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From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Wed, 30 Jun 2010 18:23:52 -0400
Archived: Thu, 01 Jul 2010 07:01:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Gravity Anomalies

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 30 Jun 2010 09:19:15 -0700 (GMT-07:00)
>Subject: Gravity Anomalies

<snip>

>As you can see, it looks like there's 'low gravity' in
>Canada (Hudson Bay), the coast of California, from the
>Bahamas down to Suriname (maybe including Puerto Rico)
>and an intense low-gravity area centered on Sri Lanka but
>extending north to the Himalayas.

>While the strongest 'high-gravity' areas are a) Northern
>Atlantic between Europe and Newfoundland, and b) all of Papua
>New Guinea and easterly as far as Fiji. Ray

Hmmm... I wonder if this proposed 'binding force indicator',
claimed to detect geographical areas of 'reduced binding force'
in materials, would also indicate low binding force in those
areas of low gravity?

<http://amasci.com/freenrg/bindet.html>

Eleanor White

Listen to 'Strange Days... Indeed' - The PodCast

At:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/sdi/program/>

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Thu, 01 Jul 2010 07:48:03 -0400
Archived: Thu, 01 Jul 2010 07:48:03 -0400
Subject: News Links - 30-06-10

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UFO Hunters Demand Disclosure from 10 Downing Street
Londonist
<http://tinyurl.com/2wkn47k>

'Underwhelmed About Recent UFO article=85'
Sangre de Cristo Chronicle
<http://tinyurl.com/27nknr6>

A UFO Was Flying Over The Sky For Several Hours In Moscow
Momento24 English
<http://tinyurl.com/2fo3l74>

Sponsor Comes Forward For The 2010 Roswell UFO Festival
PR.com
<http://www.pr.com/press-release/245240>

10 Alien Encounters Debunked
The Truth Behind The Scenes.Com
<http://tinyurl.com/24suw66>

Roswell's Legacy: How Town Became UFO Central
AOL News
<http://tinyurl.com/2utcsta>

UFO Sightings...
Helium
<http://www.helium.com/items/1876566-ufo-sightings>

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Blasphemy Will Get You Stoned
James Carrion
<http://tinyurl.com/2ebr5ng>
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<http://followthemagicthread.blogspot.com/>

=46rom George Filer:

Filer's Files #27 - 2010 Cylinder UFOs
<http://tinyurl.com/25yvvh7>

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Gettin Down With Italy
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<http://tinyurl.com/3a9usm6>

Coral In The Desert: Searching For Socorro
<http://tinyurl.com/2f78azg>

"An Astonishing Confession"

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Prosigns And Caveats Late 1953 Early 1954

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Wed, 30 Jun 2010 22:48:09 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Thu, 01 Jul 2010 07:51:42 -0400
Subject: Prosigns And Caveats Late 1953 Early 1954

ZFD to CC-1

[CommCenter-1] Prosigns and caveats in late 1953, early 1954
Date: Apr 28, 2010 9:03 AM

My latest foray scanning the images in the Project Blue Book database has shown that new prosigns and caveats began being used by some of the military branches.

I came across several messages with the prosign "DE" or "this is." Previously the line would be simply "JEXC 02A" and now is "DE JEXC 02A".

Also, the "BT" or "pause/seperator" in format line 11 between the message heading and the message text and sometimes at the end of message text and before the end of message (EOM) functions.

The latest caveat to catch my eye was: "CONFIDENTIAL - SPECIAL MESSAGE HANDLING REQUIRED" and that is from memory so maybe the word "SPECIAL" wasn't there. It would be difficult for me to retrieve that particular message. I "share" each PBB message with myself as an e-mail for later sorting out as a message for CC-2.

In late 1953 and/or early 1954 the classification RESTRICTED possibly went away as most of the messages are classified as UNCLASSIFIED. There is the occasional CONFIDENTIAL and SECRET, that is, when I can make out those classifications when the magic marker was sloppily applied.

Some messages are in a type of point-to-point format where there is an emphasis on not citing the DTG unless the equivalent classification is used. I can sometimes see the TOR (time of receipt) stamped on the message, otherwise not always sure of the month and/or year of the message.

Reporting of UFOs seen from aircraft, military and civilian, are much better assigned the CIRVIS marking. This seemed to be exclusively done by the U.S. Air Force but again in late 1953 and early 1954 I am seeing U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard messages using the CIRVIS marking.

The more unusual military reports seem to be giving way to "housewife sees UFO that is either a weather balloon (daytime) or the planet Venus (nighttime)" kind of reports. Perhaps the veil of back channel reporting was in progress as I see in these GENSER messages the occasional address line that cites an SSO.

These are just the ramblings of a guy who has reviewed maybe a few dozen too many Project Blue Book UFO messages. ;)

Terry

Terry W. Colvin
North Las Vegas, 7 June to 10 August 2010

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MERINT Reporting Of UFOs

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Wed, 30 Jun 2010 22:53:10 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Thu, 01 Jul 2010 07:54:14 -0400
Subject: MERINT Reporting Of UFOs

ZFD to CC-1

[CommCenter-1] MERINT reporting of UFOs
Date: Apr 9, 2010 11:41 AM

This evening one of the PBB (Project Blue Book) messages is a MERINT report. Ships at sea, military and civilian, had a unique format for reporting UFOs. The subject line below is not a message but a statement signed by two USAF officers and one USA officer aboard the USNS General A W Brewster. They were on their way to FEAF (Far East Air Force) in Tokyo. The ship was northeast Midway Island and northwest of the Hawaii archipelago.

<http://www.waterufo.net/bluebook/bbpdf.pdf>
[MERINT Radiotelegraph Procedure]

Subj: Project Blue Book - MERINT/USNS GENERAL A W BREWSTER/NE of Midway&NW of Hawaii - 29 Apr 53

MV MARCALA - AUGUST 4, 1950
SS DOCTEUR ANGIER - AUGUST 12, 1954
US CTG 45.2 - APRIL 7, 1955
SS DANFJORD - JANUARY 21, 1956
SS SEBAGO - NOVEMBER 5, 1957
MV COOLSINGEL - OCTOBER 19, 1958
SS CITY OF ALMACO - NOVEMBER 8, 1959
ORV WHISKEY - JUNE 25, 1960
SS SANTA ANA & USS GEIGER - SEPTEMBER 16, 1960
SS PRESIDENT VAN BUREN - JANUARY 15, 1962
SS NORMA C. PENN - JUNE 6, 1964
USS GYATT - NOVEMBER 20, 1964
SS MORGANTOWN VICTORY - JANUARY 11, 1966

The 1950 report from the MV Marcala has not appeared yet in the image files. Some reports are not in chronological order due illegible images. I am now in early 1953 more or less with a 1952 report popping up now and then.

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Chown & Shostak On 'Galactic InterNet'

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Thu, 1 Jul 2010 19:49:56 +0100
Archived: Fri, 02 Jul 2010 12:12:33 -0400
Subject: Chown & Shostak On 'Galactic InterNet'

Hello List,

Here's a quote from an article in New Scientist magazine...

<http://tinyurl.com/22oncwd>

September 2008

[Quote Begins]

ET Could 'tickle' Stars To Create Galactic Internet
by Marcus Chown

Advanced extraterrestrial civilisations may be sending signals through space by "tickling" stars, new research suggests. The signalling would be the galactic equivalent of the internet.

<snip>

Seth Shostak of the SETI Institute in Mountain View, California, thinks it is a "nice suggestion".

"But I'm inclined to think that positing the Cepheid scheme is like someone in Marconi's time predicting future radio broadcasters will use giant spark-gap transmitters to reach audiences in large cities," he says. "Better technology means higher efficiency, so using an entire star as the 'carrier' seems unlikely to me."

[Quote Ends]

And for once I think Seth is telling a minimal truth, as dictated by logic:

I.e all that ETs (or us) need is for two or more far-separated stations to focus their telescopes (with rather special mod/demodulator eqpt attached) on a star midway between them.

We now know that a) stars produce billions of entangled photons every minute; and b) that an observer can 'read' or indeed 'fix' the state of a far-distant paired photon by examining the local paired version.

A version of the 'entanglement method' could be used to send a continuous galaxy-wide broadcast, or a slightly different version for one-to-one (coded) links.

That method of 'modulation' is somewhat similar in its results to spread spectrum modulation. That is, the modulated signal is virtually undetectable, appearing as low-level background noise. Only if you're running the pre-arranged pseudo-random code - like a metronome - can you retrieve and decode a signal from that 'noise'.

I think Seth is aware of most of that; maybe he just doesn't

want the public to know.

Cheers

Ray D

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UFO Matrix Launch 30th July 2010

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Clark On Hidden Realms Lost Continents & Beings

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Jul 2010 10:01:39 -0500
Archived: Fri, 02 Jul 2010 12:27:25 -0400
Subject: Clark On Hidden Realms Lost Continents & Beings

Listfolk,

Here is a shameless plug for my brand-new book (my first in five years), whose title is Hidden Realms, Lost Continents, And Beings From Other Worlds. It's just been released after many frustrating delays. The original release date was June 1:

<http://tinyurl.com/2e85mxx>

My author's copies showed up yesterday (Thursday), and I have to say I am pleased with the way the book - whose subject matter is modern mythologies and their occasional relationship to what I call experience anomalies - turned out. The book consists of high-quality, glossy paper and many full-color illustrations and photos as well as, of course, my writing, based on a whole lot of research. Readers will find much that's never appeared between book covers before.

Anyway, a heads-up for anybody who may be interested.

Cordially,

Jerry Clark

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Living Spaceships

From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Jul 2010 11:29:28 -0400
Archived: Fri, 02 Jul 2010 12:29:26 -0400
Subject: Living Spaceships

Are we finally catching on... to what ET might have known some time ago?:

<http://tinyurl.com/3yrb69j>

Diana

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Top 10 Controversial Pieces Of Evidence For ET Life

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Thu, 1 Jul 2010 10:18:40 -0700 (GMT-07:00)
Archived: Sat, 03 Jul 2010 06:34:31 -0400
Subject: Top 10 Controversial Pieces Of Evidence For ET Life

Source: Free Press International

<http://tinyurl.com/2fwkfny>

June 20th, 2010 in X-Files

New Scientist - Space =96 04 September 2006

Top 10 Controversial Pieces Of Evidence For Extraterrestrial Life
by John Pickrell

Over the years many hints have emerged that there might be life beyond Earth. New Scientist looks at 10 of the most hotly-debated discoveries.

1. 1976, The Viking Mars landers detect chemical signatures indicative of life
2. 1977, The unexplained extraterrestrial =93Wow!=94 signal is detected by an Ohio State University radio telescope
3. 1996, Martian =93fossils=94 are discovered in meteorite ALH80041 from Antarctica
4. 2001, A more rigorous estimate of the =93Drake equation=94 suggests that our galaxy may contain hundreds of thousands of life-bearing planets
5. 2001, The red tinge of Jupiter=92s moon Europa proposed to be due to frozen bits of bacteria, which also helps explain the mysterious infrared signal it gives off
6. 2002, Russian scientists argue that a mysterious radiation-proof microbe may have evolved on Mars
7. 2002, Chemical hints of life are found in old data from Venus probes and landers. Could microbes exist in Venusian clouds?
8. 2003, Sulphur traces on Jupiter=92s moon Europa may be the waste products of underground bacterial colonies
9. 2004, Methane in the Martian atmosphere hints at microbial metabolism
10. 2004, A mysterious radio signal is received by the SETI project on three occasions =96 from the same region of space

1. 1976, The Viking Mars landers detect chemical signatures indicative of life

Tests performed on Martian soil samples by NASA=92s Viking landers hinted at chemical evidence of life. One experiment mixed soil with radioactive-carbon-labelled nutrients and then tested for the production of radioactive methane gas.

The test reported a positive result. The production of radioactive methane suggested that something in the soil was metabolising the nutrients and producing radioactive gas. But

other experiments on board failed to find any evidence of life, so NASA declared the result a false positive.

Despite that, one of the original scientists =96 and others who have since re-analysed the data =96 still stand by the finding. They argue that the other experiments on board were ill-equipped to search for evidence of the organic molecules =96 a key indicator of life.

Read more: Did Viking missions see life on Mars?

2. 1977, The unexplained extraterrestrial =93Wow!=94 signal is detected by an Ohio State University radio telescope

In August 1977 an Ohio State University radio telescope detected an unusual pulse of radiation from somewhere near the constellation Sagittarius. The 37-second-long signal was so startling that an astronomer monitoring the data scrawled =93Wow!=94 on the telescope=92s printout.

The signal was within the band of radio frequencies where transmissions are internationally banned on Earth. Furthermore, natural sources of radiation from space usually cover a wider range of frequencies.

As the nearest star in that direction is 220 million light years away, either a massive astronomical event =96 or intelligent aliens with a very powerful transmitter would have had to have created it. The signal remains unexplained.

Read more: 13 things that do not make sense

3. 1996, Martian =93fossils=94 are discovered in meteorite ALH84001 from Antarctica

NASA scientists controversially announced in 1996 that they had found what appeared to be fossilised microbes in a potato-shaped lump of Martian rock. The meteorite was probably blasted off the surface of Mars in a collision, and wandered the solar system for some 15 million years, before plummeting to Antarctica, where it was discovered in 1984.

Careful analysis revealed that the rock contained organic molecules and tiny specs of the mineral magnetite, sometimes found in Earth bacteria. Under the electron microscope, NASA researchers also claimed to have spotted signs of =93nanobacteria=94.

But since then much of the evidence has been challenged. Other experts have suggested that the particles of magnetite were not so similar to those found in bacteria after all, and that contaminants from Earth are the source of the organic molecules. A 2003 study also showed how crystals that resemble nanobacteria could be grown in the laboratory by chemical processes.

Read more: Death knell for Martian life

4. 2001, More rigorous calculations connected to the 1960s =93Drake equation=94 suggests that our galaxy may contain hundreds of thousands of life-bearing planets

In 1961 US radio astronomer Frank Drake developed an equation to help estimate the number of planets hosting intelligent life =96 and capable of communicating with us =96 in the galaxy.

The Drake equation multiplies together seven factors including: the formation rate of stars like our Sun, the fraction of Earth-like planets and the fraction of those on which life develops. Many of these figures are open to wide debate, but Drake himself estimates the final number of communicating civilisations in the galaxy to be about 10,000.

In 2001, a more rigorous estimate of the number of life-bearing planets in the galaxy =96 using new data and theories =96 came up with a figure of hundreds of thousands. For the first time, the researchers estimated how many planets might lie in the =93habitable zone=94 around stars, where water is liquid and photosynthesis possible. The results suggest that an inhabited Earth-like planet could be as little as a few hundred light years away.

Read more: Other Earths

5. 2001, The red tinge of Jupiter=92s moon Europa proposed to be due to frozen bits of bacteria, which also helps explain the mysterious infrared signal it gives off

Alien microbes might be behind Europa=92s red tinge, suggested NASA researchers in 2001. Though the surface is mostly ice, data shows it reflects infrared radiation in an odd manner. That suggests that something =96 magnesium salts perhaps =96 are binding it together. But no one has been able to come up with the right combination of compounds to make sense of the data.

Intriguingly, the infrared spectra of some Earthly bacteria =96 those that thrive in extreme conditions =96 fits the data at least as well as magnesium salts. Plus, some are red and brown in colour, perhaps explaining the moon=92s ruddy complexion. Though bacteria might find it difficult to survive in the scant atmosphere and -170=B0C surface temperature of Europa, they might survive in the warmer liquid interior. Geological activity could then spew them out periodically to be flash frozen on the surface.

