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Know Your Magazine

SKYLOOK was first published in September 1967. Your editor also became the publisher in 1969 and SKYLOOK has been published monthly since that time.

In May 1969 the Midwest UFO Network was organized and SKYLOOK was proud to be named its official publication in July.

You do not have to be a member of MUFON to subscribe to SKYLOOK; but if you are a member, you'll find the best way to keep up with the organization's plans and progress is by reading Director Walter H. Andrus' "Message" in each issue along with the "Organization Notes."

SKYLOOK is staffed by and for adults. Our policy has always been to tell it as it is, and we make every effort to separate fact from fantasy. We invite UFO reports from our readers, as well as from our regular staff and MUFON members. We give credit for material used, but will not use your name if you prefer anonymity.

SKYLOOK is in the mail around the 27th of the month preceding the date of issue --and the deadline for copy for next month's issue is always the 20th of this month. Please send in your material as early as possible, as we hold open only two pages for the morning mail of the 20th.

Material for SKYLOOK should be mailed to the editor. Enquiries re MUFON should be directed to Walter H. Andrus (addresses on this page).

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The Field Investigator's Manual --guidelines, techniques and suggestions on how to conduct UFO sighting interview, investigation, filing reports, reporting forms, aids, charts etc. Price: \$1.50 to MUFON members; \$2.00 to non-members, USA and Canada; outside, \$2.75. Order from Midwest UFO Network, Inc., 40 Christopher Court, Quincy, Ill., 62301.
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Anyone interested in UFOs should add these books to their library. Highly recommended by your editor.

A Message From Your Director

During August police officers in western Kansas had reason to believe that UFO "flaps" do follow a five-year cycle. As we all remember, the largest recorded flap to hit the United States in modern history started on August 1, 1965, in Oklahoma, spreading to most of southwestern and western states. During July and August, Wisconsin had a lively rash of UFO sightings reported by Police officials and citizens.

The effectiveness of the Midwest UFO Network as an investigating and reporting organization may be measured directly in relation to one of our over-all objectives. In Wisconsin, State Director Ron Anderson, along with State-Section Directors and Field Investigators, interviewed witnesses, conducted investigations, and forwarded their reports and newspaper clippings to MUFON and SKYLOOK.

On the other hand, we did not have Field Investigators in north-west Kansas when the first newspaper reports on the wire services started arriving. Joe Brill personally wrote to all of the newspapers around Hays, Kansas, seeking their assistance. Both reporters and editors of the many newspapers in the area accepted the challenge and supplied the information which you will read in SKYLOOK. Your Director has contacted each of the people who displayed a sincere interest in the UFO phenomenon with the goal of securing new Field Investigators and State-Section Directors in those counties in which we do not have representation.

As State Director for Nebraska, Elmer Kral is going to be prepared for the next flap to visit the Corn husker State, by having trained personnel in every county. Elmer is pleased to announce the appointment of Paul J. Kelley, 217 South Seventh Street, Albion, Nebraska 68620, to the position of State-Section Director for Boone and Nance counties. Paul is a retired school administrator holding a Masters Degree with an additional forty hours credit. He has had specialized training in chemistry, geology and astronomy, which will be of definite aid during investigations.

Robert Smulling, State Director for Illinois, is rapidly covering each of the counties in the "Land of Lincoln." He is proud to announce that Laurence P. Rybak, 3020 - 71st St., Woodridge, Ill., 60515, has been appointed to the position of State-Section Director for DuPage and Kane counties. Larry is the Vice-President of the Art Eye Company.

Missouri led the new Field Investigators parade this month, followed by Illinois, Iowa and California.

Ted Phillips, through lectures and radio broadcasts in Kansas City, Mo., has created some very favorable publicity for MUFON, as evidenced by increased subscriptions to SKYLOOK. We are very anxious to develop an organized investigative group in Kansas City; therefore, interested persons are invited to contact Thomas H. Nicholl, 9935 High Drive, Leawood, Kansas 61206, telephone AC 913 642-9320, or his business AC 816 753-7343.

Walt Andrus
Director, MUFON

Re: Bellville UFO Sighting on Page 13: We now have a detailed report from W. J. Mills, MUFON field investigator, who interviewed the observers and believes them to be reliable witnesses. All agreed the size of the object at their closest point of observation was 50-60 feet in diameter. There is an unconfirmed report the Scott AFB had the object on radar. Sorry space doesn't permit use of Mr. Mills' full report.

90-Minute Documentary Film on UFOs to be Shown in St. Louis, Oct. 15

A rare treat is in store for everyone interested in UFOs, as the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, Inc. is pleased to announce the 90-minute Documentary Film "Unidentified Flying Objects" will be shown free of charge on Sunday, Oct. 15 at the Lemay Bank meeting room at 152 Lemay Ferry Road, Lemay, Mo.

Three showings are scheduled--2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.--so everyone will have a chance to see this documentary first released in 1956. It has never been shown on TV. It covers the early UFO era from 1948 to 1952, includes film clips of UFO "unknowns", UFO/radar cases, and other well-known cases that have made UFO history.

It will be followed by a film critique by John F. Schuessler, Director of the UFO Study Group.

You need not be a member of this group to attend the film. A warm welcome is extended to anyone interested to take advantage of this opportunity to see this unusual film.

Directions: From north St. Louis take Interstate 55 south to Germania exit, turn left to Lemay Ferry Road. From south of St. Louis take Interstate 55 north to Carondelet Blvd. exit, turn right to Lemay Ferry Road.

Could This Be Another "Snippy"?

Mrs. Eric Bluhm, an artist and journalist, of Ft. Wayne, Ind., is quick to note the unusual as a result of her training, and we have this report which could be another Snippy case.

Mr. and Mrs. Bluhm were vacationing in the west in August, this year, and on Sunday, the 13th were on an all day jeep trip with others in Canyon de Chelly. Their guide was a Navajo Indian named Johnny. On the way up to the end of Canyon de Muerte, where they were to have a box lunch, they saw a dead donkey lying in the sand. Mrs. Bluhm at once noticed the exact strip, 8 or 9 inches wide, cut from the donkey's neck about where a horse collar would rest. The strip was as even as if it had been cut by a butcher and lifted from the neck. No one else seemed to find this odd, but Mrs. Bluhm immediately thought of "Snippy" and with good reason. The donkey was bloated but Mrs. Bluhm could not venture a guess as to how long it had been dead.

During the lunch break she asked Johnny about the donkey. He shrugged and said perhaps the animal had caught itself on some barbed wire--this in spite of the fact Mr. Bluhm had seen no barbed wire in the entire area. She asked Johnny if he had ever seen any UFOs and he said he had seen "silver round things" sometimes flying above him when he was down in the canyons. Asked what he thought they were "he merely shrugged again in typical Indian fashion" and said no more. A woman in the party told Mrs. Bluhm later that Johnny's mother had reported seeing UFOs over the canyons at least twice that she knew of.

All the farms in the canyon area were Indian farms and Mrs. Bluhm says their horses are well groomed and the sheep well tended. All seem to care for their farm animals and treat them kindly, and she cannot imagine one of the Indians cutting the donkey. She saw a few wire fences, but none with barbs.

We are sure our readers are all familiar with the "Snippy" case, so no need to make all the obvious comparisons.

Thank you, Mrs. B., for a most interesting report. We'll keep in touch.

