear or dematerialize from sight, which the witnesses thought was unusual, considering it was traveling towards them and should have remained visible for some time. The trio observed the other 'cloud' or object for a couple more minutes as it headed steadily away southwest, before it eventually disappeared from view. No sound of aircraft was heard throughout the sighting as one of the 'clouds' approached the observers.

The three women were at a loss to explain what they had just seen, but they believed that they had seen two unusual objects performing in such a way that was not typical of either aircraft or normal clouds.



New Zealand UFO Sighting Report

Date: Thursday 23 February 2006 Time: Approx. 11pm Place: Tauranga, New Zealand

Description: The witness to the sighting is a 26 year old male saw-mill operator. The sighting occurred when he was walking home along Cameron Road, between 10th and 11th Avenues, having visited friends.

It was a warm, still evening. The sky was very clear and cloudless, and there were many stars visible. The witness had occasionally been glancing at the sky to admire the stars as he was walking.

Some movement of light caught his eye, and he saw three bright lights approaching in the sky above the city buildings. They were in a triangular formation, moving from south to north at an estimated 80 kms/hr. The lights looked strange, as although they were bright, they were not diffusive or radiating light. They appeared oval in shape from a distance, but the witness saw that they were circular when they came closer. The formation appeared to be very low – below 500 feet, but despite this, the witness could not make out any form or outline of an object. His initial thought was that it was an aircraft, however he realized that there was no sound at all.

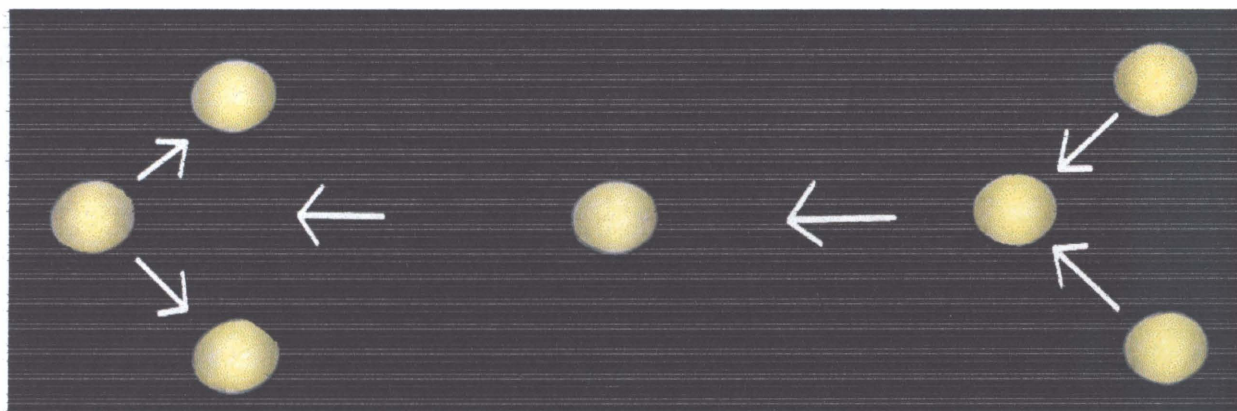
As the lights approached, he saw that they were large, circular, and bright yellow/white. He described them as being, "Like bright dinner plates - flat, not sending out a beam or glow of light, but still extremely bright." The formation was "bigger than a car, but smaller than a house." He became apprehensive when the lights changed configuration as they came closer and passed overhead. The two rear lights moved forwards diagonally, and merged with the leading light briefly becoming one, before moving back to the triangular formation. The witness said, "It was quick – and you could see an 'after-blur' of the movement."

He watched the lights continue silently on their course repeating this pattern, until they were no longer visible. He stated he had felt both excited and apprehensive at the same time.

Hamilton Air Traffic Control informed UFOCUS NZ that there were no scheduled aircraft in the Tauranga area at that time and date. Both Tauranga and Rotorua airports were closed for the night at that time. However an unofficial source informed us that there might have been SAS manoeuvres in the area at that time, possibly in conjunction with the airforce. Following enquiries with Whenuapai Operations, we were told that there were no military aircraft in the area at that time and date. SAS manoeuvres took place in the area in following weeks.