Read more: Bacterial explanation for Europa=92s rosy glow

6. 2002, Russian scientists argue that a mysterious radiation-proof species of microbe may have evolved on Mars

In 2002 Russian astrobiologists claimed that super-hardy *Deinococcus radiourans* evolved on Mars. The microbe can survive several thousand times the radiation dose that would kill a human.

The Russians zapped a population of the bacteria with enough radiation to kill 99.9%, allowed the survivors to repopulate, before repeating the cycle. After 44 rounds it took 50 times the original dose of radiation. They calculated that it would take many thousands of these cycles to make common microbe *E.coli* as resilient as *Deinococcus*. And on Earth it takes between a million and 100 million years to encounter each dose of radiation. Therefore there just has not been enough time in life=92s 3.8 billion year history on Earth for such resistance to have evolved, they claim.

By contrast, the surface of Mars, unprotected by a dense atmosphere, is bombarded with so much radiation that the bugs could receive the same dose in just a few hundred thousand years. The researchers argue that *Deinococcus*=92s ancestors were flung off of Mars by an asteroid and fell to Earth on meteorites. Other experts remain sceptical.

Read more: Tough Earth bug may be from Mars

7. 2002, Chemical hints of life are found in old data from Venus probes and landers. Could microbes exist in Venusian clouds?

Life in Venus=92 clouds may be the best way to explain some curious anomalies in the composition of its atmosphere, claimed University of Texas astrobiologists in 2002. They scoured data from NASA=92s Pioneer and Magellan space probes and from Russia=92s Venera Venus-lander missions of the 1970s.

Solar radiation and lightning should be generating masses of carbon monoxide on Venus, yet it is rare, as though something is removing it. Hydrogen sulphide and sulphur dioxide are both present too. These readily react together, and are not usually found co-existing, unless some process constantly is churning them out. Most mysterious is the presence of carbonyl sulphide. This is only produced by microbes or catalysts on Earth, and not by any other known inorganic process.

The researchers=92 suggested solution to this conundrum is that microbes live in the Venusian atmosphere. Venus=92s searing hot, acidic surface may be prohibitive to life, but conditions 50 kilometres up in the atmosphere are more hospitable and moist, with a temperature of 70=B0C and a pressure similar to Earth.

Read more: Acidic clouds of Venus could harbour life

8. 2003, Sulphur traces on Jupiter=92s moon Europa may be the waste products of underground bacterial colonies

In 2003, Italian scientists hypothesised that sulphur traces on Europa might be a sign of alien life. The compounds were first detected by the Galileo space probe, along with evidence for a volcanically-warmed ocean beneath the moon's icy crust.

The sulphur signatures look similar to the waste-products of bacteria, which get locked into the surface ice of lakes in Antarctica on Earth. The bacteria survive in the water below, and similar bacteria might also thrive below Europa's surface, the researchers suggest. Other experts rejected the idea, suggesting that the sulphur somehow originates from the neighbouring moon Io, where it is found in abundance.

Read more: Vital clues from Europa

9. 2004, Methane in the Martian atmosphere hints at microbial metabolism

In 2004 three groups using telescopes on Earth and the European Space Agency's Mars Express orbiting space probe independently turned up evidence of methane in the atmosphere. Nearly all methane in our own atmosphere is produced by bacteria and other life.

Methane could also be generated by volcanism, the thawing of frozen underground deposits, or delivered by comet impacts. However, the source has to be recent, as the gas is rapidly destroyed on Mars or escapes into space.

In January 2005, an ESA scientist controversially announced that he had also found evidence of formaldehyde, produced by the oxidation of methane. If this is proved it will strengthen the case for microbes, as a whopping 2.5 million tonnes of methane per year would be required to create the quantity of formaldehyde postulated to exist.

There are ways to confirm the presence of the gas, but scientists will need to get the equipment to Mars first.

Read more: A whiff of life on the Red Planet

10. 2004, A mysterious radio signal is received by the SETI project on three occasions from the same region of space

In February 2003, astronomers with the search for extraterrestrial intelligence (SETI) project, used a massive telescope in Puerto Rico to re-examine 200 sections of the sky which had all previously yielded unexplained radio signals. These signals had all disappeared, except for one which had become stronger.

The signal is widely thought to be the best candidate yet for an alien contact comes from a spot between the constellations Pisces and Aries, where there are no obvious stars or planets. Curiously, the signal is at one of the frequencies that hydrogen, the most common element, absorbs and emits energy. Some astronomers believe that this is a very likely frequency at which aliens wishing to be noticed would transmit.

Nevertheless, there is also a good chance the signal is from a never-seen-before natural phenomenon. For example, an unexplained pulsed radio signal, thought to be artificial in 1967, turned out to be the first ever sighting of a pulsar.

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Re: Gravity Anomalies

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2010 21:47:54 -0400
Archived: Sat, 03 Jul 2010 06:56:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Gravity Anomalies

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Wed, 30 Jun 2010 18:23:52 -0400
>Subject: Re: Gravity Anomalies

>>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](#)>
>>Date: Wed, 30 Jun 2010 09:19:15 -0700 (GMT-07:00)
>>Subject: Gravity Anomalies

><snip>

>>As you can see, it looks like there's 'low gravity' in
>>Canada (Hudson Bay), the coast of California, from the
>>Bahamas down to Suriname (maybe including Puerto Rico)
>>and an intense low-gravity area centered on Sri Lanka but
>>extending north to the Himalayas.

>>While the strongest 'high-gravity' areas are a) Northern
>>Atlantic between Europe and Newfoundland, and b) all of Papua
>>New Guinea and easterly as far as Fiji. Ray

>Hmmm... I wonder if this proposed 'binding force indicator',
>claimed to detect geographical areas of 'reduced binding force'
>in materials, would also indicate low binding force in those
>areas of low gravity?

><http://amasci.com/freenrg/bindet.html>

Hi Eleanor,

Interesting idea. Wilbert Smith first raised this concept of changes in molecular binding force. He gave his binding force meter to an acquaintance who was an RCAF pilot. The pilot was asked to look for "vortices" of reduced binding force during flight.

<http://www.treurniet.ca/Smith/FullVancouverSpeech.htm>

To quote Smith, "But we did find one out over the North Atlantic that drifted, that was picked up first by a friend of mine who is an RCAF pilot who had the instrument with him. They located it on a reconnaissance flight just to the south and west of Iceland, and then again on a flight out about a week later. It was about half way between Iceland and Newfoundland and considerably weaker. At least that is the impression they got from the instrument indication. So apparently they do move around and I presume they do fade out."

The area identified in the North Atlantic by Smith's pilot friend seems to correspond roughly to the region of 'high-gravity' into which he might have flown. However, this is opposite to the 'low-gravity' you suggested might correspond to reduced binding force. Also, the regions of reduce binding force seemed to Smith to be localized and appeared to move and fade. So I suspect that his binding force is not related to gravity.

Smith believed that these volumes of reduced binding force were created both near a nuclear explosion and on the opposite side

of the earth from the explosion. Back then, there was quite a bit of testing going on. If you look on a globe, the red spots on the gravity map are not exactly opposite each other. Longitudes are a pretty good match, but latitudes are not - about 20 deg S vs 60 deg N. Perhaps this is another hint that these are two separate phenomena.

I wonder if it is coincidence that the red spot just above Australia is also a very active region for earthquakes - especially the very deep ones.

William

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Cover Story: Moon Vision
The Daily Advertiser
<http://tinyurl.com/3a47eac>

Triangle UFO Low Over Vincennes, Indiana, Appeared To Have Problems
Examiner.Com
<http://tinyurl.com/2bnjkwy>

UFO Lights Seen In Skies Over Greenford
Ealing Gazette
<http://tinyurl.com/39fgoj6>

Ex Hertford Cop's 'Close Encounter' After UFO Sighting
East Herts Herald 24
<http://tinyurl.com/3y7np4t>

UFO Hunters Demand Disclosure From 10 Downing Street
Londonist
<http://tinyurl.com/39rjxd5>

=46rom John Greenwald Jnr.:

The Black Vault Online Store - And New Documents
<http://tinyurl.com/39m2sp3>

=46rom 'The Norm':

Cigar-Shaped UFO Over Aarhus Denmark In 2004
<http://www.hyper.net/ufo/literature.html>

Ball Lightning Actually Electromagnetic Overload Of The Brain?
<http://www.boingboing.net/2010/06/30/ball-lightning-actua.html>

Every Commuter's Fantasy =96 The Flying Car =96 Lands In 2011
The Toronto Star
<http://tinyurl.com/372yfhf>

Voyager 2 At 12,000 Days: The Super-Marathon Continues
<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2010/06/100629111804.htm>

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<http://tinyurl.com/3xgzeav>

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Las Cruces Sun-News
http://www.lcsun-news.com/las_cruces-sunlife/ci_15423593

From Greg Boone:

Man Of God Believed Flying Saucers Were Sent By The Devil
<http://tinyurl.com/33hkgqv>

From 'The Norm':

Multiple Orbs Circling Sun Reported From Indiana Locations
Examiner.Com
<http://tinyurl.com/38blft1>

The Alien Autopsy Poll
Kevin Randle
<http://tinyurl.com/3xkvd14>

Why the ETH Is The Best Of The Paranormal UFO Theories
Paul Kimball
<http://tinyurl.com/2u4mwp9>

Arizona UFO - Video
http://beforeitsnews.com/news/89/211/Arizona_UFO.html

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Among the explosive findings:

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that alien life was hidden by the United States government at
Wright-Patterson Air Force base.

High level informant who describes huge underground tunnels
beneath military installations.

Victims (including former U.S. military personnel) of
unauthorized government experimentation.

A former US Air Force pilot ordered to shoot down a UFO in
England.

Experts interviewed for the show include:

John Podesta, Former Chief of Staff for President Bill Clinton
and CEO, Center for American Progress

Michio Kaku, world renowned theoretical physicist.

Paul Levinson, author of 15 books and professor of Communication
and Media Studies at Fordham University.

Hank Albarelli Jr., author of A Terrible Mistake: The Murder of
Frank Olson and the C.I.A.'s Secret Cold War Experiments.

Katherine Olmsted, Professor of History at UC Davis.

Rep. Michael Turner, Ohio 3rd District (covers Wright-Patterson)

Luca Carboni, General Secretary, Vatican Secret Archives

Shara Bailey, Dental Anthropologist, New York University

Eleanor Herman, Author, Mistress of the Vatican

Robert Collins, Ret. U.S Air Force Captain

Jonathan Turley, Law Professor, George Washington University

Donald Schmitt, Author, Roswell Expert

Glenn Campbell, Area 51 Expert

Inside Secret Government Warehouses: Shocking Revelations is a co-production of Syfy and Peacock Productions. Executive Producer: Gretchen Eisele. Producer: Kimberly Ferdinando. For Peacock Productions: Executive in Charge of Production: Sharon Scott. Co-Executive Producers: Knute Walker, Benjamin Ringe. For Syfy: Thomas Vitale.

Returning for its second season Tuesday, July 6, at 9PM (ET/PT), Warehouse 13, the most successful series in Syfy's history, follows two Secret Service agents (Eddie McClintock and Joanne Kelly) who find themselves transferred to a massive, top-secret storage facility in South Dakota which houses every strange artifact, mysterious relic, fantastical object and supernatural souvenir ever collected by the U.S. government.

The Warehouse's caretaker Artie (Saul Rubinek) charges the agents with chasing down reports of supernatural and paranormal activity in search of new objects to cache at the Warehouse, as well as helping him to control the Warehouse itself. The series also features Allison Scagliotti as Claudia, Artie's apprentice in the Warehouse.

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Looks as if there is nothing new here for people who have followed the work of Robert Collins and others.

Nice of SyFy to put it all in 'one place'.

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Hi List,

So, the multinational corporation General Electric, which owns the subsidiary conglomerate NBC Universal, which owns the SyFy channel, which creates schlocky SciFi movies of the week for about a \$1 million per shot and also produces the boring Warehouse 13 series, is now bringing us the premiere of a "documentary", the so-called 'Inside Secret Government Warehouses: Shocking Revelations' in direct connection with and to obviously promote the ratings of their Warehouse 13 series... gee, I'm... uh... kind of underwhelmed, especially considering their prior Roswell-related efforts when they were under previous multinational corporate media giant ownership.

What a sad joke - this is an appeal not to authority, but the lowest common denominator (of their demographic/audience), for ratings (= 's corporate profit, at the expense of real or honest, useful edification). Didn't Marshall McLuhan say something about the medium being the erotic massage of misinformation? No? Something like that, maybe. 8^}

But now SyFy must be acting to redeem themselves by "unveiling"

a Potential Major Development In The Roswell Case Involving Physical Evidence And A Skeletal Relic, a mandible thought to be "not of this world - potential evidence that alien life was hidden by the United States government at Wright- Patterson Air Force base."

Garsh, they even include such paragons of virtue, truth, and honest, expert investigatory acumen such as ex-USAF Ret. Capt. Robert Collins (of MJ-12 and Project Serpo notoriety, in league with the infamous "Dick" Doty), Donald Schmitt (Roswell "expert" and confabulator), John Podesta (rather silent for a very long time now on the UFO subject after an initial, controversial association with the SciFi channel, as it was known then, and his comments on the Roswell incident and the need for "disclosure" by the US government, which will never happen), and even a Dental Anthropologist! [Who will, no doubt, discuss the aforesaid alien mandible!!]

You know, I really can't wait for this show - I mean, I too am an aficionado of such fine disinfotainment that this "documentary" promises to be that I'm simply left drooling with anticipation. Key word: drooling, as in lusting for such exquisite crap. Caveat emptor, in the truest sense of the phrase.

Anxiously awaiting,

Steve

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Podesta's Reversal On UFOs Is Mystifying
Columbia Daily Tribune
<http://tinyurl.com/34amgu7>

Out Of This World, Out Of Our Minds
NY Times
<http://tinyurl.com/2ah85d5>

UFO Truth Could Be Out There
Wentworth Courier
<http://tinyurl.com/254kwuv>

Give 'Em Hill: Fly Me To The UFO Festival And Then To The Moon,
Please
Inside Bay Area
<http://tinyurl.com/28yq53f>

Amazing UFO Over NY
<http://tinyurl.com/2e9ko8f>

Loring AFB & The US Air Force Colonel 1967
UFODigest
<http://tinyurl.com/27cr7zj>

From Frank Warren:

The UFO Bucket List
<http://tinyurl.com/2g58w81>

Carrion Told Them The Whole Roswell Thing Was Likely a
Counterintelligence Operation
<http://tinyurl.com/38lvpzz>

As We Begin a New Month: We Need Your Help!
<http://tinyurl.com/2ey6kyg>

From 'The Norm':

Missing Larry King s Roswell
Billy Cox
<http://tinyurl.com/23qtjfu>

Why Do People Join Cults?
<http://tinyurl.com/2w3hu8w>

How did life begin on Earth?
<http://tinyurl.com/2dxtzdh>

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New Satellite To Monitor Debris In Orbit

From: **Steve Sawyer** <stevesaw.nul>
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July 3, 2010

New Satellite To Monitor Debris In Earth Orbit

Associated Press

[Begin Excerpt]

DENVER-A new U.S. Air Force satellite will provide the first full-time, space-based surveillance of hundreds of satellites and thousands of pieces of debris that could crash into American and allied assets circling the Earth.