Now Hear This! A Newspaper ASKS for UFO Reports - Reporter Says People
Are Interested in UFOs - DALLAS TIMES HERALD Wants Reliable Reports

In a letter to Ye Ed from Bill Case, Aviation Writer for the Dallas Times Herald, Mr. Case points out that UFO investigators frequently mention that the metropolitan press does not publish UFO sightings.

"This isn't quite accurate," Case continues. "The Times Herald has published every UFO report we have received and cross-checked them with authorities. We certainly do not 'shy away' from them or attempt to discredit them or the reporters."

Case says they haven't received any UFO reports for more than two years and a check with the Dallas Police Department, Dallas County Sheriff's office and the Highway Patrol and Texas Rangers shows none have been received by them either.

"The public is sincerely interested in UFOs and any news of their sightings or related incidents. And the press is just as interested in receiving reliable reports from qualified reporters and observers," Case writes.

"We believe there are UFO sightings in the Dallas - North Texas area but the people making the sightings are reluctant to advise us because of a fear of ridicule. As a veteran reporter covering aviation, science and aerospace plus medicine for 30 years, we have no desire to ridicule anyone. We would, however, like to talk directly to them in order to report their sighting correctly."

Mr. Case suggests that SKYLOOK, if we think it newsworthy, inform our readers the Dallas Times Herald is looking for UFO reports, will report them as accurately as possible and protect the identity of the reporting source if they so wish. Well, we certainly DO consider it "newsworthy" and we're glad to spread the word.

Mr. Case would like to hear from all our reporters in the Dallas area and asks that they contact him personally--by mail, phone or personal visit--any time of the day or night. And here's how:--by phone--Bill Case, Aviation Writer, Dallas Times Herald, Dallas, Texas, Direct Centrex private line--Area Code 214 744-6264. By mail--Bill Case, Aviation Writer, Dallas Times Herald, P. O. Box 5445, Dallas, Texas, 75202. At home--Bill Case, 2920 Milton Ave., Dallas, Texas, 75205. Phone Area code 214 EM 3-0569.

Dome-Shaped Object May Have Been Blimp

Mr. Case (see article above) points out the dome-shaped object seen by Miss "Smith" (see Sept. SKYLOOK, page 14) may have been the Goodyear blimp "America." Case writes: "I also traveled this route at the same time on the same day. Just north of the state line I saw the Goodyear blimp 'America' off to the west about 1/2 mile."

The blimp has 2,200 individual lights on its side and for safety reasons lights a number of these in red, blue and yellow in addition to its regular rotating beacon and running lights. The blimp follows highways on which its ground crew travels in accompanying trucks etc and could appear to be "following" someone.

Case adds that the two radial aircraft engines on the blimp are small and even under "quiet" circumstances do not make much noise and very little sound would reach the ground, especially on a windy day. The "America" has often been mistakenly reported as a UFO while traveling cross country to make special appearances at fairs, festivals and centennials in addition to its aerial TV coverage of major sporting events.

Several Witnesses See Low Flying UFO Over New Hampshire - Ray Fowler, Investigator

On the night of May 13, 1972 Mr. "John Smith" said goodnight to his two sons, Don and Ron, and their friends, Bob and Bill and went inside the Smith home on Holly Hill at Canterbury, N. H. It was 9:50 p.m. E.D.T. The boys were going to "sleep out" in a partially-constructed chicken coop.

In less than 10 minutes the four frightened lads rushed indoors to tell the Smiths they had seen a strange-shaped buzzing object with a fiery exhaust which approached the chicken coop shining a bright light. The object had four strut-like legs with round pads, rectangular protrusions and silver cable-like protrusions on top and was the shape of a decahedron. [Webster defines this as "a solid figure with 10 plane surfaces." Ye Ed had to look this up and thought some of you might too.]

The Smiths left their TV program (there had been no interference) to go outside just in time to see and hear something flying over a nearby swamp. They thought it must be a helicopter altho it did not look like one. The boys were adamant that it was not a helicopter, so Mr. Smith separated the two older boys and asked them to draw a rough sketch of what they had seen. He was surprised to see both drawings were consistent and of an unconventional craft. He then reported the incident to the USAF Tracking Station at New Boston, N.H., and one of the employees contacted a UFO investigator, an associate of Ray Fowler, who conducted a telephone interview with Mr. Smith and then contacted Mr. Fowler.

In the course of his investigation, Mr. Fowler checked with the USAF Tracking Station and learned nothing had been seen on their radar screen at the time of the sighting, and also that their radars track satellites and would not pick up anything at the low altitude of the reported object.

A check was made with the FAA Air Traffic Control Center at Nashua; the FAA Air Traffic Control Tower at Manchester Airport; the FAA Concord Flight Service; Wiggins Airways at Norwood, Mass.; the USAF P.I.O. at Hanscom Field, Bedford and at Pease AFB and the Air National Guard. Replies indicated nothing unusual was seen on radar and no flights were logged in the vicinity of Holly Hill at the time of the sighting. (Holly Hill and the names of witnesses are assumed names --real names on file.)

Mr. Fowler also phoned the Canterbury Police Department to see if anyone else had reported a UFO on the 13th of May and was told no one had. The Police Chief gave Mr. Smith a good character rating as a good citizen and a personal friend.

Mr. Fowler made an appointment to interview the witnesses at the Smith home the evening of May 24th. During the telephone conversation, he asked if the boys had access to UFO literature or had shown interest in UFOs and was told they had not.

At the interviews held at the Smith home additional details re the sighting were learned. Just before Mr. Smith had left the boys at the chicken coop, located beside a barn and open to a large field on to the west, the boys asked him what the very bright star was which they called "the North Star" but he was not able to identify it. Then ten minutes later, one of the boys, who was still looking at the so-called "North Star" (actually Venus) shouted to the others that there were now two north stars out there and one was heading toward them.

The other boys sat up and looked up to see a very bright light source descending slowly toward the field from the WNW. They heard a sound coming from it and jumped out of their sleeping bags and onto the edge of the field outside to see what they thought was a helicopter coming down. One had his father's sealed-beam flashlight with him and aimed it at the object as it continued to come closer. The the object did something which seemed very strange to them. It suddenly and yet very smoothly, "like a falling, floating balloon", descended in a strange "sideways zig-zag" manner. The object abruptly slowed to a near stand still when Don actually got the beam of the flashlight on the object as it

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moved almost directly over them. It was just in these last few seconds that they saw the object was neither helicopter or normal aircraft and the sight of "it" sent them all scurrying up the dirt road to the house.

The boys described the object as decahedron in shape and flying with its forward moving side tilted at a 45 degree angle. It had 4 "pole-like" legs with "round pads" affixed to the end of each leg. A bright white light on the forward moving, or front, side seemed to turn on them and lit up the coop and the surrounding area. As it passed nearly directly over and by them, a flashing red light "like the color of a heat-lamp used to keep a chicken coop warm" was on the object's trailing side. A fiery 10-foot long exhaust poured down from the object's underside which alternately "changed colors as if they were switched from one to another." Colors remembered were purple, blue, orange, red and white. The object made a loud "grinding sound." When asked to compare this sound with something common, they all agreed that the closest sound would have been a "loud buzzing sound."

