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# US astronaut Neil Armstrong dies, first man on Moon

26 August 2012: US astronaut Neil Armstrong, the first man on the Moon, has died aged 82. He was the commander of the Apollo 11 spacecraft. More than 500 million TV viewers around the world watched its touchdown on the lunar surface.



He set foot on the Moon on 20 July 1969, famously describing the event as "one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind".

US President Barack Obama said Armstrong was "among the greatest of American heroes - not just of his time, but of all time".

Last November he received the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest US civilian award.

Armstrong and fellow astronaut Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin spent nearly three hours walking on the moon, collecting samples, conducting experiments and taking photographs.

"The sights were simply magnificent, beyond any visual experience that I had ever been exposed to," Armstrong once said

Apollo 11 was Armstrong's last space mission. In 1971, he left the US space agency Nasa to teach aerospace engineering.

Born in 1930 and raised in Ohio, Armstrong took his first flight aged six with his father and formed a lifelong passion for flying.

He flew Navy fighter jets during the Korean War in the 1950s, and joined the US space programme in 1962.

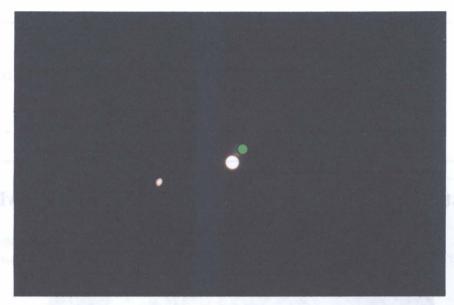
Correspondents say Armstrong remained modest and never allowed himself to be caught up in the glamour of space exploration.

"I am, and ever will be, a white-socks, pocket-protector, nerdy engineer," he said in February 2000, in a rare public appearance.

In a statement, his family praised him as a "reluctant American hero" who had "served his nation proudly, as a navy fighter pilot, test pilot, and astronaut". He died from complications from heart surgery he had earlier this month.

ED: What is now just a memory for those that watched the Moon landing on TV, was pure science fiction when I was a youngster!

### 'LITS' NEWS FROM SOUTH AFRICA



Supplied photo, with green light enhanced. From Dave Harvey UFO Investigator S.A.

I have been told of a UFO sighting late last night (Thursday 30th August 2012) in the Amanzimtoti area south of Durban, South Africa. (ED: The 'Citizen News' also reported that green lights had been seen over Alexandra township, Jo'burg.)

I have attached a picture which was sent to me & understand there are more. The green object next to the moon witnessed by at least 2 people was seen to be moving above, below & left to right of the Moon. The smaller bright object to the left of the Moon wasn't visible to the eye when the picture was taken.

Kind Regards, Dave

# Local UFO Sighting, Alvaston, Derby 20th August.

From Mr C. Harris

I was in my garden in Alvaston, Derby on Monday 20th August at approx. 10.45pm.

I was watching a plane very high in the sky heading north west when I saw something else moving between the stars.

What I saw was 5 white lights in a chevron shape, heading north east.

The two outer lights and the middle one were larger than the other two inner ones.

They suddenly disappeared after going between two stars in a darker part of the sky.

I kept looking but I never saw it reappear.

Height, I couldn't tell, but if what I was watching was as high as the plane, then it would have been about six times longer and well over 15-16 times wider.

What made it worse was that I had a camcorder in my hand and never thought of switching it on!

# Meteor Event Over The UK

An astronomical event was seen widely over the UK at around 11.15pm on Monday 27th August, when a large glowing light was seen passing rapidly across the sky.

This was believed to be a meteor and was reported on the radio news bulletins from witnesses across the country. There were no reports of any pieces of the meteorite falling in built up areas.

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#### THE FINAL SCORE:

# UFO's 1 M.O.D. 0

Britain visited by one UFO a month but MoD rules they pose no threat.

By Richard Gray 9:00AM BST 19 Aug 2012

The Ministry of Defence will no longer investigate UFO sightings after ruling there is "no evidence" they pose a threat to the UK despite a senior aviation official admitting the country is visited by one unidentified flying object a month.