If all goes as planned, the Space-Based Space Surveillance satellite, scheduled for launch from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., on Thursday, will have an unobstructed, around-the-clock view of the heavy traffic in Earth orbit-something the Air Force doesn't have now.

Currently, the Air Force relies on a ground-based network of radar and optical telescopes around the globe to monitor about 1,000 active satellites and 20,000 pieces of debris. The telescopes can be used only on clear nights, and not all radar stations are powerful enough to detect satellites in deep space orbit, about 22,000 miles from Earth.

From its orbit about 390 miles above the Earth, the new satellite will have a clear view of deep space, unaffected by daylight or weather.

"It really has tremendous capabilities," said Todd Citron, director of advanced space and intelligence systems for Boeing Co., prime contractor for the satellite, known as SBSS.

Mr. Citron said SBSS will revolutionize "space situational awareness," the military term for knowing not only where the objects are, but where they are headed and what might be in their path.

[End Excerpt]

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UFO Matrix Volume 1 - Issue 1

From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
Date: Mon, 5 Jul 2010 14:54:54 +0100
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Subject: UFO Matrix Volume 1 - Issue 1

It is my pleasure to announce that Volume 1 - Issue 1 Of UFO Matrix is now at the printers. It will be available in a whole host of high street outlets including WH Smiths on July 30th as planned. It will also be available in a variety of other countries and not only the UK. Full details via our website at:

www.healingsofatlantis.com.

This new, 100 page, full colour bi-monthly publication is the first dedicated newsstand UFO magazine since UFO Magazine (UK) closed after the sad and sudden death of its publisher and editor Graham Birdsall several years ago.

You can of course subscribe to UFO Matrix and have it delivered to your door before it becomes available in the high street. Again, full details via our website.

The contents of Issue 1, in brief, are as follows:

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AND NOW THE NEWS&

Steve Johnson s regular news column reports on the latest UFO news from around the world.

A CONVERSATION WITH KENNETH ARNOLD

The late Bob Pratt interviewed Kenneth Arnold on several occasions. Here is a unique reminder of how the modern era of flying saucers all began.

Orbis Tertius

Scott Corrales writes his first regular column. Scott s column will feature the UFO subject from a Latin American perspective.

ROSWELL CRASH TALK BEFORE THE HOOPLA

UFO sceptics have argued that nothing was heard of the UFO crash at Roswell until around 1980. Here, Anthony Bragalia checks the records and discovers quite the opposite.

Nick Pope: The Real X-Files

Nick Pope investigated UFOs for the MoD from 1991 to 1994. Nick s regular column will deal with a whole host of UFO events, utilising his 21 years of experience working for the Ministry of Defence. In this first column, it is the MoD s UFO files that come under Nick s unique spotlight.

The Isodoro Ferri Case

This UFO landing case is one of the classic cases from Italy. We

take a look at this fascinating event in detail. English translation by Daniella L. Herrera.

Keeping Wiltshire Weird

Chris Williams, from the UK, gives an insight to the Weird 10 UFO conference and how it all began.

8 Tips For Taking Better Photos

Did you ever look at some alleged UFO photographs and thing rubbish ? Well, Malcolm J. Brenner, B.A., gives us the lowdown on how to take better UFO photos.

The Senator & The Aliens

Leading Roswell researchers, Don Schmitt and Tom Carey, go into some detail on how New Mexico s Lieutenant Governor, Joseph Montoya, was shown the alleged crashed UFO and its dead alien occupants. A fascinating insight into an astounding story.

On Assignment With Peter Robbins

Peter Robbins, from the USA, writes his first regular column for UFO MATRIX. On this occasion, he deals with the UFO ridicule factor in American politics.

Who Wants To Live Forever

Andy Lloyd takes a look at the ancient astronaut idea and especially the Mesopotamian race, the Annunaki.

The Clas Svahn Column

Clas is from Sweden and his regular column will look at all aspects of ufology from around Europe. To start us off, his first column for UFO MATRIX will centre on the Archives for UFO Research in Sweden, the world s largest UFO archive.

Starchild - The Rock Opera

UFO MATRIX editor, Philip Mantle, interviews musician, Patty Rayfield, from the UK. Trying to put the UFO subject into the mainstream, Patty discusses her plans for a spectacular rock opera.

Oz Column: UFOs Down Under

Lee Paqui and Sheryl Gottschall are our columnists from Australia. Each issue, they will look at UFOs from Down Under in their OZ column.

MoD UFO Files By David Clarke

Dr David Clarke is the main man behind the release of the MoD s UFO files. Here, Dr Clarke gives us an insight on how this all came about and some of the highlights of the released files. Quite a different perspective to that of UFO MATRIX columnist, Nick Pope.

Backlight By Mike Hallowell

One of the UK s leading paranormal researchers and writers, Mike will look at cold case UFO reports and discuss these cases here for the benefit of UFO MATRIX readers.

Fighter Jets Chases UFO Down M5

Earlier this year, a clip of film allegedly showing a UFO being

chased by military jets down the M5 motorway, made the headlines. Nick Pope's second contribution looks at the film clip in question and asks the question: fake or real?

Professor Yefremov's KGB Files

Former Soviet citizen, Paul Stonehill, now lives in the USA. Paul is co-author of UFO CASE FILES OF RUSSIA. In his first contribution, he looks at a leading Soviet KGB scientist's interest in all things paranormal, including UFOs.

Area 51 Wedding And UFO Congress

Dave Hodrien is the Chairman of the Birmingham UFO Society. In February of this year, he traveled to Laughlin, Nevada, to attend the International UFO Congress. Not only did he attend the congress, but he got married as near to Area 51 as he could. A full report on both events is featured in full.

Alderburgh 1916

UK researcher, John Hanson, looks back at a curious case from the UK back in 1916.

Incident At North Berwick

Jeff Nisbet has often visited the beauty spot just 20 miles from Edinburgh. In July, 2004, while on holiday from his home in the USA, Jeff took a number of scenic photos. It wasn't until returning home that he realised he may have captured the elusive UFO on film without even knowing it. Here, Jeff looks at these curious photographs.

UFO Sightings From Turkey

Turkish researcher and author, Farah Yurdozu, delves into her archives and looks at three very curious contact cases from her homeland.

Reviews

Here, we look at the latest reviews of book and UFO related products.

Readers UFO Sightings:

Several interesting and thought provoking UFO sightings and photographs provided by our readers.

Coming Next Issue (Issue 2)

Coming up in the next issue: Birmingham UFO Groups establish a new contactee group. Return to the Roswell Debris site by Chuck Zukowski. UFO sighting at the Puerto Belgrano Naval Base in Argentina by Carlo Alberto Iuchuk. The A70 Abduction - The Movie. An interview with Dionne Rose, plus a great deal more.

As promised we have an international line-up of columnists and contributors. On behalf of everyone involved with UFO MATRIX I would like to thank them all for their efforts and for helping UFO MATRIX happen. Without them there would simply be no magazine.

We trust you will support our new magazine and work on issue's 2 and 3 is already underway.

Regards,

Philip Mantle.
Editor.

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This is all old news.

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need to be informed that Podesta has contributed the foreword to
Leslie Kean's UFOs: Generals, Pilots, and Government Officials
Go On The Record, to be published next month by Harmony
Books/Random House.

The foreword begins, "As someone interested in the question of
UFOs..."

Jerry Clark

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All we have to do is follow the money to figure out why this might be destabilizing. The people with most of it also control oil. Suppose ET or Dolan's breakaway human civilization showed us how to build a distributed, low cost energy system where each building would have an independent energy supply. We would replace the relatively centralized energy distribution systems. With no more processing and distribution of oil and gas pumped from the ground, that industry would decline. The same for the giant electrical utility systems.

This relatively sudden shakeup of the oil industry would spin off into other sectors of the economy, and many people might need to find other things to do. Governments would find that very annoying. They need to appear to be in control of the economy in order to be re-elected. And they need industry to fund campaigns. So they would have no interest in trying to adapt to a new economy.

There would likely be social disruptions, but I think the people could probably deal with it as long as they saw the benefits and there was a clear path forward. It's big industry and big government who prefer the status quo so they can keep their power and money.

Remember Tesla?

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>From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 5 Jul 2010 11:40:18 -0400
>Subject: Re: News Links - 04-07-10

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>>Podesta's Reversal On UFOs Is Mystifying
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>'destabilize society'.

>What could that be?

>It's got to be more than simply UFOs being reported, or their
>actually existing and remaining outside the control of the US
>military/government.

>This is all old news.

>Assuming Podesta is a smart man, and works for similarly smart
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Best,

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Archived: Tue, 06 Jul 2010 10:06:51 -0400
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Hi Greg,

I think researchers are making a number of assumptions based on the information they have or acknowledge, but I'm hesitant to say that we "know" much as all about the phenomena that we don't even clearly define. The NYT article is a soft news item that was probably included for public interest because they knew there was enough interest to get people to read it (which sort of goes against the theme of the article, I guess).

But as I've said before, I find little curiosity about unknown lights in the sky or alien abduction from people I meet and I suspect the high paced technological world we find ourselves racing around in is keeping attention elsewhere. One sad note is that the sales of the Weekly World News when it features UFO stories may well be a valid measure of public interest, since the Lists are primarily already members of that interest group.

Steve

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Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2010 12:13:42 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Wed, 07 Jul 2010 07:48:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Monotremes

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
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The notion of secret races of extraterrestrials living on earth
either in the distant past or in the present dates back to at
least the 1920s with the writings of H.P. Lovecraft.

To give you a few examples:

The Great Race of Yith: The only extraterrestrial race to have
developed time travel. They abandoned their physical bodies eons
before arriving on earth circa 200 million years ago. They
travel both in distance and in time by possessing the bodies of
the most highly developed life on a planet. Their capital city
on earth was located in what is now Australia.

K'n-yan: A race of humanoid extraterrestrials who live in a massive underground city located underneath my home state of Oklahoma. The K'n-yan are immortal and communicate through telepathy. The K'n-yan also possess the ability to materialize and dematerialize at will. The underground city of the K'n-yan as well as their technology is powered by atomic energy. The K'n-yan practice a form of eugenics. After the sinking of Atlantis the K'n-yan decided to break off all contact with the human species.

Serpent Men: The serpent men are a race of 'cryptoterrestrials' who evolved here on this planet. They originally lived on the now non-existent continent of Valusia where they kept humans as slaves. The slaves revolted and in time the serpent men were forced to flee to the underground city of Yoth, again in my home state of Oklahoma. The K'n-yan actually built their underground kingdom on top of the ruins of Yoth.

Also, Lovecraft fans will realize that most of Lovecraft's monsters are by definition extraterrestrial. Most of Lovecraft's monsters came to earth from the stars are beyond, usually in the distant past and will come again at some unknown future time.

A few years back I think I did a very brief blog about the connections between Lovecraft and Ufology, especially with the beliefs in underground bases and aliens living amongst us. I think it's fascinating that all of these stories originated in fiction far before they were believed to be a possibility in reality.

If anybody is interested, I'm sure there is enough info with Lovecraft's influence on ufology to cover at least one book. In fact, I view Lovecraft as ufology's 'secret daddy'.

-Jason Gammon

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Re: Syfy Unveils Potential Roswell Major

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2010 17:38:19 +0000
Archived: Wed, 07 Jul 2010 07:51:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Syfy Unveils Potential Roswell Major

>From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2010 23:37:37 -0700
>Subject: Re: Syfy Unveils Potential Roswell Major Development

>>From: Larry Landsman <LL1157.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 04 Jul 2010 14:43:51 -0400
>>Subject: Syfy Unveils Potential Major Development In Roswell Case

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>>Network Premieres Documentary 'Inside Secret Government
>>Warehouses: Shocking Revelations'

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>>Alien body parts, powerful religious artifacts, UFO wreckage -
>>what exactly is hidden behind heavily guarded doors?

>>Inspired by Syfy's Smash Hit Series Warehouse 13, NBC News
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>>Among the explosive findings:

>>A mandible thought to be not of this world - potential evidence
>>that alien life was hidden by the United States government at
>>Wright-Patterson Air Force base.

<snip>

First of all, I guess Larry Landsman, SCI FI's director of special projects, needed another project. Although he tried to do the right thing when sponsoring "The Roswell Dig," and had hired a real, certified archaeologist from the University of New Mexico. This must be a come down for Landsman.

Second of all, I am proud to say that I am on Robert Collin's sh*t list. Just because I challenged his tale of the alien mandible'.

The problem was that once upon a time I worked in the Los Angeles Veteran's Administration Hospital, in particular the Dentistry Building. That's right, the same one cited in his 'report'.

After reading Collin's report on-line, I visited the third floor where the dentists had supposedly been consulted. All they did

was laugh when I, as a straight-faced researcher, asked them about the event. It was this incident that caused me to doubt the word of any and all so-called UFO researchers.

KK

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Date: Wed, 07 Jul 2010 04:50:14 +1000
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Subject: PRG Media/Press Notice - July 6, 2010

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Washington, DC - The advocacy work of Paradigm Research Group has been referenced in a July 6 article by Erika Lovely in the influential political newspaper, Politico.

As a result PRG has been contacted by a number of television and radio programs regarding the ongoing Disclosure movement to end a government imposed truth embargo on the formal acknowledgement of an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race.

PRG executive director Stephen Bassett will appear on MSNBC's Dylan Ratigan Show between 4:30 and 5 pm EDT tonight, July 6 and on WBAL's Shari Elliker Show between 5:30 and 6 pm EDT tonight, July 6.

Other appearances are being scheduled for later in the month.

Politico Article: www.politico.com/news/stories/0710/39383.html

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John, EBK, List,

UFO are flown by intelligent beings who are creatures from some
type of advanced civilization who seem to have the need to
sample a human now and then.

There are only a few possibilities to explain their origin: time
travel, parallel universes, faster than light travel, or ancient
earthly civilizations. Which one do you favor?

The first three have a mystical quality that has always bothered
me. I see the UFO as a nuts and bolts issue, but there is
something very foreboding about the thought of sharing our
planet with other mammals we can't communicate with well, and
who are able to abduct us at will.

No, no, that will never do! It must be very complicated to be in
Podesta's shoes.

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The book Sanderson wrote was Invisible Residents and since I've discussed this with Jerry before, I know for sure that he hasn't read a word of this excellent book of documented research. It's a must read for everyone in ufology and dishonest to describe it as "silly" without reading it and knowing or understand its contents. Have other readers of Invisible Residents found it "silly"?

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Re: NY Times Says UFO Interest Waning

From: Kelly Freeman <khfsufo.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2010 20:55:11 -0400
Archived: Wed, 07 Jul 2010 07:59:33 -0400
Subject: Re: NY Times Says UFO Interest Waning

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2010 03:39:10 EDT
>Subject: NY Times Says UFO Interest Waning

>Well, after reading this article it's clear agains someone
>hasn't done their homework:

><http://tinyurl.com/2ah85d5>

Hello Greg,

If the truth be known, the NY Times is only trying to persuade public opinion into thinking UFO interest is waning. The global elite doesn't want us humans enlightened enough to realize that we have unlimited potential and we are a significant threat to them.

Oh yeah, they have indeed done their homework. That's why this article has reared its ugly head. Minds can be manipulated.