All the boys noticed that there were a number of bright silver inverted U-shaped "cable-like" things sticking into the top and around the top of the object in a mass "like hair" except the round cable-like wires were estimated to be 4" in diameter. Only Bob caught a glimpse of "suitcases" (rectangular box-like protrusions) affixed to the sides of the object. No air movement, heat or smell were noticed. The object was clearly seen and illuminated by the lights and colored exhaust. The surface of the object appeared to be a "silverish-red" and the pads on each leg seemed to be colored an "orangish-red."

The object appeared to be 150 feet overhead as it passed almost over them. Its size was estimated to be between one-two car lengths wide and one-two car lengths (cars standing on end) tall. A Dachshund slept undisturbed in the coop but their cat "took off like a bullet" during the sighting.

The Smiths confirmed they had reached outside just in time to see a slow-moving white and red flashing light moving away and low over a swamp across the road from their house. A sound, somewhat like a jet but not like a propeller of an airplane or helicopter, came from the direction of the receding object. Its outline was not seen by either of the adults. The boys, who did not want to go back outside to sleep, insisted the object was not a helicopter (as Mr. Smith suggested to them) and it was then he asked Don and Bob, the oldest boys, to draw a sketch of what they had seen. This, coupled with the unfamiliar noise and the lights he had seen, prompted Mr. Smith to phone the Tracking Station.

Mr. Fowler checked with others living in the area to see if anyone else had seen or heard anything unusual. One couple couldn't recall if they had been at home that night; another was out of the state at the time. One man said he was outside at the time but hadn't seen or heard anything unusual, but probably would have paid no attention to a plane or helicopter going over. He did remember that his wife had come out to complain about some exceptionally bad TV interference just before 10 P.M.

A Mrs. "X" said that sometime between 9 and 10 P.M. she heard a very loud jet engine and opened the bathroom window to see what it was, but saw nothing. It seemed unusual because it suddenly died from a loud roar to nothing and did not gradually fade away as jet aircraft usually do.

A Mr. "Jones" said that he heard a loud roar like a low-flying throttled-back jet or prop bomber makes shortly before 10 P.M. and stepped outside to see what it was. He saw low-flying slow-moving lights but did not see what was carrying them. His interpretation was that it was one of the 4-engine bombers that had been flying over lately with a landing light on its nose and yellowish lights shining downward from its open bomb-bay. He had probably seen the 4-engine turbo-prop Air Search and Rescue aircraft flying a search mission for a missing private aircraft. Fowler learned the search had been called off May 13th.

Another man questioned stated that sometime after dark on the 13th of May he had noticed one red light flowing over the power lines in about due north direction.

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He thought it was a helicopter and thought no more about it until Mr. Smith told him about the sighting of the 13th.

Two young women said they were watching a movie at a drive-in theatre and both saw a strange horizontal set of little square lights (white) moving north to south between 9:45 and 10 P.M. No identification lights or actual object/aircraft was seen but they both felt it looked out-of-the-ordinary.

In checking with the boys' teachers at school and with others well acquainted with the boys and their parents, including a minister who had visited the Smiths to ask about the sighting, the concensus was that the boys and Mr. and Mrs. Smith described what they actually saw and would not lie or have any part in perpetrating a hoax. Mr. Fowler's personal conclusions, after the many interviews, concurs.

An interesting paragraph in his summation of the case is: "There is a rough similarity of the reported UFO to the Apollo Lunar Module and had I not examined this incident personally, I could easily have dismissed the incident as a case of over-imaginative boys exaggerating as a helicopter flew over and giving it a lunar Module description. The description certainly does not fit the typical oval or cylindrical UFO usually reported although it is possible that the object was in actuality in the shape of a top which certainly has been reported in the past. They all alluded to an "edge" or "rim" that went around the object. Both a decahedron and top would exhibit such. The multi-colored exhaust and the "falling-leaf" descent also are typical characteristics of UFOs. One can only speculate what such an object was doing. It would appear that it was going to land, perhaps somewhere in the swamp it was heading over."

And he concludes, "My evaluation of the Holly Hill sighting on the Smith property is that it represents a UFO in the 'Significant Unknown' category."

Editor's Note: This was written from Mr. Fowler's 36-page report of his investigation of this most interesting case. His report is a model of excellent investigating--had space permitted we would have used every word. We hope we have succeeded in getting all the salient facts in this condensed version. We certainly look forward to more UFO reports from Mr. Fowler, who resides in Wenham, Massachusetts.

Kirksville, Mo. Woman Reports Bright Silver UFO

Mrs. Howard E. Gross, of Kirksville, Mo., had been to the family farm about 14 miles northwest of Kirksville and was returning to the city on Route 149 when she sighted a UFO at 7:30 P.M. She told police she was rounding a curve on the road about 8 miles from Kirksville when she saw a bright silvery light through the trees. Continuing to drive very slowly, Mrs. Gross watched the object she described as a "bright silver ball."

"It hovered in one spot and suddenly bounced to another," she said. "I saw it in about five different locations before it vanished from sight."

Interviewed by Walter H. Andrus, Mrs. Gross said the object appeared in the southeast and was under observation about a minute and a half. She compared the size to that of a child's kite. The sky was overcast at 5,000 feet, with visibility at 11 miles.

State Highway employees report UFOs

On Aug. 26 an employee of the Missouri State Highway Department observed a round yellow light traveling at a high rate of speed from west to east, west of Jefferson City. On Sept. 13 another employee at Sedalia, Mo., reported seeing a round orange light, much brighter and larger than the brightest star, traveling from west to east. Credit: Ted Phillips

Car Died as "Thing" Neared, Wisconsin Driver Reports

Waukesha, Wis.--Greg Faltersack, 18, told the police he was driving along a lonely country road surrounded by mist and woods when he saw "the thing."

He was returning home on a familiar route to nearby Sussex after visiting his girl friend. It was about 2:30 a.m. on August 21, 1972.

Suddenly the electrical system in the 1963 Plymouth went dead. Faltersack braked, skidded nearly 25 feet across the road and halted on a shoulder.

The night was hazy, but he had no difficulty seeing what he described as a large, orange, circular object 20 to 30 feet in diameter hovering at tree-top level.

After about 10 seconds, he told authorities, the object made a strange "beeping" noise, and took off into the sky and out of view.

Faltersack then could start the car, but the lights, horn and radio wouldn't work. He drove home and called the Waukesha County Sheriff's office.

Two deputies questioned Faltersack, a restaurant manager who is planning to join the Air Force. His sister, Mrs. Lenore Hildebrandt, said the lawmen were "serious."

The deputies found that all the auto fuses had been blown and that the car had become overheated. They found the skid marks at the scene and noted the trees were about 40 feet high.

Their report described Faltersack as "stone cold sober," and "extremely upset and nervous, unable even to light a cigarette."

Sgt. Herman Sprung said, "Faltersack hadn't been drinking and we're not discounting this as a hoax."

He added that Brown County Sheriff's deputies earlier this summer reported sighting a similar object.

Sgt. Charles Hughlett of the Sheriff's office speculated that the foggy condition may have created strange reflections.

"But I talked to Faltersack on the phone and he was pretty shook up. He certainly saw something," Hughlett said.

Source: "Arkansas Gazette," "Racine Journal Time" and other press reports. Credit: Lou Farish, John T. Clossey, Galen Hardrath, Francis J. Reich.

More Reports from Wisconsin

The July 29, 1972 issue of the "Sheboygan Press" reported that unidentified flying objects were sighted in Shawano, Waupaca, Outagamie and Brown Counties of eastern Wisconsin early that morning.