It is official at last: Britain is not at risk from Unidentified Flying Objects: Those who have long feared an invasion from Mars or further afield, can relax—at least that is, if they believe the Ministry of Defence.

An end has been ordered to all investigations of Unidentified Flying Objects or UFO's, after the ministry rules they do not pose a threat to the nation's security.

It comes as the head of UK Air Traffic Control admitted that the country is visited by around one unidentified flying object a month. Asked on the BBC 4's 'Today' programme about the existence of UFO's, Mr Deakin confirmed that they were still being seen by his staff.

He said "Occasionally there are objects identified that do not conform to normal traffic patterns. It does not occupy a huge amount of my time. There are approximately one a month."

Yet despite this, the MoD insists it will no longer investigate.

There follows, a selection from the MOD archives:

**UFOlogists** File **DEFE 24/1984/1** (p294) contains a 1996 Parliamentary Question from Martin Redmond MP asking on how many occasions MI6 and GCHQ have monitored UFO investigations. This was interpreted to mean 'have the agencies been keeping watch on UFOlogists.' A background briefing says "neither agency in fact undertakes such activity, though GCHQ cannot rule out the possibility" they had monitored "in other contexts individuals who have made a study of UFOs". The MP was told the government do not comment on the intelligence and security agencies (p298).

File **DEFE 24/1987/1** (p262-65) reveals that in 1997 Special Branch took an interest in a UFOlogist who became obsessed with rumours of a secret UFO facility beneath RAF Rudloe Manor in Wiltshire. The base had become known as the British equivalent of the secret US military airbase 'Area 51' among conspiracy theorists. An internal note said "Special Branch...do not believe he poses a specific threat to security, but they are alert to the risk that others may use him as a conduit for their activities".

'Welsh Triangle' and silver-suited spacemen (DEFE 24/2043/1 p31-48) A spate of UFO and alien sightings in West Wales during 1977 led to tabloid headlines linking the region with the infamous Bermuda Triangle.

The local MP, Nicholas Edwards, said he was "inundated" with reports from constituents and asked MoD to investigate. He received a letter from the proprietor a local hotel who claimed she saw a dome-shaped object land "like the moon falling down" behind the hotel.

Two tall silver-suited "faceless humanoids" emerged and began "making measurements". She told her MP she was left in a state of shock. MoD asked the RAF police to make "discreet enquiries" in the area and sent an officer from RAF Brawdy to interview the woman. He suspected a practical joker was at work in the area and noted that a silver protective suit used in nearby oil refineries had been on display in a shop window at Haverfordwest shortly before the 'spacemen' were seen.

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#### **UFO** sightings and reports

'Men in Black' visitation (DEFE24/2089/1 p471) A member of the public from Spalding, Lincolnshire who had reported a UFO encounter to police, later went on to receive a late night visit from three tall men dressed in black suits who "seemed to move silently", according to a friend who witnessed the visit whilst hiding in the downstairs toilet. The men apparently broke in through the back door, before entering the bedroom of the UFO witness and having a conversation, the content of which was not overheard. The "petrified" friend locked himself in the toilet until "men in black" left in a black Jaguar soon afterwards. When asked afterwards, the UFO witness did not recall seeing any "men in black" or encountering a UFO in the first place.

**Sighting by RAF pilot 1958 (DEFE 24/2080/1** p160) RAF Air Commodore (Intelligence) Hugh Anthony Caillard, in a 1978 memo to the Defence Intelligence Staff, says "I have never dismissed UFOs as a figment of imagination and during some 5,000 hours of flying."

"I have on one occasion seen an object, at the time (in 1958) I was flying across the [United] States at about 40,000 feet when I saw a brightly illuminated object greatly in excess of my altitude...at the time the civilian jet airliner had not had its debut and I reported the phenomena to an air traffic control. reporting centre. They accepted my observation as if were something quite routine!"