North

South



The triangular formation of lights moved in a northerly direction. The rear two lights merged with the lead light becoming one, then returned to the triangular configuration. This pattern was repeated as the lights moved across the sky.

Source: Sue Hansen, UFOCUS NZ network. E-mail: ufocusnz@xtra.co.nz

Website: <http://www.ufocusnz.org.nz>

Flying Triangles Over Derby: The Nuclear Connection

By Daniel Wilson (Ohio, USA)

During the middle 1990's many Flying Triangles were seen near the city of Derby in the United Kingdom, some 110 miles NNW of London. This was well documented by Omar Fowler of the Phenomena Research Association in his *Flying Triangle Mystery*.

Approximately 30 miles to the north of Derby is the city of Sheffield. It was near here on March 24, 1997 that a major Flying Triangle incident occurred with the possible crash of a RAF Tornado fighter jet during a chase of a Flying Triangle. This was well researched by Max Burns and documented in *The Sheffield Incident Parts 1,2,and 3, A Flying Triangle Incident*.

My concern here is the many reports of Flying Triangles (FT's) at and near the city of Derby. Over the last several years there have been many reports of FT's near Nuclear Power Stations such as Sizewell and Bradwell east of London. I just had a hunch that there was a major nuclear facility at Derby and hence the many sightings of FT's. I did a little research on the internet and did find a major one time secret nuclear facility in the city of Derby. It is the Rolls-Royce Raynesway plant that processes radioactive material for the Trident Submarine.

What happens at Rolls-Royce Raynesway ? Source: <http://www.derby.peacepages.co.uk/rr.html>

- The RRR designs, supplies and supports all the Pressurised Water Reactor (PWR) systems and equipment which power the Royal Navy's submarines, including Trident. They have supplied all the Royal Navy's nuclear submarine reactors for 50 years.
- There are 2 licensed nuclear sites at RRR – the manufacturing plant and also the Neptune test reactor.
- Elements are made at the manufacturing site with enriched uranium and zircaloy. These are assembled into core modules with other elements manufactured from burnable poisons.
- Control rods used to control the reactor reactivity and to shut the reactor down are also manufactured here.
- The plant also manufactures steel components for control rod mechanisms, valves and other specialist components.
- The Neptune low power test reactor is used to check that the fuel reactivity is as intended in the design

Regulation and Waste Disposal

- Regulation is done by the NII (Nuclear Installations Inspectorate). Inspections are quarterly and there is an annual demonstration exercise to test the emergency arrangements – the most recent test exercises showed what they call “learning points” although they were satisfied that RRR would have coped had the incidents been real.
- Liquid and gaseous discharges from the plant are authorised by the Environment Agency, and RRR admits that they cannot entirely prevent radioactive emissions to air and water.

Nuclear waste is allowed to be disposed of

In gas to the atmosphere

In water to the sewer By incineration at Hythe and Leeds

In solid and liquid form to Drigg

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Solid waste used to go to the Rolls Royce licensed disposal site at Crich, but no longer does, its final destination is now Drigg, which is close to being full