A Shawano County officer described the object sighted there as appearing bright orange and about the size of a volleyball from a distance of two or three miles and a height of 800 feet. He said it followed a zig-zag pattern across the sky. It was reported seen at Gresham, Caroline and Pella in Shawano County and Clintonville, Waupaca and Embarrass in Waupaca County.

A spokesman for the National Weather Service office in Milwaukee said the description of the object "was a great description of a weather balloon," but he said he did not know if one was aloft in the area where the sightings occurred.

Dale Gaddis, Federal Aviation Administration controller at Austin-Straubel Field in Green Bay said he knew of no weather balloon aloft in the area where the sightings were made. Credit: Leonard W. Sturm and Mark Hall.

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Richard E. Krause, 33, Police Chief of Gresham, was interviewed by our MUFON representative, Ronald M. Anderson. Chief Krause received a call from the Shawano Sheriffs' Department that a UFO was sighted south of Gresham and he sighted the object at 2:15 a.m. in a clear sky with a few light clouds. The orange-colored object was moving to the southwest and looked "like the glow of a cigaret at night." He put the spotlight of his car on the object, and it disappeared. It was in view for nearly 45 minutes and he tried to get some pictures of the object but none turned out.

He received a second call at 3 a.m. and spotted an object coming out of the northeast. It was much brighter--"like a bright light" and he again tried to get some pictures, but failed. He watched the object until 4 a.m. when clouds came in and it was lost to view.

Chief Krause also reported seeing an unidentified bright light in the sky moving from the southeast to the northwest about 2:30 a.m. on June 23 of this year. A faint beam seemed to come from the rear of the object. Krause had his German shepherd with him and said the dog usually sits in the back of the car and looks out the window--but this time the dog lay on the floor of the car and whimpered. As he was driving along the road, keeping the object in view, he noticed five other dogs, all cowering and acting strangely.

A woman called in to report seeing this light at tree top level. She said it had a high pitched tone and was heading toward Gresham. The mail plane out of Green Bay came within 50 yards of the object, which then disappeared.

Another sighting was made by Chief Krause at 11 p.m. July 25th. He saw a round ball, the size of a basketball "going through a white channel" in the sky north of Gresham. It was very bright, and he thought it might be the northern lights; but there was a "white glob" just to its right and when he reached for his camera, the ball went into the "glob" and disappeared. As the ball moved through a white curving "channel" it was followed by waves of pink and yellow bands of light.

Ronald Anderson also obtained a report from Sgt. Dennis Kussman, a traffic officer on duty the morning of July 29th. Sgt. Kussman and two other officers were working on a radar detail on Highway 45 between Marion and Clintonville when they received calls from the Shawano County Sheriffs' Department and the Waupaca Traffic Police, stating an object was being observed and asking if they could see it.

The three officers got into one car and headed northwest on 45 toward Tigerton. About 4 miles south at the intersection of county road "M" and 45, one of the officers spotted an object just above the trees to the east. It was a very bright light, yellowish in color, and he stated he had never seen anything like it before. He said the closest he could come to describing it was to compare it to a parachute flare.

The object was observed through field glasses and no outline could be seen although several red and green lights were observed behind the main light. They turned a spotlight on the object which "went out" and stayed out five minutes or more, then reappeared. It looked like a very distant star, but then became very bright and back to its original size and appearance. The spotlight was turned on the object again, and again it "went out" and then reappeared.

It was at this time they received a call from the Clintonville Police Department, stating that an orange-colored object was being observed east of the city. The officers talked back and forth and it appeared two different objects were being observed.

Mr. Anderson notes there is a swamp 20 miles long and 5 miles wide in the area where the objects were spotted.

Editor's Note: The Spanish reports were sent to Mr. Phillips by Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, president of the Committee for the Study of Unidentified Flying Objects, Valencia, Spain, and they were translated by Dr. and Mrs. Willard Armstrong, of St. Louis. Mrs. Armstrong (Carol) is a member of the SKYLOOK staff.

Provisional Report on the Incident at Moron DeLa Frontera
11 May 1970, 3 a.m. Manual Osuna reporting.

On May 18 we were in Moron, interviewing the local group of students of the UFO phenomenon. Don Luis Camacho Moreno, director of "Youth Radio," delivered to us a report form duly filled out.

According to the collected evidence the events occurred as follows: Some tenant farmers from the farm "Rancho del Maestro Oliva," several kilometers from Moron and not far from the joint Base, could hear about three in the morning three deafening explosions, from the "Casila Gordillo," (name of one of them) situated some 500 meters from the place of the traces. On the morning of Monday, May 11, they found in their fields of sunflowers (raised for oil), two strange and very complex tracks. The sight of such tracks in connection with the explosions during the night, led them to go to the Headquarters of the Civil Guard. The lieutenant inspected the place and decided that it was a matter of markings caused by electric discharges from some storm. Thus decided, he ordered that the affected parts be plowed up and that the affair not be mentioned again. But the farmers later went to the agricultural extension service, seeking some indemnity. The experts of the service carried out a technical inspection and took samples of soil and of plants. And apparently they communicated the case to the appropriate Ministry. It appears that was the way by which the press, radio and television in Madrid found out about the event. In consequence some agencies of the press dispatched reporters to the place. Up to Wednesday, May 13, the local UFO students did not come and the reporter transmitted a brief dispatch to the newspapers in Seville. When we had arrived, the area affected had been plowed up; however one supposes that the tracks themselves were in part respected.

The traces were composed of the following elements:

1. Two central holes, 6 cm. in diameter and 35 cm. in depth, separated between themselves by some 15 cm.
2. Flattening of a circular zone of 30 cm., surrounding the aforementioned holes.
3. Five entrances in the ground around the flattened area which, united by a straight line, would form a regular pentagon, and whose circumscribed circle would have a diameter of 1.1 meters.
4. These five entrances in the ground, with an inclination of 30 degrees, are each divided in two tunnels, as though produced by a perforating instrument in the form of a pitchfork.
5. A surrounding zone, of some 25 meters diameter, where the small sunflower plants are found affected by radial blasts.
6. This surrounding zone extends to a circumference tangent to the zone of another track in total equal to the first.

Our examination of samples: a) A portion of the interior wall of one of the tunnels. It presents an aspect of coal, rough and dull on the outside, and brilliant and polished within, which perhaps could not correspond to the metallic nature of the forked object which made the hole, and where with a magnifying glass, can be observed granules of metallic sheen, which would reveal the class of metal of the forked object. b) Two plants examined, of some 10 cm.

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in height, can be observed in a general way: Roots intact; leaves, somewhat fleshy, green, retaining their true form; stem, naturally cylindrical, laminated and with the color which it acquires when the plant has reached full maturity. c) They tell us that some of the affected plants had bloomed, indicating a possible acceleration of the normal biological process. d) They assure us that after the affected zones had been plowed, new concentric rings, and always in radiating lines, of plants continued slowly showing identical symptoms of a moribund nature.

By various ways samples were sent to centers for study in Seville. For our part we began endeavors to secure for ourselves a reliable scientific examination of these different samples which we have held in our hands.