Alien Abduction in Scotland (DEFE 31/189/1 p360-61) A report submitted to MoD in August 1992 by two men described a UFO seen over the A70 which "dropped a curtain of light across the road". The men later underwent regression hypnosis and an alien abduction story emerged. This story is the basis of a feature film to be released later this year.

### US hypersonic spyplane 'Aurora' (?)

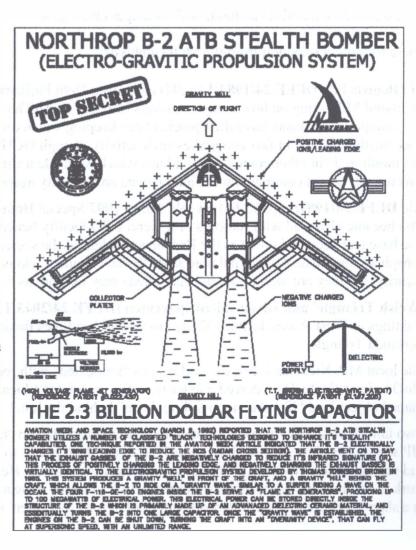
The report contained references to a study of unexplained fatal accidents involving RAF aircraft over a 30 year period (DEFE 24/2090/1 p80).

Some concern was expressed about a possible link to the crash of a Chinook helicopter on Mull of Kintyre in 1994 that some conspiracy theorists had linked to UFOs and/or the movements of the mysterious US hypersonic spyplane code-named Aurora (**DEFE** 24 2090/1 p126).

Aurora and rumours about US black project aircraft flying in UK airspace were the subject of Parliamentary Questions by MPs Martin Redmond and George Foulkes in 1992.

These followed reports published by *The Scotsman* and *Janes's Defence* that Aurora was flying from RAF Machrihanish on the Kintyre peninsula. The Parliamentary Question file responds to reports of unexplained aircraft on air traffic control radar and mysterious sonic booms.

Publicly MoD said they had no knowledge of the existence of Aurora but a background briefing (**DEFE 24/2061/1** p1265) says UFO Desk Officers would "not be surprised if it did exist".



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# British Civil Aviation Authority Highly Interested In Pilots' UFO Sightings

(Published 28/8/2012

Despite the fact the UK's Ministry of Defense officially <u>ended its UFO investigations in 2009</u>, it appears that the British Civil Aviation Authority decided -- unbeknownst to the public -- to continue collecting reports that involved UFOs with possible flight safety issues.

"They were only interested in sightings that definitely had a bearing on aircraft or flight safety, and were no longer interested in reports from the public, who'd seen things in the sky and reported them to the Civil Aviation Authority," said <u>David Clarke</u>, the official UK National Archives consultant and a journalism lecturer at Sheffield Hallam University.

Clarke, seen at right, told the Huffington Post that the Civil Aviation Authority -- a different government department from the MoD -- kept separate records of UFO cases, "not only by the aircrew, themselves, but also anything unusual that was seen by air traffic controllers on the ground at airports."

Through the filing of Freedom of Information requests, Clarke found that the Royal Air Force specifically requested any UFO reports submitted to the Department of Transport would no longer be forwarded to the MoD.



The RAF specifically states that "members of the public who make such reports are not encouraged to believe an investigation will take place."

It's now known that British air traffic controllers have been receiving UFO reports on almost a regular basis.

# UK pilots have reported a number of chilling near-misses with UFOs.

One incident involved David Hastings, a British pilot pictured below, who, along with his co-pilot, David Paterson, was flying a Cessna Skymaster plane over the Mojave Desert in America on Sept. 9, 1985.

"We were sitting there enjoying the sunshine when we both suddenly saw this speck out on the horizon at our 12 o'clock position," Hastings told HuffPost.

"This speck suddenly grew extremely quickly until we saw this huge shadow go over the top of us," he recounted. "But the most amazing thing about it was there was no noise and absolutely no movement or turbulence at all."

"We looked at each other, saying, 'What the hell was that?' "



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Hastings walked to the back of the plane, grabbed his camera and returned to the cockpit where he snapped two pictures out the window. All he was able to see in the camera viewfinder was the left wing of the plane and the ground below.