Now, go do your homework. :)

Kelly

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Where Would Space Aliens Come From?

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2010 22:43:38 EDT
Archived: Wed, 07 Jul 2010 08:01:45 -0400
Subject: Where Would Space Aliens Come From?

Discovery Article

<http://tinyurl.com/2c65mpk>

I have to admit this article made me chuckle the way the author lambastes the UFO issue.

What troubles me is he doesn't mention any of the documentation such as the Twinning Memo and more.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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News Links - 06-07-10

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UFO And 'Children-Like' Figures Seen Close To Stansted Airport
Saffron Walden Reporter
<http://tinyurl.com/38wsfgc>

UFOs On Independence Day: Orange Spheres Reported To MUFON
Tucson Citizen
<http://tinyurl.com/35gt8m9>

'UFO' In Skies Over Urumqi Suspected To Be American Guided
Missile
The Peoples Daily
<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90782/7054799.html>

UFOs Over Toronto During Blackout
<http://tinyurl.com/383mvyo>

Can UFO Tell What It Is?
Reading Post
<http://tinyurl.com/36ctbq5>

For UFO Lobbyist, The Truth Is Out There
Politico
<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0710/39383.html>

The UFO Lobby, Civility Pledge Flops
Center for Responsive Politics
<http://tinyurl.com/25qboea>

ET, Meet The EU: Call For States To Open UFO Data
The Associated Press
<http://tinyurl.com/25maegn0>

10 Human Creations Attributed To Aliens
<http://tinyurl.com/36vlbqg>

A UFO Digest Spotlight On Springfield V-Shaped Craft
UFODigest
<http://tinyurl.com/24x6bjz>

From Diana Cammack:

Where Would Space Aliens Come From?
<http://tinyurl.com/2c65mpk>

From 'The Norm':

UFOs Buzz Argentina's Atucha Nuclear Power Station
Inexplicata
<http://tinyurl.com/2ejzuer>

UFOs: Generals, Pilots and Government Officials Go On The Record

New Book by Leslie Kean
<http://tinyurl.com/25af46z>

Stopping Point
<http://thebiggeststudy.blogspot.com/2010/07/stopping-point.html>

Shag Harbour:

Shag Harbor
http://www.theblackvault.com/wiki/index.php/Shag_Harbor

Video Production of Shag Harbour UFO Incident

The Shag Harbour UFO Incident - Part 1
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krJuFk6AVFk>

The Shag Harbour Incident - Part 2
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gWl-Mahjqck>

The Shag Harbour Incident - Part 3
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J_oS-lWngW4&feature=related

The Shag Harbour Incident - Part 4
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fYAwnJlS3o0>

The Shag Harbour Incident - Part 5 Final
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0QgelgftaCE&feature=related>

Decoding The Ancient Egyptians' Stone Sky Map
<http://tinyurl.com/35mjtgu>

It's Too Late To Worry That The Aliens Will Find Us
Shostak
<http://tinyurl.com/2eq8o5d>

Planck Unveils The Universe - Now And Then
<http://tinyurl.com/373z2de>

When The Scientific Evidence Is Unwelcome, People Try To Reason
It Away
<http://tinyurl.com/35hz89w>

Scientists Control Plasma For Practical Applications
<http://tinyurl.com/37exlgv>

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From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2010 14:03:48 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Wed, 07 Jul 2010 10:13:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Monotremes

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2010 15:47:55 -0700
>Subject: Re: Monotremes

>>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2010 12:55:54 +0000 (GMT)
>>Subject: Monotremes [was... News Links - 04-07-10]

>>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
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>>>Date: Mon, 5 Jul 2010 20:00:27 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: News Links - 04-07-10

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>>>that shares the planet with us, one we can't control, that
>>>abducts a few of us every year and we can't do a thing about
>>>it. I don't think most folks would adjust to that situation. Do
>>>you?

>>I wonder where people get the idea that's there's some sort of
>>ridicule-barrier that stops ufology being taken seriously.

>>Can't imagine

>John, EBK, List,

Friends, Romans, Countrymen...

>UFO are flown by intelligent beings who are creatures from some
>type of advanced civilization who seem to have the need to
>sample a human now and then.

Well, I suppose if you work from that assumption, you will
eventually come to some such silly idea as 'monotremes'. If you
choose to take a more nuanced view of the UFO question you might
come across something a little more complex, but rather less
silly.

>There are only a few possibilities to explain their origin: time
>travel, parallel universes, faster than light travel, or ancient
>earthly civilizations. Which one do you favor?

I don't 'favor' it, but what about the good ol' ETH?

>The first three have a mystical quality that has always bothered
>me. I see the UFO as a nuts and bolts issue, but there is
>something very foreboding about the thought of sharing our
>planet with other mammals we can't communicate with well, and
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Just one question. Where do they live? In holes in the ground,
or under the ice? Or are they all around us, in our cities, in
our streets, just like us but subtly different.

Maybe we should round them all up, mark them in some way, and
put them in trains going to... er, well somewhere...

>Ed Gehrman

PS.: I notice that the word 'monotreme' come from the Greek, meaning 'one hole'. Gives you some idea where the people spouting these ideas are talking from!

--

John Rimmer

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>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2010 16:34:38 -0700
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>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2010 08:46:36 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Monotremes [was... News Links - 04-07-10]

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<snip>

>>Such beliefs find expression in legends, speculations, rumors,
>>and hoaxes concerning Atlantis, Lemuria, the hollow earth, and
>>more.

>Of course, but that doesn't mean that there isn't any basis for
>these speculations. We find UFO drawings in cave art that is
>thirty thousand years old. And there are many historical and
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the latest claims of monotremia. I'll endeavor, and doubtless
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(1) The simple fact that something is spoken of in a
mythological tradition is not evidence for its origin in
historical reality. People make up stuff out of thin air all the
time. Sometimes they even get others to believe it. For example,
you might read a book on the historical Jesus sometime (and I
don't mean a debunking atheist tract, but one of the many works
by conscientious scholars, a number themselves Christian). Or,
even more to the point, sane treatments of the "historical"
Lemuria.

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planet" with another earth-based intelligence. It doesn't
"bother" me because I deem the chances so close to zero that I'd
probably be better advised to worry that a falling meteorite
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step outside the door.

>>It was also the basis of the Shaver mystery, which had its
>>heyday in the mid-1940s, and the subject of a silly book by Ivan
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>>sense of humor (unappreciated by the humorless faction of his
>>readership) - dashed it off with tongue securely in cheek, not
>>to mention eye staring anxiously at dwindling financial
>>resources.

>The book Sanderson wrote was Invisible Residents and since
>I've discussed this with Jerry before, I know for sure that he
>hasn't read a word of this excellent book of documented
>research. It's a must read for everyone in ufology and dishonest

>to describe it as "silly" without reading it and knowing or
>understand its contents. Have other readers of Invisible
>Residents found it "silly"?

As a lifelong student of history and biography, I am a habitual reader of "excellent book[s] of documented research" (currently, a well-regarded biography of Gen. Douglas MacArthur). Sanderson's book does not answer either to "excellent" or to "documented," at least to anyone who has any grasp of what actual scholarship comprises.

And really, Ed, you shouldn't be making up stuff just because it feels good to say it, as in "I know for sure that he hasn't read a word" of Sanderson's Invisible Residents. You don't "know" this, much less "for sure," and of course, like monotremes, the claim is a creation of your unfettered imagination. Banal historical reality follows:

For various reasons, first for pleasure on its initial publication in 1970, then twice more for work-related reasons over the past two decades. I have read the book from cover to cover. In fact, I've quoted a deliciously witty Sandersonism from it on more than one occasion (the one about OINTS being "overcivilized and quite mad").

In Hidden Realms, my new book (pardon the plug; even authors have to eat), I devote pp. 36-39 to a discussion of Invisible Residents and to an explication of its peculiar contents as they relate to Sanderson's outsized personality and humor. Though I never met him personally -- we did speak on the phone once from John Keel's apartment in December 1967 -- I have known, and for a long time, persons who knew Sanderson well (e.g., the Fullers, for whom I worked for a decade and a half) and liked him, though the mutual friends and acquaintances did not hold him in anything close to the reverence you do. To the contrary, they saw him simply as an amiably colorful, avuncular character prone to exaggeration and hyperbole, not as a fount of earthly wisdom. Among other talents, Sanderson was a master gossip; I even have recorded evidence to that effect.

Anyway, it was, and remains, the nearly universal assessment that Sanderson did his best work in his early years, and then basically retired for the rest, living off the legend of Ivan T. Sanderson (supplemented by writing and editing income) from his rural New Jersey residence. In his early career he contributed importantly to the emerging proto-science of cryptozoology. No history of that discipline fails to grant him a significant role (though even there with a reservation or two, usually quoting him and then, in an almost audible sigh, "knowing Ivan..."). Later, he contributed in a minor way to Fortean studies generally, and virtually nothing to ufology. He was, by the way, a big advocate for certifiable nut job Carl Allen aka "Carlos Allende."

I have also supplemented my knowledge of Sanderson the man with interviews with contemporaries and as well as access (when I was working on the UFO Encyclopedia project) to period private correspondence. I recall one assessment in particular, made by the late and much-admired Isabel Davis, to the effect that she had known Sanderson for years, was very fond of him, but considered him at his core a "child," and not in a good way.

It is safe to say that Sanderson was an amiable man and an engaging one for his freewheeling wit and imagination, not to mention his young scientist's adventures chasing wild animals around the globe. On the other hand, few I encountered described him as either a deep thinker or a great researcher/investigator. I guess you'd have to have not known him to think he was.

Jerry Clark

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Exeter NH UFO Festival 2010

From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
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Subject: Exeter NH UFO Festival 2010

From: NEMUFON <sfirmani.nul>

Exeter, NH UFO Festival 2010

The 2nd annual Exeter UFO Festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 4th in downtown Exeter and Founders Park. The free family festival is being organized by a volunteer festival committee. A full schedule of events will soon be available, but we are pleased to announce that our lead speaker this year is renowned author and nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman. Author and popular lecturer Peter Robbins will return for his second presentation in Exeter. Each will be speaking at the famous Roswell, NM UFO festival in July.

Local festival supporters include the Exeter Area Kiwanis, HERON (downtown business organization) and New England MUFON. Many local merchants have planned theme-related surprises for the day.

Funding is needed to help offset expenses for the day s speakers and music and to purchase promotional festival T-shirts. Checks should be made out to the Exeter Area Kiwanis/memo-UFO Festival and mailed to: Linda Thomas, Exeter Area Kiwanis, P.O. Box 774, Exeter, NH 03833. Any proceeds from the festival, after expenses, will be distributed to local children s charities.

The committee encourages participation in the festival by area non-profit groups. Those interested in further information should email the committee: exeterufo.nul

The festival committee is also seeking UFO/alien/outer space art work by children and youth, which will be displayed in windows of area businesses. Any art medium is acceptable and completed work can be dropped off at Art & Tiques (downtown Water Street), Water Street Book Store, Santerre s Stones n Stuff or with Lucretia at the Stratham Library. For further information regarding art work please call Rita at 772-2983.

Other festival highlights include buckets of chalk, an alien children s costume contest, rock painting, an ongoing story circle, live vintage 60 s music at the Alien Caf=E9 (Loaf and Ladle), the popular debris field with UFO construction contest and a downtown alien scavenger hunt, with prizes for the winners collected from Admiral Elana Santerre at Santerre s Starship Command . Come see who our first inductee to Exeter s UFO Hall of Fame will be.

Thank you for helping to make the 2nd Exeter UFO Festival another success. See you on September 4th..

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Why, in District 10, of course.

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That didn't work in District 9, which was why they were moved to
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KRandle

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>Lemuria.

Jerry,

You're so patronizing. Of course I understand the above, but my
point was that some myths have an historical basis. None of this
has anything to do with my arguments. I'm not aware of any
monotreme myths, but as far as I can tell, nothing within the
realms of ufology prevents a monotreme solution.

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>planet" with another earth-based intelligence. It doesn't
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Yes, I understand, but for the sake of discussion, how would you feel if monotremes were found to be the answer to our UFO problem. Would you be comfortable with that truth.

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I guess we'll just have to disagree. I thought it was a wonderful, serious, and delightfully written UFO book. It had great notes and footnotes, an index and an appendix section. I thought the discussion of vortices and the part they might play disappearing ships and airplanes was brilliant. For a UFO book written in 1970, it was a masterpiece. It certainly wasn't silly.

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I apologize for misunderstanding your misunderstanding of Sanderson. Our previous discussions led me to believe that you might have had a brief encounter with Invisible Residents at one time or another, but couldn't have read it very closely. You really didn't seem understand the material nor what he was saying, or why his work was important to me. But when you call it "silly", it indicates to me that you didn't read it well.

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Yes, I remember. Sanderson was being quite serious and you made the quote seem frivolous.

>In Hidden Realms, my new book (pardon the plug; even authors >have to eat), I devote pp. 36-39 to a discussion of Invisible >Residents and to an explication of its peculiar contents as they >relate to Sanderson's outsized personality and humor. Though I >never met him personally -- we did speak on the phone once for >John Keel's apartment in December 1967 -- I have known, and for >a long time, persons who knew Sanderson well (e.g., the Fullers, >for whom I worked for a decade and a half) and liked him, though >the mutual friends and acquaintances did not hold him in >anything close to the reverence you do.

No, that won't wash. Sanderson isn't important as support for my theories. He's just the first scientific person to seriously consider the possibilities that UFO were home grown.

>To the contrary, they >saw him simply as an amiably colorful, avuncular character prone >to exaggeration and hyperbole, not as a fount of earthly wisdom. >Among other talents, Sanderson was a master gossip; I even have

>recorded evidence to that effect.

Hey, nobody's perfect. Did I say he was anything more than an interesting and unusual researcher. None of my theories depend on Sanderson.

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>the late and much-admired Isabel Davis, to the effect that she
>had known Sanderson for years, was very fond of him, but
>considered him at his core a "child," and not in a good way.

>It is safe to say that Sanderson was an amiable man and an
>engaging one for his freewheeling wit and imagination, not to
>mention his young scientist's adventures chasing wild animals
>around the globe. On the other hand, few I encountered described
>him as either a deep thinker or a great researcher/investigator.
>I guess you'd have to have not known him to think he was.

I'm friends with someone who knew Sanderson well and worked with him for several years and loved every minute of it. He said that Sanderson was willing to take intellectual chances and wrestle with unusual ideas that frightened others, and he was really a good guy. I guess it all depends on perspective.

Ed

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Re: Monotremes

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2010 09:00:36 -0500
Archived: Thu, 08 Jul 2010 11:35:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Monotremes

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2010 15:35:20 -0700
>Subject: Re: Monotremes

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2010 09:15:41 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Monotremes

>>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2010 16:34:38 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Monotremes

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2010 08:46:36 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Monotremes [was... News Links - 04-07-10]

>>>>In fairness to ufologists who aren't Ed Gehrman:

>>(2) No, it doesn't "bother" me that "we might be sharing the
>>planet" with another earth-based intelligence. It doesn't
>>"bother" me because I deem the chances so close to zero that I'd
>>probably be better advised to worry that a falling meteorite
>>will kill me next time I
>>step outside the door.

>Yes, I understand, but for the sake of discussion, how would you
>feel if monotremes were found to be the answer to our UFO
>problem. Would you be comfortable with that truth.