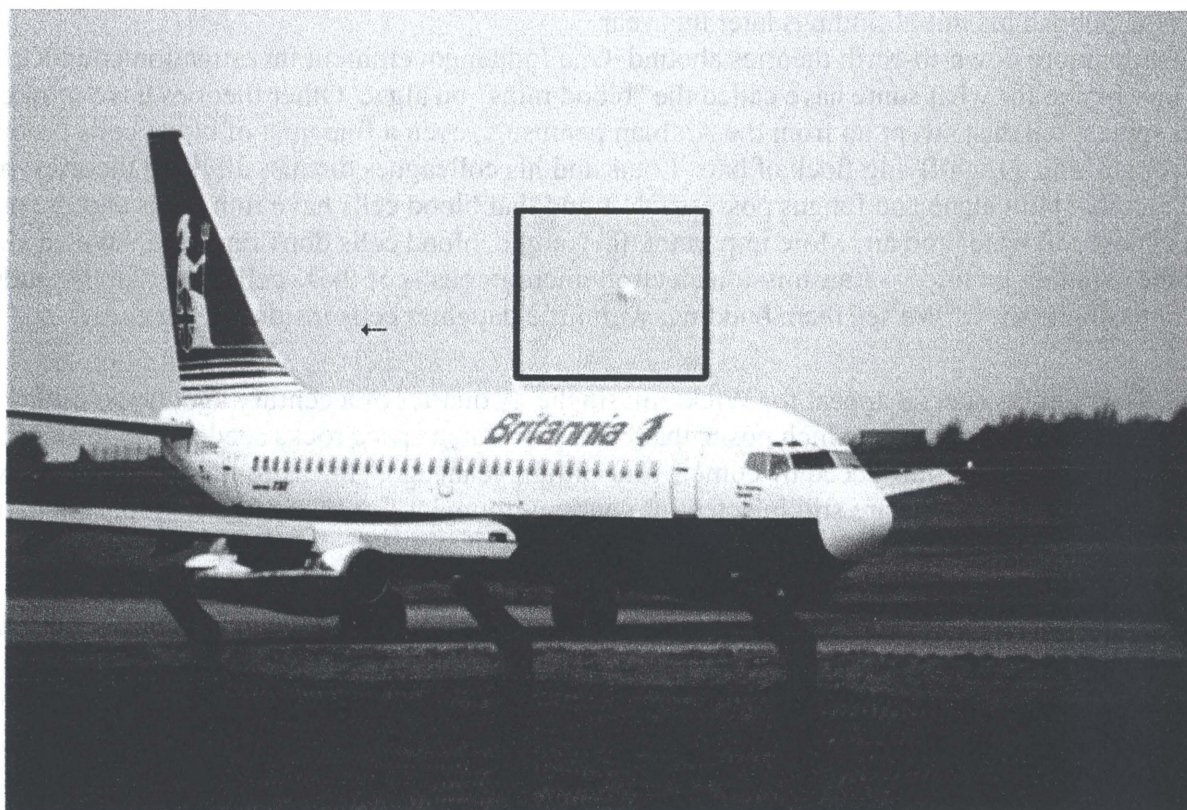
- One of the biggest areas of high level waste production by RRR is the radioactive nuclear reactors themselves when they reach the end of their life, and as with civil nuclear reactors, there is no effective disposal mechanism in existence.
- The venting of irradiated Tritium and Carbon 14 from the Trident submarines into Plymouth Sound, and a nuclear accident in a waste site at Dounreay some years ago, are both associated with RR.

EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT UFO

By Anthony James

Over the last few months I've been scanning in my old sets of photo's, enlarging them and then saving them to disc. I recently scanned this image in and was amazed at what I've just noticed. Just in front of the tail is what to me looks like a sphere. I took 5 photographs of this airliner at EMA and this is the only one with this sphere in the picture.

According to my log the photo was taken during my first visit to the airport on 31st January 1988. It was the first of 5 pictures taken that day at the airport. I have not checked the negative yet but I'm sure the sphere will be on there. The picture was taken on either 100 or 200 ASA film (to be confirmed) with a Chinnon Prinzflex 35mm camera. Everything about this camera was manual except a light meter which showed me that I had the correct exposure.



The Mysterious Object - note the light and shadow, consistent with the general scene.

Mysterious red cells might be aliens

By Jebediah Reed

Scientists have yet to identify these unusual red particles. As bizarre as it may seem, the sample jars brimming with cloudy, reddish rainwater in Godfrey Louis's laboratory in southern India may hold, well, aliens.

In April, Louis, a solid-state physicist at Mahatma Gandhi University, published a paper in the prestigious peer-reviewed journal *Astrophysics and Space Science* in which he hypothesizes that the samples -- water taken from the mysterious blood-coloured showers that fell sporadically across Louis's home state of Kerala in the summer of 2001 -- contain microbes from outer space.