It was only after they returned to San Francisco and got the pictures developed that they knew they'd encountered something extraordinary.

"One picture showed what we expected to see -- the aircraft wing and the ground," said Hastings. "But in the second one, there was this [cigar-shaped] thing. We were both convinced that it was not a manmade object."

"Several pilots have seen UFOs in England, so it didn't surprise me, but I was surprised that we actually

got a picture of it."

Hastings recalls that, although he wasn't frightened by the object, he was mostly concerned about the initial encounter with it and the possibility of a mid-air collision.

No hoax was ever determined in this case, which remains unexplained to this day.

Why do aviation officials avoid talking about UFOs? In the UK, Clarke suggests it's something that could result in bad publicity.



"Don't forget, this is a commercial operation and the aircrew are very reluctant to file a report because the airline companies don't want them answering questions about things that aren't part of the corporate image."

#### Examples of other well known UFO reports.:

#### **UFO Over Holloman Base**

An unidentified flying object was photographed by a government employee over the Holloman Air Development Center in New Mexico in 1964. Conspiracy theorists have claimed the photo is proof that the U.S. government has been in contact with aliens.

Roswell America's most infamous UFO case centers in Roswell, N.M. Some people claimed an alien spacecraft crashed there in 1947; the military said it was a weather balloon.

Roswell dummies The Air Force issued "The Roswell Report" in 1997. Countering claims that aliens were recovered at the New Mexico site, the report said military officials picked up 200-pound dummies, that were used in an experiment.

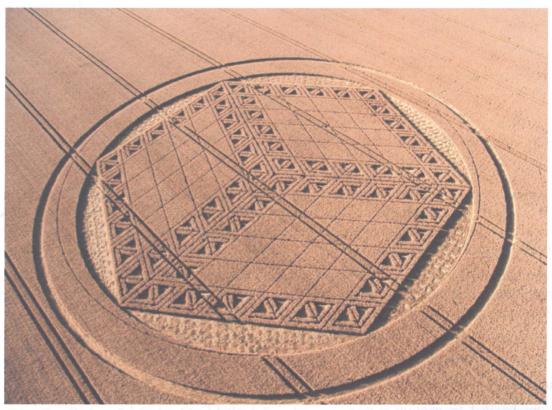
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### ANOTHER COMPLEX CROP CIRCLE: THE MYSTERY CONTINUES

Hackpen Hill (3), nr Broad Hinton. Wiltshire. Reported 26th August.

Experience and explore the mystery



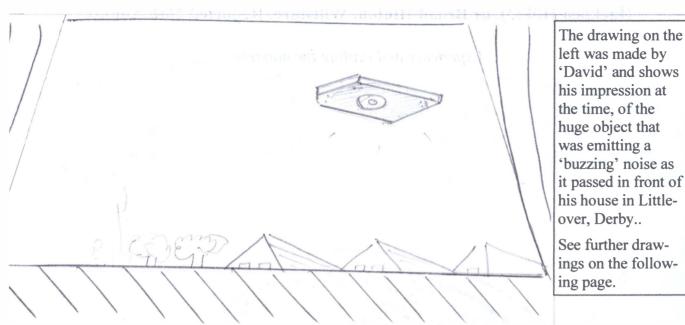


Mr Farmer Hussey said they will leave the Crop Circle (Hackpen 3) there for another 2 weeks for people to visit it and combine around it!



http://www.cropcircleconnector.com/2012/hackpenhill3/hackpenhill2012c.html

### LITTLEOVER WITNESS RECOUNTS UFO SIGHTING FROM THE 80's



'David' kindly contacted us recently and gave the PRA details of his disturbing UFO experience.

First of all we should draw attention to the fact that the Littleover area of Derby has been a continual source of UFO reports over several years. Whether this could be explained by some kind of dimensional 'portal' can only be speculated, but there have been several prominent incidents in that area of the city and a number of them at low altitude.