Are these questions? I see no question marks. Let me ask you a
question, and I'll put a question mark after it to be sure there
are no, er, questions about my meaning.

Why, exactly, is the adjective "frightening" in this discussion?
Is it your belief that these imaginary creatures are hostile?

<snip>

>>As a lifelong student of history and biography, I am a habitual
>>reader of "excellent book[s] of documented research" (currently,
>>a well-regarded biography of Gen. Douglas MacArthur).
>>Sanderson's book does not answer either to "excellent" or to
>>"documented," at least to anyone who has any grasp of what
>>actual scholarship comprises.

>I guess we'll just have to disagree. I thought it was a
>wonderful, serious, and delightfully written UFO book. It had
>great notes and footnotes, an index and an appendix section. I
>thought the discussion of vortices and the part they might play
>disappearing ships and airplanes was brilliant. For a UFO book
>written in 1970, it was a masterpiece. It certainly wasn't
>silly.

Sanderson's fantasy about "vile vortices" was disposed of by
Larry Kusche as long ago as 1975. Kusche had some pointed

observations, too, to make about the level of Sanderson's scholarship. They weren't flattering.

>>And really, Ed, you shouldn't be making up stuff just because it >>feels good to say it, as in "I know for sure that he hasn't read >>a word" of Sanderson's Invisible Residents. You don't "know" >>this, much less "for sure," and of course, like monotremes, the >>claim is a creation of your unfettered imagination. Banal >>historical reality follows:

>I apologize for misunderstanding your misunderstanding of >Sanderson. Our previous discussions led me to believe that you >might have had a brief encounter with Invisible Residents at one >time or another, but couldn't have read it very closely. You >really didn't seem understand the material nor what he was >saying, or why his work was important to me. But when you call >it "silly", it indicates to me that you didn't read it well.

Thanks for the apology, Ed, and I sincerely appreciate your clarifying the miscommunication. As for Invisible Residents, alas, my sin is that I read it too often and too well.

<snip>

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Again, that strangely inappropriate word "frightened." At least in this context, translated, the meaning is clear enough:

"unusual ideas that others found unconvincing, insufficiently documented, and wildly speculative."

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Here is an object lesson for me in the dangers of writing
something quickly just before dashing out the door to meet a
scheduled social obligation.

Ed, of course, does not use the adjective "frightening" in the
above, and my apologies to him for putting the word into his
mouth. He does use "frighten" and "frightened" (including later
in his post) as a periodic rhetorical trope whose purpose is to
discredit critics, but he does not employ it in the above quoted
material.

All of us, not excluding the undersigned, are sometimes guilty
of imputing unflattering motives to those with whom we disagree.
It is a common but lamentable human failing. I think it is safe
to say, however, that anybody who is consumed with fear that
some hypothesized extraordinary phenomenon or other may be real
is not the sort of individual who has found his or her way to
UFO UpDates.

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Archived: Thu, 08 Jul 2010 12:16:00 -0400
Subject: News Links - 08-07-10

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Bushey Resident Claims New UFO Footage Proves Object Is Not Man-Made
Watford Observer
<http://tinyurl.com/37zbsl4>

EU Calls For Opening UFO Data
Kansas City Star
<http://tinyurl.com/2a42urh>

EU Call For 'X Files' Archive Of UFO Sightings
Daily Telegraph
<http://tinyurl.com/2e53eyl>

Answers Are Overrated
Billy Cox
<http://tinyurl.com/2ayx8qd>

July 8, 1947: Roswell Incident Launches UFO Controversy
Wired News
<http://tinyurl.com/2dwdhkr>

Filer's Files #28 -2010 UFO Ridicule
<http://tinyurl.com/388pktv>

=46rom Alejandro Rojas:

Argentina's X-Files =96 Pt 1
<http://tinyurl.com/39z3hph>

=46rom 'The Norm':

UFOs: The People Need To Know EU Parliamentarian Says
The Globe & Mail
<http://tinyurl.com/24enezh>

Proton is Smaller Than Thought, New Measurement Finds
<http://tinyurl.com/26egol9>

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UFO Matrix To Go On Sale In USA

From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2010 17:54:55 +0100
Archived: Fri, 09 Jul 2010 06:31:17 -0400
Subject: UFO Matrix To Go On Sale In USA

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Jesse Marcel Jr. Talks About Crash Debris In Roswell

From: **Alejandro Rojas** <alejandro.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2010 15:30:59 -0700
Archived: Fri, 09 Jul 2010 06:32:52 -0400
Subject: Jesse Marcel Jr. Talks About Crash Debris In Roswell

Jesse Marcel Jr. talks about UFO Crash Debris in Roswell

63 years ago today the Roswell Daily Record ran a front page story regarding the recovery of a Flying Saucer by the Army that had been taken to the Roswell Army Air Field. Intelligence officer Jesse Marcel was the first military man to get a look at the material, and one of many at the Air Field to believe that the debris was not of this world. His testimony to researchers in 1978 sparked the public's fascination with Roswell, and without it we may have never known about this extraordinary event.

Open Minds sponsored the Roswell city anniversary celebrations, and had the honor of spending time with Marcel's son, Jesse Marcel Jr. He gave us a tour of the city, pointing out the important landmarks while reminiscing about the debris his father had shown him, and what he knew about the incident from what his father and Roswell researchers had told him.

We hope you enjoy this video as we commemorate an important time in American history, and two important men, Jesse Marcel and his son Jesse Jr.

Video: <http://www.openminds.tv/jesse-marcel-jr-2010/>

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Sorry Virginia No Extraterrestrials On Earth

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2010 03:23:05 EDT
Archived: Fri, 09 Jul 2010 06:35:59 -0400
Subject: Sorry Virginia No Extraterrestrials On Earth

A short essay at ufomafia.com

<http://tinyurl.com/2fb6pan>

Someone correct me if I'm wrong with some proof.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Airport Closed Due To UFO sighting
The Australian
<http://tinyurl.com/34wyh6t>

UFOs Spotted Over The Valley?
KMPH Fox 26
<http://tinyurl.com/3azzsmp>

White Witch Behind UFO Hoax
Bexhill Observer
<http://tinyurl.com/2uondfh>

Mid Wales Farmer Sees "UFOs Shoot Off Towards Shrewsbury"
Powys County Time
<http://tinyurl.com/34mxfnp>

UFOs And The Christian Worldview
<http://tinyurl.com/26zpunk>

Italian MEP Worried About UFOs
Wall Street Journal
<http://tinyurl.com/237ya5x>

UFOs Caught On Tape - Along With Some Seriously Weird Noises
<http://tinyurl.com/375j8vj>

UFO Over Tulum Mayan Ruins?
<http://tinyurl.com/36s73mn>

National Inquirers: Baylor University Sociologists Study
America's Protagonists Of The Paranormal
Baylor University
<http://tinyurl.com/2bh8xj3>

From 'The Norm':

UFO Disrupts Air Traffic In East China
Xinhua
<http://tinyurl.com/2faxnes>

UFO Crashes In Britain
<http://tinyurl.com/2c3mxrq>

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Re: Sorry Virginia No Extraterrestrials On Earth

From: Lyle Michel <ljm1915.nul>
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The following sentence is from the web site write up!

"I know that I will piss off lots of people but this is a prelude to a longer essay pointing out that of this date not one shred of proof has yet come to the table that extraterrestrials are visiting Earth, have visited Earth, or are on their way."

Not a word of truth to the above statement!

I would like to take just the opposite position and say there is not one shred of evidence to suggest that beings from other worlds are not coming to earth. Every year we send thousands of people to prison around the world based on court room evidence. Thus there is an ocean of court room evidence such as photographs of their vehicles, burn marks on the ground that are of radioactive nature (physical evidence), crop circles by the score (physical evidence), implants taken out of experiencers (physical evidence), scoop marks on humans (physical evidence), actual space craft such as those recovered at Roswell New Mexico (physical evidence), dozens of drawings of these beings from other worlds and some believed to be actual photographs (court room evidence when presented by the eyewitnesses to the evidence).

This is a short list but never the less these are examples of physical evidence and court room evidence that beings from other worlds are coming to earth.

I have seen only one extraterrestrial space craft, and that was while I was in the Air Force the spring of 1971. It is as clear in my mind today as it was 39 years ago. There are tens of thousands of people who could come forward to testify that they have clearly seen space craft from another world. These craft behave in a manner that clearly indicates that their design and technical abilities were not developed on this planet. To believe this statement isn't true is to believe that the human cold does not exist because we cannot establish its cause (microbes). I cannot see the energy patterns that makes my computer work so, therefore, should I conclude that it is impossible for a computer to be developed. Of course not!

The only way to conclude that there is no physical evidence that beings from other worlds are not coming to earth is to simply ignore all the physical evidence and pretend there is no physical evidence. To reach this conclusion is as ridiculous as it would be to conclude that earth itself cannot support life.

God Bless!

BTW: Yes God does exist and that civilization is an enormously advanced extraterrestrial civilization that created the universe and life itself on earth. These beings did create heaven and earth and yes we are made in their image. However, if we earthlings have 2 to 4 strands of DNA these beings may have 200 to 400 strands of DNA (I made this up), but if they do have 400 strands of DNA just how advanced do you think their talents and abilities might be. May they be able to walk through walls for example, communicate by thought, move between dimensions. Just something to think about!

Lyle Michel

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Source In China Cites 'Military Connection' For UFO Sighting
Tucson Citizen
<http://tinyurl.com/2dl5nn5>

Aviation Experts Cool On Private Plane Theory In East China UFO
Probe
Xinhua
<http://tinyurl.com/2uvvybz>

UFO Remains A Mystery + Image
Xinhua
<http://tinyurl.com/2edxarg>

Chinese Airline Shares Surge After UFO Sighting
DailyFinance
<http://tinyurl.com/2a3p857>

Roswell's UFO Festival Organizer Resigns - Video
KOBTV4
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lpws6VIPnSo>

Exeter Plans Second UFO Festival
Seacoastonline.com
<http://tinyurl.com/24hjgoa>

UFO Alert! Did You See Moving Orange Light?
Get Bracknell
<http://tinyurl.com/2vkjccs>

Bushey 'UFO' Will Be Visible Tonight
Watford Observer
<http://tinyurl.com/2ajretn>

From 'The Norm':

From The Why Bother dept
Billy Cox
<http://tinyurl.com/287owsn>

Flights Diverted, Delayed As UFO Detected Hovering
People's Daily
<http://tinyurl.com/273h68h>

Prospects For Finding New Earths Boosted By Brand New Planet-
Finding Technique
<http://tinyurl.com/2vkrxcw>

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Archived: Sun, 11 Jul 2010 07:45:04 -0400
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greg
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Real Secret Government Warehouses

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Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2010 14:37:15 -0400
Archived: Mon, 12 Jul 2010 08:34:31 -0400
Subject: Real Secret Government Warehouses

Source: Airlock Alpha

<http://www.airlockalpha.com/node/7595>

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Syfy To Examine Real Secret Government Warehouses
NBC News reporter Lester Holt hosts examination that ties into 'Warehouse 13'
By Dennis Rayburn

Warehouse 13 airs in several repeats, including today. See:

<http://tinyurl.com/2bwctvd>

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Film of radar screens showing extraordinary behavior of a
clearly manufactured object being seen at the same time is good
enough for me. Why not settle for preponderance of the
evidence? If it moves very fast, very slow, high, low, emits
signals, makes right angle turns, reflects light etc., etc., it
isn't from Earth. Obviously that doesn't tell us from where or
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In the above write-up I left out cattle mutilations as physical
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earth. To believe otherwise is to ignore the obvious and the
unworthiness of professionals who only want to know the truth.

Lyle Michel

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More Brazilian Military UFO Revelations

From: A. J. Gevaerd <ajgevaerd.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Jul 2010 09:15:12 -0300
Archived: Tue, 13 Jul 2010 08:07:06 -0400
Subject: More Brazilian Military UFO Revelations

Another Brazilian Military Officer Reveals UFO Investigation,
Observation And Physical Evidence

The commander of an Army installation in the Brazilian Pantanal area established the official investigation of spherical nocturnal objects reported to have burned vegetation and terrorized people. Military personnel sighted the UFO and obtained photos and physical evidences.

Report by A. J. Gevaerd, editor of the Brazilian UFO Magazine
(www.ufo.com.br)

This is the report of a new investigation and interview I just conducted with the Retired Brazilian Army Lieutenant-Coronel Leo T=E9rcio Sperb resident in Rio dos Cedros, a small town in the state of Santa Catarina, south of Brazil. The interview was obtained thanks to information given by former commander Jos=E9 Am=E9rico Medeiros, UFO Magazine consultant and NARCAP investigator, and performed with UFO investigator and volunteer translator of the Brazilian UFO Magazine Luis Medeiros.

The full interview is being transcribed for complete publication at the Brazilian UFO Magazine, and what can be now advanced is that the former Army military was involved in a major UFO incident in 1977, the very same year when Operation Saucer occurred in the Amazon, a hot year for Brazilian Ufology. Lieutenant-Coronel Leo T=E9rcio Sperb revealed that this new found incident took place when he held the highly important position as commander for the 2nd Frontier Battalion, in the city Caceres, state of Mato Grosso, West of Brazil.

See info and videos about Operation Saucer here:

<http://www.ufo.com.br/materiaespecial/brazilianairforce.htm>

<http://www.ufocasebook.com/magazinereopens.html>

<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/1007/operation-saucer.html>

The former military commander reported that in mid 1977 he was informed by his men that a small settlement located somewhere in the middle of the Cuiaba-Caceres Road was highly excited about sightings of a strange and recurring luminous object that appeared predominantly at night. Having always been opened to UFO issues, and seeing the reports were significant, he sent a first man to do the preliminary investigations.

Captain Abrao (full name unknown) was commissioned to go to the site, talk to witnesses and collect as much data as possible and also physical evidence of whatever was happening in the mentioned location. One piece of evidence found and retrieved was a sandal with burning marks similar to the burns caused by a welder's torch, found in the center of a vast circular area of burnt vegetation left by the object, according to the astonished witnesses. They also reported that the UFO was regular on those nights.

Back to the 2nd Frontier Battalion, Captain Abrao reported the facts to Lieutenant-Coronel Sperb and handed over his report as

well as the collected evidence, which led Sperb to conclude that something serious was happening in the area. The commander then gathered a troop of four men to be sent immediately to the spot: one corporal and three soldiers. They received expressed orders to keep a stake-out in specific places in the woods close to the village, according to the witnesses' guidance, so they could have a full view of the unidentified flying object and photograph it as it moved.

At the end of a week, the troop was successful in documenting the observation of spherical UFOs, brightly lit and exactly like described by the villagers. Several black-and-white pictures were taken and handed over to the commander, who concluded the troop's mission was done. The photos would show lights similar to those in pictures obtained by the Operation Saucer. The Lieutenant-Colonel Leo T=E9rcio Sperb wrote up a report, attached the photos and collected evidence, and forwarded them all to the Army Corps in Corumba, state of Mato Grosso do Sul, to which his Corps was subordinate.

See pictures obtained by the Operation Saucer here:

http://www.revistaufobrasil.com/ufo/public/documentos/Fotos_da_Operacao_Prato_01/

http://www.revistaufobrasil.com/ufo/public/documentos/Fotos_da_Operacao_Prato_02/

The former military commander reported that after the troop withdrew, the UFOs apparently did not trouble the villagers again. He added that he never got any reply to his report to the headquarters in Corumba.