Note: A second article translated by the Armstrongs "The Mystery of the Baked Earth at Moron" (CAMPO, Sevilla, No. 338, May 1970) reviews the case and includes an interview with Don Juan Pomares, Chief Engineer of the Bureau of Agronomy. We quote his final conclusions:

"1. We discard the possibility that the injuries of the plants might have been from a sickness characteristic of them.

"2. The damages caused have been from exterior effects which were produced in a fortuitous and isolated manner on May 11, more damages not having been produced since the said day in which were discovered the tracks and the injured plants. Nor will the disorder continue being extended through any other part of the sector.

"3. Everything that happened at the Rancho del Maestro Oliva is not usual in agriculture. Nor do we believe that there might be another similar case. For had there been some agricultural disease, it would have spread and would have been discovered.

"4. If this phenomenon had been a disease characteristic of the plants, the technicians of the Agronomy Bureau would have continued the investigations."

Orange UFO Sighted in Chicago Suburbs

Chicago Daily News, Aug. 11, 1972 - A football-shaped object that glowed orange and hovered over the ground was sighted by motorists early today in the areas of Bensenville, Lombard and Oak Brook.

State Police in Elgin, the DuPage County sheriff's office and suburban police departments reported receiving telephone calls concerning the strange sight.

One caller said he was driving in Ill. Hwy. 83 near Irving Park Road in Bensenville when he saw the strange object. "It was shaped like a football and had a rim around it," he said. "It was about 50 feet long and windowless." He said it continued to pulsate colors, first a bright orange, then lighter orange, then gray and then bright orange again.

The motorist said the object was only 60 feet off the ground and about 200 feet away from him. After about 15 seconds, he said, it flew over his car and disappeared. He added that when it moved it made no noise and left no smoke.

Other motorists in the vicinity got out of their cars to look at the object, the motorist said. The sightings all seem to have occurred between 5:30 and 6 a.m.

Credit: Thomas E. Miller.

A special Welcome to all our new readers from the Kansas City, Mo.-Kans. area. And do send us your UFO reports. Ye Ed.

Missouri Sightings in August Reported to Ted Phillips

August 7: The witness found a ring in which plants had died over night on her farm near Liberty. The ring, an almost perfect circle 7 to 8 feet in diameter, was coated with a dark oily substance which became a blue-white powder when heated by the sun. A sample of the powder is being analysed, and results should be available in the very near future. As of this writing, no UFO was reported at the site.

August 26: Mrs. T. S. and a companion observed a large, bright red object hovering in the western sky about 30 degrees above the horizon at 10:30 p.m. The women went indoors and when they looked again at 11 p.m., the object had disappeared. Mrs. S. stated the object appeared larger and brighter than Venus. It did not pulsate.

August 27: T. D., a resident of Sedalia, reported seeing a bright yellow sphere moving from east to west at a very slow rate of speed about 1:30 to 2:00 a.m. The witness held a quarter at arms length to determine the object's diameter. It would have had an apparent diameter at least 10 times that of Venus. The object was observed for 10 minutes and no sound was heard and no other lights seen. The witness is familiar with various types of aircraft and is sure that he would have heard sound had the object been one. After about 10 minutes the color changed to dark red and the object gained speed, disappearing in less than 30 seconds. Another witness, who may have observed the same object, reported the observation of a bright yellow sphere at about 1:30 a.m. from a point six miles northwest of Mr. D. The object was moving slowly.

August 28: Larry Yoder, of Moberly, some 60 miles northeast of Sedalia, reported a round yellow-orange object was seen moving west to east at a low speed at about 1:35 a.m. It was observed for a minute and a half at an estimated altitude of 8,000-10,000 feet. The light was pulsating, but no sound was heard. The object changed course to a wide turn to the southeast. The sky was clear, moon and stars visible.

August 22: Mr. G. H. observed a round object as it passed over his farm home at about 10 p.m. There was no sound and the object passed from west to east at a fairly high speed. The witness could see a definite round shape with a ring of lights underneath around the outer edge. A larger yellow circular light was located at the center. The following Sunday while at church, a neighbor mentioned that he had seen an unusual object passing silently through the sky. It was then determined that they had indeed seen the same object, through separated by almost a mile. Both were amazed at the lack of sound from such a low flying object. The sightings lasted about 2 minutes, with three known observers.

Editor's Note: The August 31 edition of "The Sedalia Capitol" carried a report of the Sedalia sightings, as reported by Mr. Phillips, and added the Whiteman AFB near Sedalia said the base has no explanation for the sightings. The Air Force presently is conducting electronic tests over missile silos in which helicopters are used, but the tests are not administered at night. Also, the spokesman said, the helicopters fly at a maximum of only about 400 feet and are "quite noisy." He added that weather balloons are not used at the base.

Another Report from Moberly, Mo.

Between 2-3 a.m. August 27, Mrs. "X" was heading east on highway 24, west of Clifton Hill, Mo. As she was on an overpass in her car, she saw a large, bright, white sphere hovering in the sky to the east, with a smaller object with two red lights and two white lights beneath. Credit: Larry Yoder.

Beckemeyer Couple See Fireball Mr. and Mrs. Edward Albat, of Beckemeyer, Ill., saw a brilliant, orange fireball fall from the sky on the night of August 2nd. Mrs. Albat first saw the object from a west window and said it appeared to "mushroom" before disappearing below the tree line. (Credit: Rosetta Holmes)

Nebraska Sighting Recalled George Szatko, of St. Paul, Nebraska, was fishing from a long bridge crossing the Loup river 5 miles north of the east edge of Palmer, Nebr., about midnight in April or May of 1967. It was a calm, moonlit night and he suddenly noticed a "black cloud" moving rapidly and low down the river course. He described the cloud as a long, flattened oval, like a German loaf of bread. It passed directly overhead and made a low "whining, hissing, roaring, whistling sound." It disappeared into the east, angling slightly toward the south. No details of the "cloud" could be observed, and there were no lights. Szatko had left the car engine running to recharge the battery after using the trunk light in his fishing, and after the object passed overhead, he noticed the engine was not running. He is not sure if he had turned it off and forgotten in the excitement of observing the object--or if the engine died when the object passed overhead.

Eldon E. Ervin, of Grand Island, Nebr., who interviewed Mr. Szatko, states the observer gave a straight forward account of what he had seen and he has no doubt of his sincerity.

Couple Follows Glowing Object Miss. Karen Buck and Rick Forrler were waiting for a traffic signal to change at the intersection of Lemay Ferry and Bayless roads, Sunday, Aug. 6 at 10:10 P.M. when they observed a large white-yellow glowing object hovering overhead. After a moment the object split into two separate objects and one moved to the northeast and the other to the north. Since the young couple were heading into St. Louis on Lemay (northeast) they kept that object under observation. At the Monsanto Plant on Germania, just west of Lemay (Missouri), the object circled the smoke stack and then headed west, at which point the young people gave up the chase.