It does appear that rather than accept that all UFO's have travelled through hyper-space or whatever, it seems for more likely that their existence is inter-dimensional and that they can appear and disappear into another dimension as required.

The huge size of the craft seen by David is not uncommon and similar craft have been observed through past years. A typical case that took place in Surrey in 1980 is detailed on the following page.

#### Meanwhile David's recollection of his encounter is given below:

Here is a more detailed description of what happened and what I saw when I was a boy and since then is even today as clear in my mind as if it were last week!

At the time I must have been about 6.8 years old living with my parents in Havenbaulk Lane, Littleover, Derby. It must have been round about 1980-1982.

I was asleep in my bedroom when I heard a very loud buzzing noise coming from outside, this noise was so loud that both my sisters heard this and my parents. It must have been about 02:00-04:00 in the morning

As I was curious to what this noise was I opened my curtains and looked out my bedroom window.

What I then saw is still clear in my mind today and feel very privileged to have seen something like that.

It was just floating there outside my window across an open field beyond some other houses, (Please see above, picture from bedroom window).

The shape I saw was very clear to see, also was clear were lights on the edges, not quite sure now but I think red, white, yellow, maybe even blue.

The noise it was making was a deep loud buzzing noise, it must have been only a few seconds in my life when I just stared at it, before I ran into my parents room shouting and screaming what I had just seen!

By the time a got my parents to look out my window it had gone. (Continued on next page)

That morning I could not sleep and I was just trying to explain what I had seen and also drew pictures of how it looked.

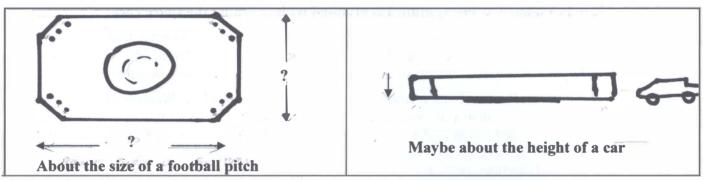
Both my sisters and parents told me after that they were so scared that they were just hiding underneath their covers, and we even mention it to each other to this day!

What also was very strange was that a friend of my sister who lived on the same Lane also said she had seen something and also described it in the same way I did, A rectangle shape with the corners chopped off.

I had also heard from my parents at the time that it was in the Derby evening Telegraph, and also two work man, or off duty police man saw something at the same sort of time.

To this day I have never found any other description to match mine and the fact that the noise was so loud that no other eyewitness saw this!\*

\* ED: This peculiarity of no other witnesses coming forward after such an event, has been referred to by Jenny Randles, the author and UFO researcher, as the 'OZ' factor. The strange isolation that surrounds such a UFO event, when for instance, the traffic on a busy road ceases and there are no other witnesses seen in the vicinity



"Maybe you could help me explain this, or has there been a sighting like mine before?

I would love to know if there has been any other sightings like mine and if you have any information where I could look I would be very interested."

#### A3 Cobham Incident 17/9/80 0030Hrs.

Two customs officers, en route from London Airport to Portsmouth were travelling in a car when they noticed a brilliant light in the sky. As they drew closer towards the light, it became obvious that the light was not one light, but two lights close together.

They pulled over to a lay-by, stopped the car and turned the engine off and jumped out of the car to look at the slowly approaching object.

It was possible to see other lights associated with the object, there was a red one on one side and a green on the other, similar to an aircrafts light pattern (and other UFO's ED.).

The illuminated object did not go up or down, but continued on a level plane, it then passed over the witnesses, moving at a very slow speed and a height of only a few hundred feet.

There was no sound and witness, Mr Johnstone stated "it was absolutely massive, you could almost feel the weight behind it, like watching a large liner moving slowly, you have that feeling of immense power. I reckon it was at least 200ft long, judging by the distance between the lights."

"The object had no 'glow' about it, but it was possible to judge the shape by the light pattern."

The main impression made on the two witnesses was the immense size of the object as it passed overhead.