With this incident, collected by the Brazilian UFO Magazine - that goes after witnesses and evidence wherever they may be - the Brazilian UFO community now has one more UFO incident definitely involving military forces in the country, in the course of which Army men on an official mission and using official resources of that force not only witnessed but also registered the occurrence of a phenomenon considered of extraordinary origin. Other important military to give full statements to the Brazilian UFO Magazine are brigadier Jos=E9 Carlos Pereira and former Aeronautics minister brigadier Socrates Monteiro.

Read brigadier Jos=E9 Carlos Pereira statements here:

<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0408/ufo-secrets.html>

<http://www.theufochronicles.com/2008/03/all-ufo-secrets-must-be-disclosed.html>

Read former Aeronautics minister brigadier Socrates Monteiro statements here:

<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/1009/monteiro.php>

<http://www.paolaharris.com/brigadiersocrates.html>

When asked about his personal view of the alien presence on Earth, Lieutenant-Colonel Leo T=E9rcio Sperb demonstrated that he belongs to a lineage of Brazilian military that is quite open and prepared to face the reality of the UFO Phenomenon. He asserted that he thinks "there's no question about the existence of other intelligences in contact with Earth's humankind", and that "contact between them and us is inevitable and will definitely happen in the future".

As for the campaign UFOs: Freedom of Information Now, in progress since 2004 and led by Brazilian UFO Magazine through the Brazilian Committee of UFO Researchers (Comissao Brasileira de Ufologos, CBU), Sperb said that civilian ufologists have every right and reason to request the secret documents kept by the Armed forces, and that the government should not only acknowledge the UFO Phenomenon's reality but also disclose its files. "The truth must come out in the open", said the reformed colonel.

Read about the campaign UFOs: Freedom of Information Now here:

<http://www.ufo.com.br/secretcy.php>

<http://www.unknowncountry.com/news/?id=3D4618>

http://www.civilizationoflight.com/UFOs_and_the_Brazilian_Air_Force.html

I hope you have enjoyed knowing this and feel free to forward to your contacts.

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P.S.: Brazilian UFO Magazine's next interviewee, will be another retired member of the Brazilian Air Force now living in Florianopolis.

Translated by Marco Malvezzi Leal, member of the Brazilian UFO Magazine.

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Needle In A Haystack

From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Jul 2010 02:00:46 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Tue, 13 Jul 2010 08:10:35 -0400
Subject: Needle In A Haystack

Late the other night a thought occurred to me and now I am bringing it up to List members in the form of a question.

Has anyone researched anybody who worked at Wright-Patterson or the top labs around the nation who may have been shown or worked on material relating to the Roswell crash or other possible extraterrestrial craft?

It's a needle-in-a-haystack, but what I'm interested in is not people who claimed to have seen bodies or crafts, but rather people who were exposed to strange material and who were probably lied to regarding the origin, as in told that it was recovered Russian or German technology.

I am also interested in people who may have been shown or worked on strange tissue slides or samples and who were probably lied to as well with regards to their origin.

The way I figure is that that any bodies or relatively intact craft would be kept in the 'do not open until doomsday' vault with only tissue slides or samples, and specimens of exotic material available for study. by the top labs and top people in their fields.

Such people would likely have no clue that such items may have originated with the Roswell crash or other extraterrestrial craft. Such people may also have talked of the unusual items to their loved ones or friends over the years.

Yes, I know it's a long-shot but I was curious.

The way I see it, it's a possibility that if these items exist then they might just be at a facility near you or me for that matter. Or at least they were at one time. I guess I'm trying to communicate that instead of bodies and craft we should be looking for more mundane items, items that could be hidden in plain sight.

-Jason Gammon

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Taranis Unveiled

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Jul 2010 19:38:02 +0200 (CEST)
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This, from the MoD website, may be of interest to List members:

<http://tinyurl.com/3a6r7mn>

Best wishes,

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<http://www.nickpope.net>

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New Forteana Radio Show Starts Thursday

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Jul 2010 19:39:50 +0000
Archived: Tue, 13 Jul 2010 09:05:09 -0400
Subject: New Forteana Radio Show Starts Thursday

From Nick Redfern:

From: nick.redfern.nul
To: nick.redfern.nul
Date: Mon, 12 Jul 2010 08:37:05 -0700
Subject: New Radio Show on Forteana Starts This Thursday

Hi

I'm BCC'ing this to my address book.

The new radio-show I'll be co-hosting with Raven Meindel - Exploring all Realms - starts this Thursday night, 8:00 PM Central - the show site link is contained in the link below). The first guest is legendary author Brad Steiger, so if you can make it, see you Thursday!

<http://apexn.com/>

Feel free to link etc to the press-release.

Best

Nick

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Re: Real Secret Government Warehouses

From: Yvonne R Smith <yrs.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Jul 2010 18:25:04 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Tue, 13 Jul 2010 09:08:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Real Secret Government Warehouses

>From: Larry Landsman <LL1157.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2010 14:37:15 -0400
>Subject: Real Secret Government Warehouses

>Source: Airlock Alpha

><http://www.airlockalpha.com/node/7595>

>Jul-10-2010

>Syfy To Examine Real Secret Government Warehouses
>NBC News reporter Lester Holt hosts examination that ties into 'Warehouse 13'
>By Dennis Rayburn

>-----

>Warehouse 13 airs in several repeats, including today. See:

><http://tinyurl.com/2bwctvd>

Hi Larry,

When will this special air in the Southern California/San Diego area? I will send out an email blast to Close Encounter Resource Organization (CERO) members!

Thank you,

Yvonne Smith, C.Ht.
Director of CERO

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That "Are We A Computer Program?" Question Is

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Jul 2010 11:41:41 +0100
Archived: Tue, 13 Jul 2010 09:12:16 -0400
Subject: That "Are We A Computer Program?" Question Is

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Cheers
Ray D

Karl seems to've been busy around that time. In 1950 he left England to visit the USA, primarily to give some seminar lectures at Harvard. He also gave a lecture at Princeton (on Quantum and Classical physics effects) which Einstein and Bohr attended. Later Karl conferred with Schr=F6dinger and G=F6del, among others.

Nb. Schr=F6dinger and Karl seemed to have had a maybe disputatious though friendly relationship - unlike Karl's apparent effect on Wittgenstein - ie, the famous poker incident, which Karl downplays in the book: "Don't believe the more lurid accounts" (paraphrased). In the book Karl admits to a habit of `provoking argument / discussion', which Wittgenstein maybe didn't appreciate.

RD

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Re: Needle In A Haystack

From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Jul 2010 12:58:23 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Tue, 13 Jul 2010 09:13:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Needle In A Haystack

>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 12 Jul 2010 02:00:46 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Needle In A Haystack

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Date: Tue, 13 Jul 2010 10:47:43 -0300
Archived: Tue, 13 Jul 2010 10:50:09 -0400
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decimated by WW2 losing over 20 million people. There was
tremendous destruction of cities and laboratories etc....

In complete contrast, the United states was not bombed, and
built a whole host of advanced new technology sites such as Oak
Ridge National Laboratory, Los Alamos National Laboratory,
Lawrence Livermore, Sandia, Mound Labs etc etc ad nauseum. These
were still intact in 1947.

There were loads of very competent professionals with high level
security clearances to whom materials could be sent for analysis
and examination. There were Nobel Prize winners working at LANL
under assumed names.

There were also major Laboratories at Bell Labs, General
Electric, the U. of Chicago, MIT Etc also with high level
security clearances and very competent people. Their work was
classified.

One of the purposes of MJ-12 would have been to see that
materials were distributed appropriately. Van Bush as head of
the Office of Scientific Research and Development during WW II

co-ordinated the efforts of 6000 scientists and engineers on many dozens of scientific investigations.

Sometimes WPAFB had 30,000 people working there and over 1000 bldgs. Most of course were off-limits to people without an appropriate security clearance and need to know.

Better do some home work.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Sorry Virginia No Extraterrestrials On Earth

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Jul 2010 10:07:36 EDT
Archived: Tue, 13 Jul 2010 11:36:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Sorry Virginia No Extraterrestrials On Earth

>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2010 09:11:00 -0300
>Subject: Re: Sorry Virginia No Extraterrestrials On Earth

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2010 23:59:36 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Sorry Virginia No Extraterrestrials On Earth

>>>From: Lyle Michel <ljm1915.nul>
>>>To: UFO Updates Post <post.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2010 12:32:45 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Sorry Virginia No Extraterrestrials On Earth

<snip>

>>How did you know it was extraterrestrial? did it have Made On
>>Mars plastered on it's side? Someone analyzed the physical
>>traces of the object and concluded via scientific means it was
>>of extraterrestrial origin?

>>Because something is of unusual construct or performs in unusual
>>means doesn't equate with something extraterrestrial. An object
>>must be physically examined through rigorous scientific method
>>to determine what it's origin is or may be.

>>Now go back, look at what you've written and emphasize what
>>physical proof you yourself actually touched, examined, handed
>>off to professionals to examine and then published their
>>findings.

>As a physical scientist, I think this supposed requirement for
>"physical proof" is frankly absurd. I don't have pieces of
>Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto, a super nova, a neutron
>star or black hole.

>There is however at least a preponderance of the evidence.

>Film of radar screens showing extraordinary behavior of a
>clearly manufactured object being seen at the same time is good
>enough for me. Why not settle for pre-ponderance of the
>evidence? If it moves very fast, very slow, high, low, emits
>signals, makes right angle turns, reflects light etc., etc., it
>isn't from Earth. Obviously that doesn't tell us from where or
>why or who. So what? Hit and run criminals are real even if we
>don't have them in hand.

I agree there is a preponderance of evidence. I didn't say there
wasn't, however my point is that no physical proof has ever been
presented.

I said earlier, there may be physical proof, however, we've
either not examined it, have examined it and are unwilling or
unable at this time given our technologies to qualify and
quantify it.

As for radar, all that shows is that something is detected and

Re: Sorry Virginia No Extraterrestrials On Earth

we can gather some data on the object or objects' performance.
The radar screen doesn't have an extraterrestrial detection
alert screen saver.

In over 60 years of this, pardon the pun, wild goose chase,
physical proof of this one theory regarding the origins of some
UFOs is missing or undetected or not presented.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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My mistake, I think I should have said the H-bomb. The point
remains, however, that something like 'Roswell' would have
drained a great many people from mainstream academic research.
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Peculiar & Dramatic Sightings During July

From: Peter Davenport <director.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Jul 2010 11:57:54 -0700
Archived: Wed, 14 Jul 2010 07:35:36 -0400
Subject: Peculiar & Dramatic Sightings During July

To the List:

I write to apprise you all of the peculiar sightings that reportedly have been occurring across the North American Continent since approximately July 1st, 2010. Within the last several days, NUFORC has posted approximately 300 reports, 147 of which are for the dramatic events that occurred on the evening of July 4th.

In my sixteen years of tenure as Director of NUFORC, I ve not seen an incident of this nature. In addition, the phenomenon appears to be continuing unabated. Many reports of these peculiar lights, or fireballs, were reported as recently as last night, July 10th

Here are some links to the reports posted on the NUFORC site:

All July reports:

<http://www.nuforc.org/webreports/ndxe201007.html>

First posting of anomalous sightings on July 06:

<http://www.nuforc.org/webreports/ndxp100706.html>

Second posting of anomalous sightings on July 10:

<http://www.nuforc.org/webreports/ndxp100710.html>

Here are links to two recent newspaper articles about the phenomenon, forwarded to me by Chaz Stuart:

<http://tinyurl.com/3afkltx>

<http://tinyurl.com/2f7r4hk>

If anyone has thoughts on what the cause of the reports might be, I welcome your comments.

Peter

NUFORC

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Jul 2010 19:54:16 -0400
Archived: Mon, 12 Jul 2010 19:54:16 -0400
Subject: News Links - 11-07-10

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Holes At Poles Exclusive: The Secret Life Of Ottmar Kaub
The Courier-News
<http://tinyurl.com/37g4y2y>

This Day In Paranormal History: Mass UFO sightings In Mexico In
1991
Tucson Citizen
<http://tinyurl.com/3acm388>

Abductees Declare War On Aliens
FlashNews.com
<http://www.flashnews.com/news/wfn04100712fn12069.html>

From 'The Norm':

Photos: Top 10 UFO Sensations
<http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/100709/top-ufo-sensations>

Project Blue Book UFO Case #1313
Kevin Randle
<http://tinyurl.com/3yqfdtb>

Fireball Reported Over Vancouver Washington
<http://tinyurl.com/3afkltx>

UFO Disclosure! Are We Ready For The Truth About UFOs?
& The Official UFO Night In Brazil
By Sean Casteel
<http://tinyurl.com/2vjv27x>

Disclosure! Breaking Through The Barrier Of UFO Secrecy! - Book & Bonus DVD
Timothy Green Beckley with Sean Casteel and John Weigle
<http://tinyurl.com/29krbj>

'UFO' That Disrupted Air Traffic In East China Remains A Mystery
<http://tinyurl.com/37y2z2y>

Mirage Men: A Journey into Disinformation, Paranoia and UFOs:
The Weird Truth Behind UFOs (Paperback)
by Mark Pilkington (Author)
To be released on July 29, 2010

Magonia Book Review
<http://tinyurl.com/38ok46y>

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<http://tinyurl.com/28xwye9>
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News Links - 12-07-10

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Jul 2010 20:17:20 -0400
Archived: Tue, 13 Jul 2010 20:17:20 -0400
Subject: News Links - 12-07-10

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UFO Causes Flight Delays In China
Technorati
<http://tinyurl.com/2dsam2l>

ET, Phone Brussels: EU Calls For Opening UFO Data
Dubuque Telegraph Herald
<http://www.thonline.com/article.cfm?id=288921>

Men In Black: A History
<http://www.ufo.whipnet.org/xdocs/men.in.black/index.html>

With Recent UFO Reports From The 'Couv I'm Thinking:
The Columbian - Poll
<http://tinyurl.com/334x76b>

Thousands Flock To See Easter Island Eclipse
SkyNews
<http://tinyurl.com/2enzpd3>

From 'The Norm':

China's UFO sighting. True or not?
<http://tinyurl.com/2cw79kg>

UFO in China Closes Xiaoshan Airport - UFO Sighting
<http://tinyurl.com/2f8jo3r>

The Unexplained Red Rain Of Kerala
<http://tinyurl.com/2eoeg7l>

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Is this a step toward a teleological approach to science? This is the idea that the universe came into being with a built-in purpose, and things evolved from the beginning so that that purpose would be fulfilled. This need not go so far as to imply a god that set the wheels in motion. Instead, it means that conditions existed from the beginning that biased the evolution of the universe and everything in it in a certain way. The 'big bang' cosmology is consistent with this. Cosmologists are trying to understand what the special conditions were that led to the universe we see now.

Popper is saying that the solution to a problem (say in biological evolution) is guided by an implicit theory. How could such a theory exist unless it is part of a general theory guiding all evolution - physical and biological?

An example of such a theory has recently been published in a book by Carl Calleman entitled "The Purposeful Universe". He discusses evidence for the existence of a hierarchical system of homeostatic mechanisms that enables the universe to grow like a single organism toward a common goal. He argues that "the purpose of the universe is to generate life, and its physical nature is entirely subordinated to this purpose".

He finds the evidence for this in the recently discovered asymmetry in the structure of the universe, the properties of galaxies, the solar system, the planet, the biological organism, down to the structure of the cell, and even the atom. What happens at any given level is dependent on how things have evolved at the more macro levels.