At the time the object split into two parts, it also changed color to a bright red orange on the bottom and a glowing white on the top. The width of the object was compared to the that of the smokestack, and its shape was the familiar saucer shape. The Monsanto smoke stack is 15 feet in diameter. (Credit: Bill Christian)

UFO Sighted in Belleville, Ill. Area According to reports in the Belleville, Ill. "News Democrat" and "Metro East Journal" on August 1, 1972, a UFO was sighted by four people in the Belleville area at 9:45 p.m. July 31st. John Rosenkranz of 1718 Laurette Lane, Belleville, told deputy sheriffs that he and his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rosenkranz, and another son, Danny, were driving at North 59th Street and North Belt West when they saw a lighted saucer-shaped object about 300 feet off the ground and they watched it for three or four minutes as it disappeared toward East St. Louis. Rosenkranz said the UFO was shaped like a saucer and had lights in the middle which flashed off and on. The object was yellow and had large square windows in the bottom, he said. (Credit: Walter H. Andrus)

UFO Over Ashland, Kentucky

Mr. "Smith" and his wife, of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, were in Ashland, Ky., March 4, 1972 and watched an unidentified flying object for about 15 minutes. It was a calm, clear evening, and they saw the light of about the same magnitude of brightness as Venus moving from west to east on a nearly horizontal course. At one point, the light paused, then went on and was lost to view behind a hill and roof top. It was estimated to be about 12 miles distant as it was seen to move behind power lines once. Pictures taken with a Pentax camera are being studied. Credit: Frank H. Inderwiesen)

IN OTHERS' WORDS . . . A Review of the Newsstands . . . By Lucius Farish

The various weekly tabloid papers continue to be good sources of UFO information, even if some of the material must remain questionable. The NATIONAL ENQUIRER of Sept. 17 contained five separate UFO reports which have been submitted to that paper in connection with its \$50,000 reward offer. Reports from Kansas, Canada, France (in World War II), Arkansas and Minnesota are featured. Excellent examples of UFO activity in various places at various times. MODERN PEOPLE is a fairly new tabloid and, quite frankly, I have not read it often enough to assess its reliability. The Sept. 10 issue of the paper contains an interview with a Russian skipper who told of alleged UFO activity in the Antarctic regions. If true, the material is of considerable interest and importance. The NATIONAL TATTLER for Sept. 17 featured Chicago aviation writer Peter Reich's report of the UFO he recently sighted. This same report was given in last month's SKYLOOK. The Sept. 24 TATTLER devoted considerable space to a member of the SKYLOOK staff, Joseph Brill, and his research into UFO sightings in Iron Curtain countries. Joe's regular series on this topic is well known to SKYLOOK readers and it is good to see his efforts recognized by other media. MIDNIGHT for Sept. 11 carries an "interview" with Dr. Hynek, which actually consists of excerpts from his book.

A new SAGA UFO REPORT is out from the publishers of that magazine. This is the third in a series and features reprinted UFO articles from past issues of the magazine, as well as one new article by Timothy G. Beckley. For those who have missed various SAGA UFO articles, this is a good buy--60¢ at the newsstands.

At this writing, I have not seen the October issue of SAGA but am told it contains an article on "vile vortices" (a la the much-publicized "Bermuda Triangle") scattered around the world. Ivan Sanderson is the author. An article by Hayden Hewes on the Delphos, Kansas UFO landing was scheduled for this issue.

Do you remember June 24, 1947? That, of course, was the date of Kenneth Arnold's now-historic sighting which made "flying saucers" a household word. But, do you realize the full extent of the mid-summer flap of 1947? If you do not, I can wholeheartedly recommend to you a book by Ted Bloecher entitled REPORT ON THE UFO WAVE OF 1947. This is one of those rare items in UFO literature--a true reference book. Bloecher, in his travels about the country in connection with his profession, consulted newspaper files from virtually every state in attempting to document the 1947 flap. His REPORT is filled with individual cases, charts, maps, illustrations and photographs. The late Dr. James E. McDonald contributed an Introduction and obtained additional information on significant 1947 reports. Although the book was first published some five years ago, it is as relevant today as when it was first released. Copies are available for \$5.00 each from NICAP -3535 University Blvd. West - Kensington, Md. 20795.

Timothy G. Beckley's latest opus on ufological matters is entitled MIB--ALIENS AMONG US and is available from Saucerian Books - Box 2228 Clarksburg, WV 26301 for \$2.00. It is a haphazard melange of "Men In Black" reports from widely scattered sources. Errors abound and it can be recommended only to those who collect anything and everything ufological.

Whenever a book dealing with possible UFO propulsion systems crosses my desk, I automatically think of SKYLOOK's own "spaceman"
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The following is an excerpt from the Bulgarian magazine KOSMOS, No. 7, 1967 (July). The author is Conco Rodev, of Sofia, Bulgaria. The title - "More About These Flying Saucers."

If it is necessary to classify UFO observations in Bulgaria, then from the time when the occurrence took place to the time when the material reached the printed state (middle of May), the staff would give foremost attention to the sighting in Ruse on April the 20th of this year. This flying body on the horizon was observed for more than three hours, and it was easily seen--it may be said without exaggeration--by almost the entire population of the city of Ruse. It changed its shape a number of times and also its color and direction of flight. We have at our disposal photographs which are in themselves documents of considerable interest.

The first observers saw it around 4:30 p.m. Comrades Marko Monev, Georgi Cendov, Trifon Nikolov and Boris Vasilev had a relatively powerful telescope. This was described by Dr. Georgi Cendov, Director of the Art Gallery in Ruse, who observed the body from 5:15 to 7:45 p.m. He enclosed his drawings of the observed object accompanied by the following statements: "This was the appearance of the body which was observed through our telescope which magnified it by 100 times. Through this instrument the object resembled a crystal. Its exterior had a jelly-like appearance, and it had three rib-like projections and two antennae.

"By means of the unaided eye it was not possible to see the object very clearly though its glow could be noticed. We started our observations at approximately the same time when the sun receded behind the horizon. The object was in close proximity to the moon. After a while it moved due northeast and stopped for a minute in a fixed position.

"From the very beginning the body had a white glow, but later it began to turn red. This was obviously a reflection of the setting sun which from our point of view on earth had already set. It is difficult to estimate its height, but it seemed that it was not located higher than 5 to 10 kilometers. With an unaided eye all one could see was a huge ball, while through the telescope it resembled a star."

Artist Elin Dobrev drew a diagram of the object's motions and made drawings of its changing forms. As can be seen the body changed its direction of movement twice and completely disappeared as it approached Venus. Dr. Dobrev defined its color as "a silverish glow" and "becoming or taking on a purple toward the edges." The object was leaving a purple mist behind it. One interesting detail, Dr. Dobrev also noticed was that a satellite crossed the path of the object, but while the satellite was moving rapidly and on a straight course, the movement of the object was slow, circular and with changes of direction. Another curiosity was that during the time when the object was above Ruse, strong static interference distorted the functioning of the radio sets there.

According to the information received by the Peoples Observatory the object was also observed in Panagyurische.

Since the sighting caused a genuine sensation in Ruse, the following day the local newspaper "Dunavska Pravda" (No. 95/1967) published a short article by K. Terziski, a senior physicist, entitled "An Interesting Occurrence in Ruse." The article, among other things stated the following: "• • • the object which was seen by many citizens and a few scientific workers. Observation through high-powered telescopes confirmed that the structure of the object was such as to rule out its being a balloon of any sort. Very likely it was a remnant of a rocket which had turned into an artificial earth satellite and which rotates, which accounts for its changing shape. Its glow was caused by the reflection of the light rays of the sun."

Without entering into a dispute with the author of the foregoing remarks, we
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can say that his hypothesis about the origin of the object is dubious. The object seen over Ruse could not have been a satellite. The unusually long time during which the object remained on the horizon and the irregularity of its course effectively render this hypothesis in the highest measure extremely unlikely.