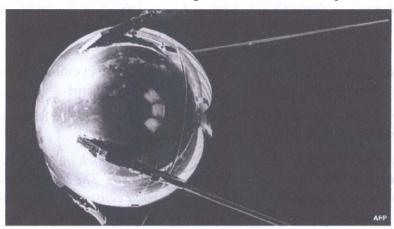
The object was finally lost from sight as it passed over a nearby hill.

The witnesses subsequently reported the incident to Epsom Police Station.

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# RAF leader sought evidence of Highland Sputnik crash

By Steven McKenzie BBC Scotland Highlands and Islands reporter 18 July 2012



#### Russia's launch of the Sputnik 1 is credited with sparking the space race

A former RAF Kinloss Mountain Rescue Team leader has told how he sought evidence that a Russian satellite crashed in the Highlands 50 years ago. David "Heavy" Whalley was intrigued by a story from the 1960s that a shepherd found the remains of a Sputnik on a moor above Ardgay in Sutherland.

An RAF Kinloss Mountain Rescue Team member sent to the scene later told Mr Whalley of finding unusual debris. Team members involved were allegedly told to "keep quiet" about it. After becoming Kinloss's rescue team leader in the late 1980s, Mr Whalley tried to find a record of the search in the team's logs. He believes the information was deliberately suppressed.

Sputniks were a series of satellites built and launched by the former Soviet Union.

The first was launched in 1957 and was the first man-made satellite to orbit the Earth.

The achievement has been widely credited with starting the space race between Russia and the US. In 1962, a shepherd reported finding wreckage from a Sputnik in the hills above Ardgay. An RAF Kinloss Mountain Rescue Team member sent to the scene later told Mr Whalley of finding unusual debris.

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The late Jack Baines, an experienced climber who later became an RAF Kinloss MRT leader, was among military searchers sent to investigate.

For the first time, Mr Whalley has revealed publicly that he looked for records of what they recovered. He said: "They found various bits and pieces.

"They included a part with Russian and pictures on it explaining what to do if the satellite was found crashed, and that a reward would be given for its return."

"Jack said the team were told to keep quiet about what they found."

"When he told me the story I first thought it was an urban myth, but he convinced me and I believe they definitely found a crashed Sputnik."

Mr Whalley added: "There is no incident report, or mention in the team archives, as I checked when I became the team leader in the late 80s."

The story of the crash is recalled in a section of Frank Card's 1993 book 'Whensoever', which marked 50 years of RAF mountain rescue.

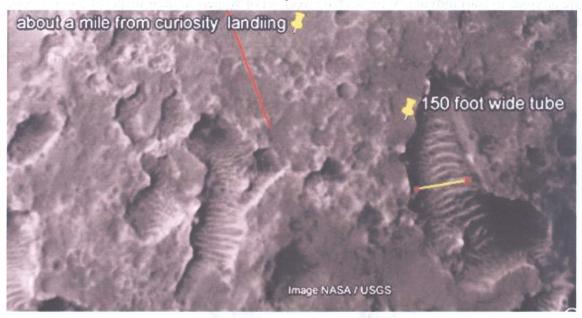
<u>In an interview with the BBC</u>, David Whalley - who led the Kinloss team from the late 80s - said he tried to follow up the story but was met with dead ends.

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### MARS NEWS!

(From 'Filers Files #35 2012)

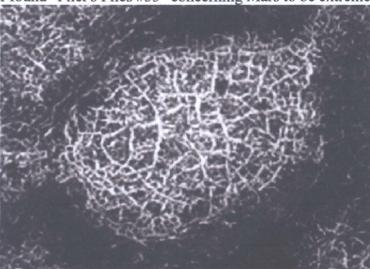
Mars Curiosity Lands near Tube



Subject: Dr. Richard Buchli D.V.M. Ph.D. write, "An 150 foot wide tube -less than a mile from Curiosity Land Rover."