Specifically, Louis has isolated strange, thick-walled, red-tinted cell-like structures about 10 microns in size. Stranger still, dozens of his experiments suggest that the particles may lack DNA yet still reproduce plentifully, even in water superheated to nearly 600 degrees Fahrenheit. (The known upper limit for life in water is about 250 degrees Fahrenheit.)

So how to explain them? Louis speculates that the particles could be extraterrestrial bacteria adapted to the harsh conditions of space and that the microbes hitched a ride on a comet or meteorite that later broke apart in the upper atmosphere and mixed with rain clouds above India.

If his theory proves correct, the cells would be the first confirmed evidence of alien life and, as such, could yield tantalizing new clues to the origins of life on Earth.

Last winter, Louis sent some of his samples to astronomer Chandra Wickramasinghe and his colleagues at Cardiff University in Wales, who are now attempting to replicate his experiments; Wickramasinghe expects to publish his initial findings later this year.

Meanwhile, more down-to-earth theories abound. One Indian government investigation conducted in 2001 lays blame for what some have called the "blood rains" on algae. Other theories have implicated fungal spores, red dust swept up from the Arabian peninsula, even a fine mist of blood cells produced by a meteor striking a high-flying flock of bats. Louis and his colleagues dismiss all these theories, pointing to the fact that both algae and fungus possess DNA and that blood cells have thin walls and die quickly when exposed to water and air. More important, they argue, blood cells don't replicate. "We've already got some stunning pictures -- transmission electron micrographs -- of these cells sliced in the middle," Wickramasinghe says. "We see them budding, with little daughter cells inside the big cells."

Louis's theory holds special appeal for Wickramasinghe. A quarter of a century ago, he co-authored the modern theory of panspermia, which posits that bacteria-riddled space rocks seeded life on Earth. "If it's true that life was introduced by comets four billion years ago," the astronomer says, "one would expect that microorganisms are still injected into our environment from time to time. This could be one of those events."

The next significant step, explains University of Sheffield microbiologist Milton Wainwright, who is part of another British team now studying Louis's samples, is to confirm whether the cells truly lack DNA. So far, one preliminary DNA test has come back positive. "Life as we know it must contain DNA, or it's not life," he says. "But even if this organism proves to be an anomaly, the absence of DNA wouldn't necessarily mean it's extraterrestrial."

Louis and Wickramasinghe are planning further experiments to test the cells for specific carbon isotopes. If the results fall outside the norms for life on Earth, it would be powerful new evidence for Louis's idea, of which even Louis himself remains skeptical.

The Evening Sky July 2006

Right smack in the middle of summer the Earth is actually at its furthest distance from the Sun for the whole year. On July 4, at precisely 00:08 the Earth will be at a distance of ninety-four and-a-half million miles from the Sun (aphelion).

On July 20, the Sun moves from the star constellation of Gemini and crosses the border into Cancer. Throughout July, from around midnight, the star constellations of Sagittarius, Aquila, Lyra and Cygnus are visible in the southern sky.

Mercury will not be visible during July, as it lies too close to the Sun. However, the planet Venus as a 'morning star' becomes more favourable during July as the angle of the ecliptic with the horizon increases, so for most of the month it will be rising about two hours before the Sun. On the morning of July 23, a thin waning crescent Moon joins Venus in the morning sky producing a mystical conjunction in the twilight of dawn.

The ecliptic is the apparent path of the Sun's annual motion among the fixed stars when viewed from Earth. The zodiac is an imaginary band nine degrees either side of the ecliptic which forms the background to the motions of the Moon and planets.

Mars is still an 'evening star' travelling eastwards through the constellation of Cancer into Leo. Unfortunately, the low angle of the ecliptic in the western sky conspires with evening twilight and the faintness of Mars, to render observation of the planet very difficult.

Jupiter is the only other visible planet in the evening sky. Jupiter's retrograde motion against the stars on the Libra / Virgo border ends on July 6, after which Jupiter begins to move eastwards again. Saturn is lost in twilight during July and will not be seen.