Editor's Note: Mr. Brill sent us the photographs which we are unable to use in SKYLOOK at this time. They clearly show a white, cone-shaped object against a black sky.

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John F. Schuessler. Such is the case with Leonard G. Cramp's fascinating work PIECE FOR A JIGSAW. John, of course, is an aerospace engineer, so I hope to get his learned opinions on the theories put forth by Cramp. Until that time, let me quote from a letter which I received from Cramp, in which he discusses his book: ". . . in a word, it says this to the reader, 'Don't bother about the arithmetic if you would rather not, but please look at each conclusion.' For what I have tried hard to say is this--'On purely technological grounds alone, we are in a position to predict quite accurately some of the behaviorisms of such craft herein portrayed. These same behaviourisms are prodigiously evident among UFO witnesses' reports. So either we have to accept the biggest coincidence the world has ever known, or we have what amounts to virtual proof of the existence of these craft.'" To me, the above quotes are no exaggeration. Even the most non-technical reader (such as myself) will be struck by the evidence Cramp has accumulated in support of his theories. Though PIECE FOR A JIGSAW was first published in 1966, it is as timely today as when it first came off the presses. The price is approximately \$5.00; the publisher is Somerton Publishing Co., Ltd., Newport Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight, United Kingdom. Highly recommended.

Food for Thought

Lawrence R. Hanna, of St. Louis, sends us a clipping from the St. Louis POST-DISPATCH of Sept. 13 dealing with research in using laser beams to duplicate the process by which atoms are fused. If scientists are successful in bringing about nuclear fusion with lasers, it could mean almost unlimited energy, the article states.

Edward Teller, often called the father of the hydrogen bomb, says laser-fusion rockets could make the 60 million mile trip to Mars in about a week at speeds of 600 miles a second.

Editor's Note: When you think about that, it isn't so hard to believe that other and older civilizations "out there" are already traveling at "unheard of" rates of speed. A little gem to toss to your UFO-scoffing acquaintances.

Loch Ness Monster Photographed

Nothing to do with UFOs--but we like to keep up with "Nessie" and Joe Gurney sends us a clipping from the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" stating former grocer Frank Searle, has photographed the elusive Loch Ness monster. Searle, who has spent the last three years in a tent beside the loch, claims he has seen Nessie 17 times. It appeared 80 yards offshore and appeared to be about 12 feet long, he said, when he got the photograph.

And, by the way, whatever happened to Missouri Mo-Mo? A St. Louis paper recently published a picture of a 7-foot "creature" in gray fur holding an attractive young lady in his arms. Claimed to be Mo-Mo!

(Thanks, Carol)

Astronomy Notes The October Sky - Venus, which is a possible answer to a number of the recent Kansas UFO sightings, may be seen during the early morning hours, rising at 2:25 a.m. CST on Oct. 1st and at 3:30 a.m. Nov. 1st. Mars is quite near the sun, rising at 5:25 a.m. Oct. 1st and at 4:55 a.m. Nov. 1st. Jupiter may be seen during the early evening hours in the southwest and sets at 10:00 p.m. Oct. 1st and at 8:20 p.m. Nov. 1st. Saturn is visible throughout the evening as it rises at 9:30 p.m. Oct. 1st and at 7:25 p.m. Nov. 1st.--Ted Phillips.

The Constellations. Aquarius (The Water Bearer) - Acquarius is one of the oldest of the constellations. It has been represented in the mythologies of several ancient civilizations as a man pouring water from a jar. In Egypt the rainy season began when the sun rose at the same time as the stars of Aquarius. The Greeks identified Aquarius with Ganymede, who was one of the cup bearers to Jove.

Aquarius is a zodiacal constellation and it culminates at 9 p.m. on Oct. 5. In spite of its large area it does not have any very bright stars. There are many faint galaxies in the constellation. A new era called the "Age of Aquarius" got its name from this group.
--Mark Herbstritt.

National Astronomers Inc. Chairman Sees Total Solar Eclipse

Ken Steinmetz, Chairman of National Astronomers, Inc., Denver, Colorado, flew with others to Tuktoyaktuk, Canada to witness the total solar eclipse of July 10, 1972.

The flight via Pacific western Airlines from Calgary, Alberta, to the arctic eclipse site was arranged by the Calgary Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada with John Findley, of the Calgary Centennial Planetarium, in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Steinmetz, along with 81 other passengers and a crew of seven took off on schedule from the Calgary International Airport at 5:00 p.m. (M.D.T.) on Sunday, July 9 and deplaned at Inuvik about 9:00 p.m. with a brilliant sun and hordes of mosquitoes to greet them, and remained overnight as word was received the eclipse site was solidly fogged in. By 2:00 a.m. Inuvik was also fogged in, and it began to seem the trip was in vain.

However at 9:00 a.m. word came from the weather room that the fog was clearing and within an hour some of the party were airborne. Mr. and Mrs. Steinmetz were among those obliged to wait for a plane to return for them. They headed north at 12:07 and reached Tuktoyaktuk about 12:40 p.m. with less than twenty minutes to get ready.

The sun's altitude was 40° . Azimuth 145° . Mr. Steinmetz mounted the Bell & Howell Super-8 movie camera with fully extended zoom, for a continuous filming of totality. The Nikkormat 35 with a 105 mm lens was set up next. With this "We used H & W Control film, black and white but virtually grainless," Mr. Steinmetz wrote. "This was set at F-8 and I was to shoot sequential exposures beginning with 1/1000 Sec down to a 32 second shot. As it turned out, everything worked to perfection. My wife, Phyllis, shot twenty slides before, during, and after totality for basic light intensity comparisons. The sun darkened noticeably a full 10 or 12 minutes before actual second contact began. Strangely, it was almost instantly full daylight at third contact, 2 minutes and 24 seconds later. A sharp wind came up shortly after totality began although it had been a dead calm before. The temperature dropped from the 60° to a bitter chill.

"Our only available DC-3 almost at once began loading for the return to Inuvik. It was 8:15 p.m., between bouts with the ever changing fog before the last group returned to the Electra. Finally, at 8:30 p.m. we left the Arctic and were home to Calgary by midnight."

Were Kansas Sightings Weather Balloons?

It was announced on national TV news and by the Press that a Garden City, Kansas, store reported selling nearly one hundred six-foot Army surplus weather balloons. The purchasers told the owner they fill the balloons with helium or hydrogen, attach flashlights inside or outside, release them and "scare my neighbors to death."

It now seems this may account for the many UFO sightings in and about Dighton, Kansas during the month of August. We mentioned these in the September issue of SKYLOOK (pages 13-14) and since then have received many news clippings. Ye Ed takes this opportunity to thank everyone who sent us the clippings. We thought these sightings would be this month's feature story, but in view of the disclosures re the tricksters sending up weather balloons, we feel these reports now have little or no value.

It is our personal opinion that some of the first sightings may have been UFOs--and probably were-- and the resulting publicity gave the kids (at least of "kid" mentality) the idea it would be "fun" to fake it.

We hope the responsible citizens who saw and reported the unusual lights will not feel they have been made objects of ridicule. They were doing exactly what any citizen should do on seeing an unidentified flying object--report it so an investigation can follow. And the investigation which did follow resulted in the "identification."

As for the pranksters, we have just two words for you--grow up.

More Sightings at Arkansas City, Kans.