The \$2.5 billion robotic explorer, the centerpiece of the Mars Science Laboratory mission, landed on the Red Planet August 5, beginning a two-year trek around Mars' Gale Crater. Curiosity probably doesn't have smarts to find Mars signs of life. Curiosity could find organics, but a new set of instruments are likely needed to find 'biomarkers'. Fortunately macrobiotic life was found by both Viking Landers in 1976.

I found "Filer's Files #33" concerning Mars to be extremely interesting. However, not for any reason



you might think. This deals with the photographs of those supposed Martian ROADS, BRIDGES, ETC. I seriously doubt that what we are seeing in those photographs are ROADS, BRIDGES, ETC.

Don't get me wrong, I am now CERTAIN there IS or WAS LIFE ON MARS. I believe what we're seeing in that photograph is nothing less than a FUNGAL COLONY. As you know, fungal growth of the mycelium (root like structures) has no set pattern; the mycelium grow in ALL directions, even growing OVER and UNDER other MYCE-LIUM which IS what I believe you and I are

seeing in these series of photographs.

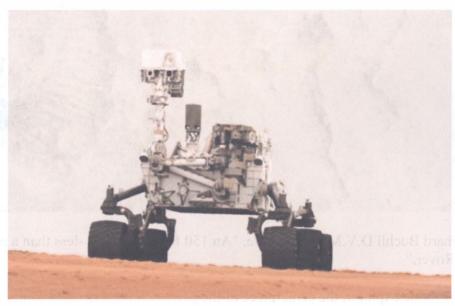
The living body of the fungus is a mycelium made out of a web of tiny filaments called hyphae. The mycelium is usually hidden in the soil, in wood, or another food source. These white road like objects are about 150 feet wide and miles long. Its obvious something unusual is shown in the NASA/JPL photos.

Me personally, I would NOT remove my environment suit while on Mars! --- Thanks to J.T. Davenport

# Where Will Curiosity Go First?

**August 17, 2012:** By now it's old news that NASA's new Mars rover Curiosity is resting safely on the surface of Red Planet after a daredevil landing that had the nation holding its breath. Now, mission scientists are anxious to start moving. With such a sweet set of wheels at their disposal and the "open road" before them, just where will they go first?

"We won't have to travel far for excitement," says project scientist John Grotzinger. "We landed in the best possible place within the landing ellipse -- the bottom of an alluvial fan."



"An alluvial fan is a pattern of sedimentary rocks, dirt, and sand deposited by flowing water – in this case, perhaps an ancient Martian river. Since life as we know it requires liquid water, this is an excellent first place to search for clues of a Mars that was once hospitable to life."

"The alluvial fan indicates that water flowed across the surface, so we'll head downhill to where water might have collected. We'll be looking for minerals like salts that might tell us where water has been. It's kind of like a scavenger hunt with minerals as clues."

After that, Grotzinger says it's "full-speed ahead" to the base of Mount Sharp, a 5000-meter tall mountain that holds within its ancient layers possible clues to life on the Red Planet.

"We'll have to make a deal with ourselves not to stop too often along the way. Mount Sharp is the reason we chose this landing site, so we need to high-tail it on over there." Deputy Program Manager Richard Cook describes the temptation to stop along the way: "It'll be like taking a family vacation, but instead of the family you have 400 scientists who want to stop and look at every sight." Curiosity is bristling with instruments custom-made to look for the chemical building blocks of life. A laser on Curiosity's mast can take aim at interesting rocks and vaporize small spots on them from up to 7 meters away. The micro-blasts produce plasma clouds, and the scientists can examine the light reflected off these clouds to learn what the rocks are made of. The mast also sports a high-resolution camera called Mastcam, which has already begun observing and photographing the rover's surroundings.

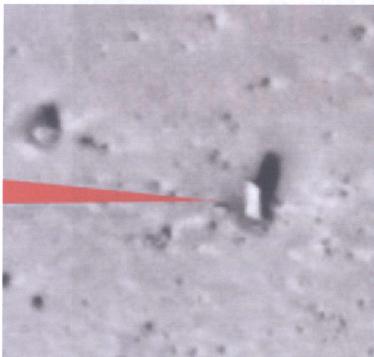
Ultimately samples will be delivered to a pair of onboard laboratory instruments. One of them, SAM, short for Sample Analysis at Mars, will explore the Red Planet by 'sniffing' the air, bird-dog style. It has vents that open to the atmosphere to detect gases like methane. SAM can also 'sniff' the gases released by rock or soil samples it heats in its own oven.