Full Moon occurs on the morning of July 11, very low down in the constellation of Sagittarius. The minor meteor shower Delta Aquarids takes place during this month peaking on July 26, when around 10 shooting stars per hour may be seen.

Even though we do not have many hours of darkness at this time of year we can observe the sky at any time. There is always something interesting to see: changing cloud formations, colourful twilights, the Sun rising and setting. The sky offers us one of the greatest shows on Earth, is free, available all of the time, can lift our spirits and makes us forget all about our earthly troubles.

At this time, all night observation sessions are wonderful after a late evening barbeque. Lie on a sun-bed overnight and let the magic of the night sky drift by overhead. Remember to use insect repellent unless you enjoy being eaten alive by midges.

If you have access to a pool, lie in the shallow end intermittently to cool down. Do join me any night this month and experience the enchantment and Zen-like calmness of the patterns, rhythms, circles and cycles of the season, nature and the cosmos.

Enjoy Your Evening Sky!

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TALE ENDERS**LEONARD G. CRAMP DIES.**

We have recently been informed of the death of the well known British scientist, engineer and veteran UFO researcher Leonard G. Cramp. Mr. Cramp passed away quietly at his home on the Isle of Wight on June 7th aged 86. Leonard was the author of 'Space Gravity and the Flying Saucer' (1954) and a prominent speaker in the early days of BUFORA.

CHINA INVESTS IN UFO RESEARCH

While China is now reported to be spending a whopping \$20 million on a UFO Research Center, Mainstream American Media and Universities laugh at the phenomenon. Are we making a grave mistake by ignoring the significance of UFO technology? Because the next country who manages to perfect anti-gravity and UFO propulsion will be King of Airspace on this planet. http://english.people.com.cn/200512/06/eng20051206_225935.html

GOLDEN OBJECT HOVERS (From the 'Filers Files')

STAFFORDSHIRE – On June 31, 2006, thirty minutes after midnight, we saw what we thought was a plane on fire, but then it stopped and hovered. We then thought it was a helicopter with full lights on, but there was no noise. It was a couple of miles away and was quite low. It looked like it was hovering over Cannock Chase Forest. It was large and round and very bright and a golden orange, almost copper. After a few minutes it moved slowly a mile to our left at the same height. After a further few minutes it started to rise straight up until it could no longer be seen. The same night my partner was walking on his own across Cannock Chase at 1:30 AM, and came to a clearing in the trees where there is usually deer. Something caught his eye and he looked up and saw green lasers being fired in the sky. Not from earth, but as though two or three crafts very high up were firing them at each other. Thanks to Brian Vike.

THE HILLY ROSE RADIO SHOW

Your Editor took part in the 1 hour 'Fate Magazines' Hilly Rose Radio Show recorded on Monday 12th June. The programme was linked by phone to the studios in San Francisco where it is broadcast on line in Sunday features (6 million 'hits'). The discussion mainly featured the 'FT' craft and their history.

ASTEROID IS THREATENING THE EARTH! (From the Daily Mail 26-6-06)

Scientists are hatching a plan to divert an asteroid that they fear will hit the Earth with devastating impact in 30 years. The asteroid-named Apophis-could hit the Earth with a force equal to 880 million tons of TNT and 65,000 times greater than the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

The odds of the chunk of rock actually striking the planet on April 13, 2036, are only 6,250, but experts believe the risk is too great to ignore.

The Americans have ordered their space agency NASA to investigate how to nudge or blast Apophis into a different orbit within 20 years!

America's B612 foundation, which aims to defend Earth from asteroid impacts, last year warned U.S. Congress about the threat.

NEXT PRA MEETING

All meetings through 2006 will take place at the Royal British Legion, Allenton, Derby, commencing 8pm. generally on the last Tuesday of the month. Next meeting Tuesday **July 25th**.

New Video presentation: **'UFO Phenomenon: The Mystery Revealed'** (An excellent documentary)
Plus free UFO book raffle, Non-members welcome (£1 on the night)

Coming Soon: **August 29th - A Presentation by Andrew Johnson: "Skylines & Cloudbusters"**
(A lecture on Weather, Chemtrails and Orgone Energy)

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