On August 25th the Arkansas City Police said an unidentified man living east of Arkansas City telephoned them that a large object was sighted over his house and over the nearby home of his father. He said the house began to shake and he went outside to see if the object was still there but it had taken off. He told the police dispatcher the object he saw shook the house and rattled dishes in a cupboard. The same night Jimmie Lambert, a cafe owner, said he watched a saucer-shaped object through binoculars about 30 minutes. He said there was a red ring around the object.

Ken Thompson, city manager and Erwin Knocke, city commissioner, described an object with flashing red lights that disappeared at a high rate of speed after about 30 minutes.

Beth Lilley, reporter for the "Arkansas City Daily Traveler", on being notified of a UFO being sighted by three police officers, drove to the top of a hill within the city limits and observed the object and took a picture of it. She described the object as being extremely large and bright, somewhat round in shape with varying lengths of apparent light rays beaming from its edges. Within a few moments, she said, a large glowing circle appeared around the object and twinkling red lights could be seen on what appeared to be the front of the object. Within two to four minutes, the bright glow seemed to be absorbed into the body of the object which then appeared to change to a triangular shape. First sighted at 4 a.m., by 7:05 a.m. it had risen so high that it appeared to be pinhead size and barely visible.

UFO or weather balloon?

Credit: Again, our thanks to the many sending in clippings on above. (Note--this page is an extra by mimeograph.--Ye Ed)

Note to Readers: SKYLOOK is now being turned out by photo offset printing--but this is an extra page from Ye Ed's personal "Monster"--the mimeograph. Our agreement with the printer is for the regular 20 pages per month--and, frankly we can't afford going beyond that.

St. Louis Women See Unusual Light

Mrs. Mildred Craft and a neighbor were sitting in the former's yard at her home on 8620 Gravois (St. Louis, Mo.) about 12:30 on the night of August 11, 1972. The sky was clear and the ladies were suddenly suprised to see a very intense red light appearing suddenly at an estimated elevation of about 300 feet and a distance of a half city block. The light was twice the size of the TV tower safety red lights (KSD tower is near by). After hovering briefly, the light "just blinked out" and was seen no more. The witnesses are well aware of the appearance and sound made by the police helicopters which patrol the area nightly and feel sure the light seen was not a helicopter. Credit: Bill Christian.

Lady Recalls Older Sighting

After hearing John F. Schuessler speak on radio station KMOX, St. Louis, Mrs. Edw. S. Madigan, 2842, Iowa, St. Louis, wrote on August 11: "Hearing you on KMOX August 10 brought to mind what I saw about 12 years ago. My husband, who was then living, and I were sitting in the back yard--I in a rodker with my feet on the steps and Hubby in a lawn chair. It was daylight and, as I rocked back and looked up, there was a flying saucer perfectly still in midair. This is how it looked / sketch of typical "saucer"?. It was lit up and something was in it, and there was a white light on top and a red light on top of it. I got excited and jumped up to get opera glasses, but it must have seen me and went straight up out of sight at a great rate of speed. I called the newspaper, and whoever answered laughed at me and I suppose thought I was spoofing or drunk. I was sober as a judge as I do not drink."

UFO Reported in Arkansas

According to the Sebastian County Sheriff's Department, an unidentified man called for a deputy to come to the area near Field's Grocery so that someone else could witness what he had seen--allegedly a flying saucer. Two unofficial observers dispatched by the Ft. Smith "Southwest Times-Record" to the scene failed to glimpse the UFO, although one of the two said there appeared to be come lightning activity in the sky.

Commercial flights had all checked in by about 9:30 p.m., the time the UFO was reported, and the only aircraft likely to have been cruising the city were private planes, if any, the airport spokesman said. The National Guard said there were no airborne night maneuvers. Credit: Lucius Farish.

Clarence O. Dargie To Speak on UFOs

Clarence O. Dargie, O'Fallon, Ill., State Section Director for MUFON, will be the guest speaker at the Carlyle, Ill. New Comers' Club on Thursday, Oct. 12 at the Hi-De-Ho Restaurant at 8:00 P.M.

Organization Notes from Around the Network

SKYLOOK is still getting requests for sample copies and/or subscriptions from the Kansas City, Mo-Kans. area since Ted Phillips appeared on the Kansas City radio (WHB) talk show on July 30th. As a result of the interest in UFOs created on that program, Mr. Phillips was invited to address the Psychical Research Society of Kansas City, August 17th, and spoke to a group of nearly 200 people. So much interest was shown in his talk on UFOs, a question and answer session following his address lasted two hours. Mr. Phillips will address the Optimist Club in Kansas City on Oct. 5th.

Allen Benz, a MUFON member and also editor of his own magazine "UFO Commentary" is stirring up interest in ufology in Twin Falls, Idaho. He was interviewed by a reporter from the "Times News" and rated a front page story in their Sunday edition August 26. On August 27 Mr. Benz did a taped interview for radio station KEEP and another for KTFI on the 28th. On Labor Day he appeared on "Party Line" a talk show on KLIX radio and will appear on KMVT-TV in a talk show, September 26th. (Subscriptions - \$2.00 per year- for UFO COMMENTARY should be mailed to the publisher, Patrick A. Huyghe, 1419 Riversedge Rd., Newport News, Va. 23606.)

George Fawcett, another MUFON member, of Mount Airy, N. C., has such a busy schedule, space doesn't permit a complete listing. In August he addressed the North Charlotte Rotary Club, the New Age Foundation in Charlotte and appeared on radio and TV programs. He has had numerous press interviews. On Oct. 3rd he will speak at the Mount Airy Kiwanis Club and on Nov. 2 will speak at the Holiday Inn in Roanoke, Va. and he probably has many more bookings as we write this. If you haven't already done so, why not send him a self-addressed stamped (16¢) envelope for his Information Sheets which list all the best sources for UFO information. Write Mr. Fawcett at 607 North Main St., Mount Airy, N. C., 27030.

We listed Stanton Friedman's lecture schedule for October in the last issue of SKYLOOK, and we'll mention his lecture on Nov. 13 at N. Texas State, at Denton Texas, at 8 P.M. he is booked through April and we'll keep you informed as we receive his speaking dates.

The UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis held their regular meeting Sept. 10 with good attendance. During the business meeting, members were reminded annual membership dues of \$3.00 were due Sept. 1st. Checks may be mailed to the treasurer, Wm. F. Christian, 758 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis, Mo., 63125. Plans were completed for showing the documentary movie on UFOs at the Oct. 15th (see announcement elsewhere in SKYLOOK) and reports were made on recent UFO sightings.

John F. Schuessler, Director of the St. Louis group and State Director for MUFON, will be making a videotape with a live studio audience for TV Channel 11, and this will be telecast on Oct. 15 on the Bill Fields' show. Everyone in the Channel 11 viewing area, mark this date on your calendar! (Sure wish we could get it in Stover.)

SKYLOOK is happy to announce that Joseph M. Brill, researcher for our series on "UFOs Behind the Iron Curtain", has agreed to become a member of the staff, thus making "official" the unofficial position he has held for some time. Mr. Brill, a bachelor (as we go to Press!) lives in Chicago and has been interested in UFOs since 1966. He is also a Civil War buff and enjoys working with stereo components. He is a Field Investigator for MUFON and was one of the speakers at the 1972 Conference. We're proud to add Joe's name to our fine staff which, we firmly believe, is second to none in ufological fields of publication.

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