I wonder what Popper would think about this.

William

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When I was working at the General Electric Aircraft Nuclear
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The way I view it is that any extraterrestrial wreckage or
tissue samples/slides would be funnelled into pre-existing
groups, there wouldn't necessarily be the creation of something
new that would skim the researchers from their fields. This way
the material could be hidden in plain sight, especially if given
a fake back story, such as that the material was recovered from
the crash of a secret Russian craft.

Now the material and tissue samples might have odd properties
that would have caused researchers and scientists to truly
question the origins of the material, but we can't assume they
would know they were working on something extraterrestrial.

As for the actual craft and bodies, my assumption is that these
would be far too 'hot', not radioactive heat, for anyone to work
on directly and would probably be stored away in what I call the
'do not open until doomsday' vault, or an underground steel and
concrete vault with no doors, completely sealed and perhaps

awaiting the day when our science can catch up. That doesn't mean that I don't think that many ideas haven't been gathered from any inspections of such material, mind you.

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Sydney Morning Herald
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Wuhan Citizen Discovers Record Of UFO In 63-Year-Old Paper
People's Daily Online
<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90782/7064145.html>

UFO Museum=92S Rocketing Attendance Defies Skeptics
TheChronicleHerald - Halifax
<http://thechronicleherald.ca/NovaScotia/1191793.html>

Paola Harris On UFOs, Europe And Mario Borghezio
Technorati
<http://tinyurl.com/2bvvsqy>

White House UFO Afghan Hamster Guy Is 'Outed'
<http://www.starpod.org/viewpoint/1007131.htm>

Backyard Bigfoot: Final Verdict?
<http://tinyurl.com/23m6fyh>

=46rom Tom Horn:

Alien Abductions =96 They're Not What You Think
<http://tinyurl.com/246kz28>

=46rom Alejandro Rojas:

Argentina=92s X-Files =96 Pt 2
<http://www.openminds.tv/argentina-x-files-pt-2/>

=46rom 'The Norm':

Jacques Vallee: Magonians Create Crop Circles
<http://tinyurl.com/25a8jou>

China Tipped For Extraterrestrial First Contact
<http://tinyurl.com/33uqopj>

UFO Alien Abduction In The Middle Of The Street Many Witnesses
In The News?
<http://tinyurl.com/29o8fkk>

Large Hadron Collider Rival Tevatron 'Has Found Higgs Boson',
Say Rumours
<http://tinyurl.com/3x2he9l>

Revised Theory Of Gravity Doesn't Predict A Big Bang
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NASA wasn't established until after Sputnik went up in 1957.

I was referring to Operation Majestic 12 (MJ-12) established
formally in September 1947 in response to the Roswell event and
the need for having a coordinating group looking at all aspects
of the problem.

That would include not only analyses of wreckage which could be
done in secret at the many very high tech, very talented, very

high security facilities I noted such as Los Alamos, ORNL, Sandia, Lawrence Livermore, Hanford etc and all the other groups with which Dr. Van Bush was very familiar.

There would have also been concern with data obtained by both ground and Airborne radar and from pilots.

Bush had been head of NACA prewar and his successor was another MJ-12 guy, Dr. Jerome Hunsaker. Two other MJ-12 guys who had served on NACA were Generals Nathan Twining and Hoyt Vandenberg.

There is more about Operation Majestic 12 in TOP SECRET/MAJIC (2005) which also deals with the attacks on the MJ-12 documents. Most are phoney. It is the real ones that matter.

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Boeing Phantom Eye

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Something else to look out for. No doubt Boeing's Phantom Eye, hydrogen powered aircraft will account for some reports if this vehicle is in North American skies. Some will claim these are the culprits for UFO reports over England where they are spying on the UK. This of course completely ignores the fact that The US can ask the UK for just about anything they want information-wise and don't need a multimillion dollar platform to get this information.

The Phantom Eye loiters around at 65,000 feet (19,825 meters) and can do so for as long as 4 days.

See Aviation Week's coverage here:

<http://tinyurl.com/2awnsv4>

It will be a spy vehicle in the war zones many miles away from the actual geographic point needing reconnaissance and is one of many experiments aimed at getting high altitude, loitering technology that many would have us think the US military - for example - has already. Their thinking is that "they" are cleverly disguising the fact that they already have these vehicles by spending billions more doing research on lesser vehicles that they can actually reveal to the public as a cover-up.

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 13 Jul 2010 11:57:54 -0700
>Subject: Peculiar & Dramatic Sightings During July

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ABC News On China's Latest UFO Sightings

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Jul 2010 22:28:35 EDT
Archived: Thu, 15 Jul 2010 07:06:46 -0400
Subject: ABC News On China's Latest UFO Sightings

For what it's worth, and we can see its ABC News, this story is important in that it details accounts of not one, but several UFOs sighted by residents of this area in China.

<http://tinyurl.com/24f8h6e>

Add to that multiple pictures and videos emerging from multiple people from various viewpoints, it adds up to a good old fashioned investigation of an UFO.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Re: That "Are We A Computer Program?..."

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Jul 2010 04:47:28 +0100
Archived: Thu, 15 Jul 2010 07:09:56 -0400
Subject: Re: That "Are We A Computer Program?..."

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 13 Jul 2010 12:54:25 -0400
>Subject: Re: That "Are We A Computer Program?..."

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 13 Jul 2010 11:41:41 +0100
>>Subject: That "Are We A Computer Program?" Question Is Maybe Not So New

<snip>

>> Now that might seem surprising, maybe because we don't normally
>>think about such things. Yet a meta-question could be inferred
>>from those conclusions: "Were organic structures - i.e. Earth
>>life-forms - actually built (or coded) *in order* to incorporate
>>theories and solve problems?"

>Is this a step toward a teleological approach to science? This
>is the idea that the universe came into being with a built-in
>purpose, and things evolved from the beginning so that that
>purpose would be fulfilled.

<snip>

Hi William,

Don't think Popper credited the teleological viewpoint, despite his raising the question "Why don't we see mostly 'random-walk' mutations around us", and his apparent impression that evolution seems to be biased towards 'orthogenetic' (single-direction) progress. I think that is accounted for by the overwhelming importance of "first steps". I.e. if you 'decide' to live in the water and hunt things, only those random-walk mutations that help you to end up looking like a shark, orca or otter will succeed. Which is why those animals have tended towards similar streamlined body-shapes (and sharp teeth).

>An example of such a theory has recently been published in a
>book by Carl Calleman entitled "The Purposeful Universe". He
>discusses evidence for the existence of a hierarchical system of
>homeostatic mechanisms that enables the universe to grow like a
>single organism toward a common goal. He argues that "the
>purpose of the universe is to generate life, and its physical
>nature is entirely subordinated to this purpose".

>He finds the evidence for this in the recently discovered
>asymmetry in the structure of the universe, the properties of
>galaxies, the solar system, the planet, the biological organism,
>down to the structure of the cell, and even the atom. What
>happens at any given level is dependent on how things have
>evolved at the more macro levels.

Right, Lee Smolin outlined similar thoughts in The Life of the Cosmos.

But I was prompted to raise that 'computer-program' question again because I've long thought the primary force in our universe - that which enables mass, matter and inertia - could

also have enabled life-forms to develop from "the beginning", and that they could now be many billions of years old.

And that, if those life-forms existed as living patterns in the primary force, they could have massive physical power coupled with 'magical' (to us) abilities to sense and even control all secondary energy patterns - like electromagnetics and even the mental patterns of us organic beings.

Like Hoyle and Wickramasinghe said (in 'Cosmic Life-force'):

[Quote Begins]

"The ultimate cosmic intelligence built from ... more robust structures [than our own] could well be thought to persist for exceedingly long timescales, even for an eternity. A cosmic intelligence could be envisioned on a much more ambitious scale than the capacity of our own brains"

[Quote Ends]

A bit like Hoyle and Wickramasinghe, I'm asking if all interesting developments of organic structures, like us, are being observed by such beings or could even be an 'experiment' of theirs? We could be living on a 'fast-forward' time-scale to their quasi-immortal senses.

>I wonder what Popper would think about this.

Same here.

Cheers

Ray D

BTW - there's a speculative look at the concept at:

www.perceptions.couk.com/uef/friend-foe.html

with added speculation about their possible pre-protonic existence - i.e long before any putative 'big-bang'

RD

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From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Jul 2010 07:42:50 -0500
Archived: Thu, 15 Jul 2010 11:56:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Peculiar & Dramatic Sightings During July

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 14 Jul 2010 17:33:22 +0100
>Subject: Re: Peculiar & Dramatic Sightings During July

>>From: Peter Davenport <director.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 13 Jul 2010 11:57:54 -0700
>>Subject: Peculiar & Dramatic Sightings During July
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>>the dramatic events that occurred on the
>>evening of July 4th.

>>In my sixteen years of tenure as Director of NUFORC, I ve not
>>seen an incident of this nature. In addition, the phenomenon
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Martin, Peter,

I have written a brief article on this that should appear in the
August MUFON journal with specific numbers from the MUFON CMS
database to back by thoughts.

This type event has happened each previous 4th of July as well,
back to 2008.

Because of the consistency of the descriptions, direction of the
wind, and slow speed of the unknown lights, I think it is likely
that the vast majority of these sightings are Chinese lanterns.
I'm not saying this is true of every sighting made on July 4th,
only the majority of them. Unfortunately, that makes it all the
more difficult to determine when a real sighting occurs.

Robert

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Re: Peculiar & Dramatic Sightings During July

From: Peter Davenport <director.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Jul 2010 12:01:44 -0700
Archived: Fri, 16 Jul 2010 05:32:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Peculiar & Dramatic Sightings During July

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>To: [post.nul](#)
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Robert and Martin,

Here is the article about the orange objects over Vancouver.
When I copied it into the last message, the link didn't follow:

<http://tinyurl.com/245p4ce>

When I receive a pulse of reports, the likes of which I received during the first ten days of July, I typically attempt to rule out some obvious possibilities. Those include an over-flight of the ISS; Venus, in the western sky; fireworks; "Chinese" lanterns; contrails; and the like. These are objects that unskilled observers frequently report as "UFO's," and I do my level best to eliminate them from the stream of data, even though I know I won't be able to identify all of the IFO's.

In many of the cases I've posted, I spoke via telephone with the witness(es), many of whom I considered to be qualified, and sober-minded, observers. In some of those cases, the individuals described flight characteristics that are not consistent with drifting lanterns. For example, some reported that the objects were seen to pass behind clouds, which seems inconsistent with lanterns, given that they have a relatively short burn time, and usually don't ascend to such altitude.

Also, some witnesses reported that one, or more, of the objects in a cluster of lights allegedly was (were) seen to accelerate, and appeared to ascend vertically, disappearing from sight within a few seconds. Other witnesses reported that the lights were seen to play "leap-frog," one suddenly accelerating, and passing the others. Assuming that the movement of the atmosphere is largely laminar in its movement, such sudden movement of the lights seems noteworthy, and not characteristic of drifting objects.

In an ideal world, each one of the reports on file with NUFORC and MUFON would have to be thoroughly investigated, before we could reach a definitive resolution as to the real nature of the phenomenon.

However, I disagree with the statement that this type of phenomenon has been seen before. Please bear in mind that the events were not confined to July 4th, a fact that is well supported by both the quantity, and nature, of the reports posted to the NUFORC site. The event appears to have begun as early as July 1st, and there are a few reports for as recently as July 10th.

Another dramatic event that occurred on July 4th can be seen in the NUFORC data for 1997. The sightings over Missouri and

Illinois were dramatic:

<http://www.nuforc.org/webreports/ndxe199707.html>

Another event that involved clusters of yellow objects involved the event over Carteret, NJ, on July 15, 2001, which can be seen here:

<http://www.nuforc.org/webreports/ndxe200107.html>

In this latter case, the objects had passed over McGuire AFB, only seconds before they appeared just east of Newark Airport.

I hope that helps.

Peter
NUFORC

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Re: Needle In A Haystack

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Jul 2010 15:35:10 -0700 (GMT-07:00)
Archived: Fri, 16 Jul 2010 05:37:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Needle In A Haystack

>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 14 Jul 2010 13:15:24 -0300
>Subject: Re: Needle In A Haystack

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 14 Jul 2010 12:18:28 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Needle In A Haystack

<snip>

>I was definitely not referring to the NACA working Group.
>NASA wasn't established until after Sputnik went up in 1957.

>I was referring to Operation Majestic 12 (MJ-12) established
>formally in September 1947 in response to the Roswell event and
>the need for having a coordinating group looking at all aspects
>of the problem.

>That would include not only analyses of wreckage which could be
>done in secret at the many very high tech, very talented, very
>high security facilities I noted such as Los Alamos, ORNL,
>Sandia, Lawrence Livermore, Hanford etc and all the other groups
>with which Dr. Van Bush was very familiar.

>There would have also been concern with data obtained by both
>ground and Airborne radar and from pilots.

>Bush had been head of NACA prewar and his successor was another
>MJ-12 guy, Dr. Jerome Hunsaker. Two other MJ-12 guys who had
>served on NACA were Generals Nathan Twining and Hoyt Vandenberg.

>There is more about Operation Majestic 12 in TOP SECRET/MAJIC
>(2005) which also deals with the attacks on the MJ-12 documents.
>Most are phoney. It is the real ones that matter.

I must agree that at least two programs exist. The open source
one was Project Blue Book whereas the covert one is a SCI
(Sensitive Compartmented Information) program(s). When I worked
SSO Panama I spoke with another shift supervisor who said that
the European UFO reporting focal point was SSO Heidelberg.
These were re-addressed to the NSA.

Open source collection continues through the DOS (Dept. of
State) and the CIA's Foreign Broadcast Information Service. Go
to pages 113 and 114 of this TAGS/TERMS document:

<http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/89261.pdf>

My Non-Disclosure Agreement expires in 2052. I would be 103
years old.

Terry
[TSPA Space Activities]
North Las Vegas, 7 June to 10 August 2010

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Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Jul 2010 17:59:16 -0700
Archived: Fri, 16 Jul 2010 05:40:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 22 Jun 2010 18:23:33 +0000
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>Paul:

>I used to enjoy looking at each year's new bunch of crop
>circles. I would even order the Crop Circle calendar from
>Strieber's On-Line Book Store. Just like you, I wondered whether
>at least one crop circle was created by some unknown phenomena.

>However, since the interest in crop circles has turned to
>attaching meaning to them that is not supported by the internal
>integrity of the design, I am afraid - for me - they have lost
>their charm.

That's why I never became as interested in trying to interpret
the formations as some others have... if you have man-made
hoaxes or "land art" contaminating the information pool, then
how can you base any kind of accurate interpretation on that?
You can't. I still see it done though with formations that, on
the ground, had evidence of being man-made.

Another reason I'm interested in reports of simpler circles and
rings, etc. which date back many decades or even a few
centuries, such as the ones I linked to previously. Any thoughts
on those? Don?

Unfortunately, many older accounts like those don't have
photographs or other supporting evidence, but some do, like the
Staffordshire (1686) and Nature (1880) ones I linked to before.
They also don't fit the typical 'landing trace' description, but
some others do.

I've just been going through all of my archives and sorting
these out more, and I will be putting additional graphs, lists,
etc. on the CCCRN blog detailing the various kinds of circular
phenomena here in Canada over the years, including of course,
"standard" crop circles, as well as burned rings and ones in
trees, dirt, ice, snow, etc.