Grotzinger makes just one guarantee: "In the coming months and years, Curiosity will tell us an incredible story."

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# Mars Rectangular Monolith Boulder

Amateur stargazers have discovered an intriguing object jutting out from the surface of Mars.



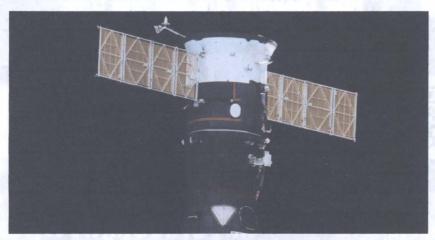
The seemingly perfectly rectangular, upright structure, found in NASA images of the Red Planet, bears a striking resemblance to the monoliths planted on Earth and the moon by aliens in the classic sci-fi film "2001: A Space Odyssey."

The object in question was first spotted several years ago after being photographed by the HiRISE camera onboard the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, a NASA space probe; every so often, it garners renewed interest on the Internet.

But is it unnatural — a beacon erected by aliens for mysterious reasons, and even more mysteriously paralleled in the imaginations of Stanley Kubrick and Arthur C. Clarke, creators of "2001"? Or is this rock the work of nature?

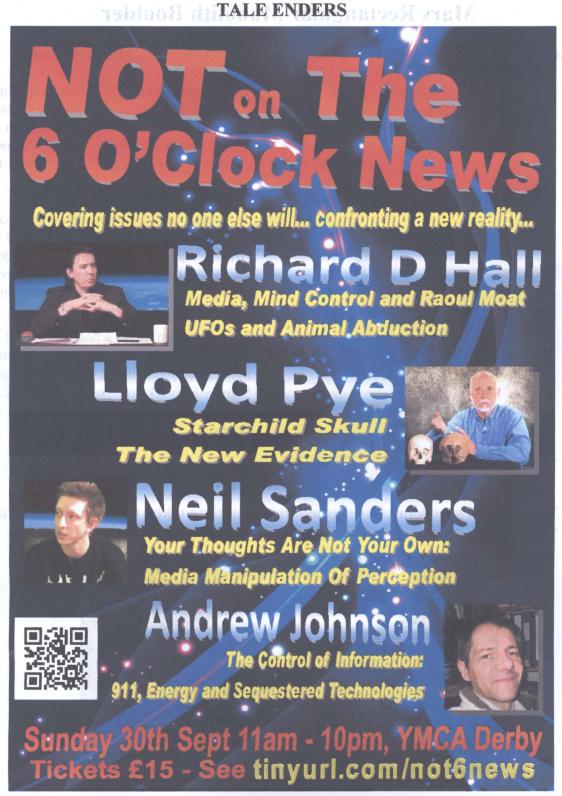
#### **SPEEDY 'PROGESS'**

2/8/2012 A Russian spacecraft has slashed the usual time taken to reach the International Space Station. The achievement has set a new record for future missions.



Six hours was all it took for the ISS to welcome its newest guest, fresh from its Earthly takeoff. Using a new approach maneuver, the unmanned Russian spacecraft 'Progress' docked at the ISS slightly ahead of schedule.

The reason for its speedy ascent was that it took only four orbits to reach the ISS, located around 350 kilometers (220 miles) above the earth, instead of the usual 34. That trip usually takes around two days, so astronauts are hopeful this new approach can be used in future manned Soyuz capsules, cutting the time taken for the rendezvous.



#### **NEXT PRA MEETING**

At the Royal British Legion, Allenton, Derby, (DE24 9AF) at 8pm on Tuesday 25th Sept. There will be an illustrated Presentation by Ben Holmes

'A Brief History of UFO's'.

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