Paul

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BP Oil Spill & UFO Reports?

From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Jul 2010 03:00:00 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Fri, 16 Jul 2010 05:44:16 -0400
Subject: BP Oil Spill & UFO Reports?

Does anybody have any info on whether there has been an increase in UFO/USO reports near the spill site or along the coast?

I was wondering if our visitors might show an interest in our mess.

-Jason Gammon

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[EuroUfo] Re: K. Arnold

From: **Franck Boitte** <franckboitte.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Jul 2010 12:37:38 +0200
Archived: Fri, 16 Jul 2010 17:51:01 -0400
Subject: [EuroUfo] Re: K. Arnold

Martin Shough a =E9crit:

>Dear Lists

>Anyone interested in a fresh study of the seminal 1947 Arnold
>incident can go to:

><http://www.martinshough.com/aerialphenomena/Arnold%20analysis2.pdf>

>where 'The Singular Adventure of Mr Kenneth Arnold' is available
>as a 147 page PDF document (4.54MB download) of 11 Sections and 4
>Appendices.

>Comments, criticisms, brickbats and plaudits all welcome.

>Regards
>Martin Shough

Dear Mr. Shough, Listers,

I read with interest your detailed report on the Arnold's case. The only comment I will permit myself is that you seem totally unaware that it was "sociologist" P. Lagrange - by far not a friend of mines - who was the first in France to rise pertinent questions on this "foundation case". He did this in a text he called "Some out-to-date notes on Kenneth Arnold's flying saucers" that was first published by John Spencer and Hilary Evans in their book Phenomenon (London, Futura Books, 1988, pp.26-45), then in an expanded version in the SOBEPS' Report on the "First European Congress on Anomalous Aerial Phenomena : Physical and Psychosocial Aspects" held in Brussels, 11-13 November 1988. You will not find my name in the list of participants that included at last two people I'd loved to meet there (J.M. Bigorne and J. Vallee), because I was then in the Andes in poursuit for some impending changes. But I anyway had produced shortly before, with the help of my wife, the laborious (re)translation into french of Lagrange's study for the french version of the comptes-rendus of the SOBEPS' meeting.

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Dear Lists

The message below from Franck Boitte addressed to several Lists
was forwarded to me by a third party. I haven't received it
myself through any of the Lists, so this is a bit of a mystery.

In any case I'm responding to Franck's concern that in my Arnold
report at:

<http://www.martinshough.com/aerialphenomena/Arnold%20analysis2.pdf>

I seem to be "totally unaware" of Pierre Lagrange's contribution
to Arnold studies.

In fact Lagrange's name occurs a total of 14 times on pages 86, 91, 101, 118, 136 and 139. I'm very familiar with the article in Evans & Spencer (1988) mentioned by Franck (whose actual published title was "It Seems Impossible, But There It Is") but didn't cite it as a reference because I did not draw anything useful from that was directly relevant to my argument and not available in other sources. I do however cite: Lagrange, P., 'A Moment in History: An Interview with Bill Bequette', IUR Vol. 23, No. 4, Winter 1998; Lagrange, P., 'How it All Began', Anomalies #3 1997 p.27; some secondary sources quoting Lagrange; and of course the Ted Smith tape discovered by Lagrange available at <http://www.ufologie.net/htm/arnoldrepsmith.htm>. But I was not aware of the 2007 book.

As one or two correspondents on these Lists are aware, I would have liked to pursue certain questions directly with Lagrange and tried to contact him more than once by email, but as I note on page 136 he was unresponsive.

Best wishes

Martin Shough

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Jul 2010 18:29:01 -0400
Archived: Thu, 15 Jul 2010 18:29:01 -0400
Subject: News Links - 14-07-10

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UFO In China's Skies Prompts Investigation - Video
ABC News
<http://tinyurl.com/24f8h6e>

Experts Join In On The Investigation Of The UFO In China
Tucson Citizen
<http://tinyurl.com/2ufp7jx>

Georgia Couple Describes 200-Foot-Wide Sphere
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/2udv2kx>

Sheffield UFO Sighting Sparks Dozens Of Calls
The Star
<http://tinyurl.com/2uobpsa>

UFOs Shut Down Nuclear Weapons Sites Says Former Air Force
Officer
Technorati
<http://tinyurl.com/2v5toy6>

Carrbridge Couple Report UFO
Strathspey Herald
<http://tinyurl.com/2crgg6j>

Resident Captures UFOs In Tweed - Video
Tweed Daily News
<http://tinyurl.com/25mzqcd>

UFO Conference Lands In Denver
Denver Post
http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_15510468

Chupacabra Found In Texas: Pictures Raise Questions
Helium
<http://tinyurl.com/29fnp7h>

Do Aliens And UFOs Really Exist?
Yahoo Answers
<http://tinyurl.com/268ceyn>

Microsoft, NASA Bring Mars To Computer Screens
<http://tinyurl.com/2afdm5v>

From 'The Norm':

'Humanoid Figure' Reported In Argentina
Inexplicata
<http://tinyurl.com/24hcbd7>

Chupacabras? Mysterious Animals Spotted In Texas

Is Time Disappearing from the Universe?

<http://tinyurl.com/37d7v5w>

Higgs Boson Discovered? Not So Fast

<http://tinyurl.com/2ebekpc>

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More Photos From 'China Airport UFO'
Ghost Theory
<http://tinyurl.com/34rw96h>

UFO Over Chinese Airport Draws Interest - Video
Associated Content
<http://tinyurl.com/2afjrwp>

Frequent Sightings Of UFOs In China
The Epoch Times
<http://www.theepochtimes.com/n2/content/view/39238/>

New Syfy Series Debuts - Attempts To Debunk 'Phoenix Lights'
Tucson Citizen
<http://tinyurl.com/27dqpqv>

Beamed Up Into UFO Hall Of Fame
Daily Gleaner
<http://dailygleaner.canadaeast.com/cityregion/article/1135962>

Why Have UFOs Changed Speed Over The Years?
Martin S. Kottmeyer
<http://www.philosophypress.co.uk/?p=1380>

The Investigators - J. Allen Hynek
<http://www.alieneight.com/the-investigators-j-allen-hynek.htm>

Video Critics Debunk Popular Ghost Stories
South Coast Today
<http://tinyurl.com/35lk8va>

Penn & Teller To Pinch A Fragrant Loaf With Upcoming UFO Episode
Of 'Bullshit'
<http://tinyurl.com/2wjkw14>

Filer's Files # 29 - 2010
http://www.nationalufocenter.com/artman/publish/article_345.php

From Terry Colvin:

10,000,000 UFO Witnesses Can't Be Wrong
<http://tinyurl.com/38jn9dn>

From Larry Bryant:

Request For An Inspector-General Investigation Of The 1980s UFO-
E.T. Encounter At Fort Bragg, N. C.
<http://tinyurl.com/2d4w627>

From 'The Norm':

Experts Join In On The Investigation Of The UFO In China
<http://tinyurl.com/2ufp7jx>

2010 International Crop Circles Conference In England Cancelled
Following Attempts To Dictate The Program
<http://tinyurl.com/2uvl12n>

A Chinese Menu Of Possibilities
Billy Cox
<http://tinyurl.com/3xssje6>

Turning my head into an expulsion cavity
Billy Cox
<http://tinyurl.com/3ydasay>

Religion, Science And The Ultimate Nature Of Reality
<http://tinyurl.com/2uzlul8>

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Changes In Refractive Index Of Space Near UFOs

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Sat, 17 Jul 2010 00:50:40 -0400
Archived: Sat, 17 Jul 2010 07:43:40 -0400
Subject: Changes In Refractive Index Of Space Near UFOs

Some of you may recall my earlier post about observations of subtle toroidal shapes in the space near UFOs in photographs. I've tried to make the case that these may be a sign of a novel technology. My impression from the little feedback I've received is that people are dubious about the reality of the phenomenon.

Well, this post is another kick at the can.

I analyzed a photo that appeared recently on Coast2Coast which contains an anomaly that appears at first glance to be a bird in flight. However, I found the typical toroidal shape near the object, suggesting, to me at least, that the object in the photo was some kind of technology such as a spacecraft.

The object and the torus both happen to be next to a rainbow in the sky. This is most fortunate since we can now see that the colors from the rainbow are shifted spatially near the location of the ring. It seems that the torus defines a region of space that has a refractive index different from the surrounding space. This might be a useful clue for anyone interested in understanding the nature of UFO technology.

My discussion of the image may be found at

<http://www.treurniet.ca/torifract/torifract.htm>

I would be interested to know what others think about this.

Regards,

William

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From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sat, 17 Jul 2010 12:01:01 +0100
Archived: Sat, 17 Jul 2010 07:45:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Peculiar & Dramatic Sightings During July

>From: Peter Davenport <director.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 15 Jul 2010 12:01:44 -0700
>Subject: Re: Peculiar & Dramatic Sightings During July

>>From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Thu, 15 Jul 2010 07:42:50 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Peculiar & Dramatic Sightings During July

>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 14 Jul 2010 17:33:22 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Peculiar & Dramatic Sightings During July

>Robert and Martin,

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><http://tinyurl.com/245p4ce>

The "four orange bulbs" that "ascended" and "disappeared" sound so much like Thai lanterns or fire balloons that I think this should be the presumption unless and until you can prove with plotted course directions that these things were moving against the local wind. You are quoted as saying: "I have no idea what happened, but I am all but satisfied the people were reporting something other than fireworks." The article doesn't mention Thai lanterns. Can you explain why you are satisfied that they were reporting something other than lanterns in this case?

One posted comment at the site from a person who saw "the same thing" in the Netherlands is a perfectly typical Thai lantern sighting:

'Around 10.55 PM (GMT + 01:00) we saw the same thing, here in Twello, The Netherlands. Four bright objects, in a straight line moving the same direction. At first we only saw one light. Then about one minute later the second light appeared. And about four minutes later the last two appeared, right after each other. The fourth one moved slightly faster than the third light. They were very bright but just before they disappeared they seemed to flicker. We checked on the internet about the course they were heading, which was from the northwest to the south east. And that is exactly in the line from Seattle/Vancouver to The Netherlands (Twello). Again this was around 10.55 PM (dutch time) on the 9th of July.,

>In many of the cases I've posted, I spoke via telephone with the >witness(es), many of whom I considered to be qualified, and >sober-minded, observers. In some of those cases, the >individuals described flight characteristics that are not >consistent with drifting lanterns. For example, some reported >that the objects were seen to pass behind clouds, which seems >inconsistent with lanterns, given that they have a relatively >short burn time, and usually don't ascend to such altitude.

This isn't necessarily inconsistent. The lanterns dim and go out

at some point. If they happen to do so as they drift across some cloud it can appear that they have gone into or behind the cloud.

>Also, some witnesses reported that one, or more, of the objects
>in a cluster of lights allegedly was (were) seen to accelerate,
>and appeared to ascend vertically, disappearing from sight
>within a few seconds. Other witnesses reported that the lights
>were seen to play "leap-frog," one suddenly accelerating, and
>passing the others. Assuming that the movement of the atmosphere
>is largely laminar in its movement, such sudden movement of the
>lights seems noteworthy, and not characteristic of drifting
>objects.

Some of these effects in lantern sightings are due to parallax, because the objects are all at different distances from the eye yet might collectively be far closer to the eye than the witness's brain assumes, so the relative angular displacements can be large and the brain translates the various angular rates into different true rates as though all the objects were at the same slant range. Secondly, they tend to be released in sequence so that you end up with a spread of altitudes. It is quite common for there to be wind speed shears of some knots, as well as direction shears, across quite small altitude intervals. Typically the higher objects will be moving faster as they ascend into faster winds and may appear to pull ahead, and combined with the parallax illusions this produces apparently complex motions. These descriptors are all quite typical of lantern reports with which UK investigators have become tediously intimate over recent years. It

>However, I disagree with the statement that this type of
>phenomenon has been seen before. Please bear in mind that the
>events were not confined to July 4th, a fact that is well
>supported by both the quantity, and nature, of the reports
>posted to the NUFORC site. The event appears to have begun as
>early as July 1st, and there are a few reports for as recently
>as July 10th.

I would expect to see the same spread as occurs with fireworks around the traditional celebration dates. Nov 05 in the UK is such a date. Typically the products are advertised and sold a good deal earlier and as soon as people start to buy them you start to hear and see them. Left-over fireworks get set off during following days and weeks. Also many people mount their personal party events on other dates to suit personal convenience, depending on the day of the week, the weather and other factors. I imagine similar things happen around July 4 in the US?

I do get the impression that for some reason mass release of these balloons is more of a recent fashion in the US. The 53 comments logged after the above article are quite instructive. All kinds of things are talked about but not one person even suggests Thai lanterns, suggesting they are not a familiar thing. If this were in the UK there would no doubt be many posts yawningly dismissing the sighting as yet another routine fire balloon.

However one poster says: "I also saw some strange lights on the 4th of July at about 11:15 PM. Not sure what they were but another person in Vancouver saw the same thing and got video. Seems like others around the country saw the same things. Checkout the youtube video."

I did, and found numerous videos from on or around July 4 including the Vancouver one:

4 July Vancouver
group of about 10 orange lights slow moving, flicker and disappear

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=47hhow1U8gE>

4 July somewhere
single drifting orange light

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0cjM8khlLqw&NR=1>

4 July Louisville KY
single drifting orange light (out-of-focus zoom)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hvbnXXAWFX8&feature=related>

4 July Virginia

"a weather balloon on fire?"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OjV1Uj5tE0g&feature=related>

4 July New Smyrna Beach

two in succession "appears to be a balloon . . . it just disappeared"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fot5UTOvfNw&feature=related>

and so on and on... All of these look like probable fire balloons to me. I admit that I didn't watch every single orange blob video ever uploaded. Maybe eventually I'd have found one showing amazing and inexplicable manouvers, but it seems reasonable to me to doubt it.

Regards

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Re: Kenneth Arnold

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Date: Sat, 17 Jul 2010 12:39:07 +0100
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Caught On Tape: UFO In China
Los Angeles Times
<http://tinyurl.com/2waybax>

UFO Over Chinese Airport: Is It The chupacabra?
Christian Science Monitor
<http://tinyurl.com/23z73lc>

UFO Spooks Show Crowd
NTNews.com.au
<http://tinyurl.com/2v3pvdv>

More UFO Sightings =96 And One On Video?
Get Bracknell
<http://tinyurl.com/27xr9ot>

China UFO: Explanation from China's Government
Fresh NewsToday
<http://tinyurl.com/2ehgzvw>

Pulaski County UFO Debunked!
Southeast Missourian
<http://www.semissourian.com/blogs/1481/entry/36028/>

Who'll do Larry King's UFOs?
Billy Cox
<http://tinyurl.com/23hdcd6>

NUFORC Director Takes Scientific Approach To Study Of UFOs
Technorati
<http://tinyurl.com/2ar5yg5>

Top 10 UFO Channels On YouTube
By Young
<http://freenuts.com/top-10-ufo-channels-on-youtube/>

=46rom Frank Warren's UFO Chronicles:

The Fishing Is Always Better In Texas
<http://tinyurl.com/2g3s278>

Vidcast: Interview With Virgil Armstrong Re UFO Crash In 1948
<http://tinyurl.com/2fp78bu>

An Open Letter To Abductees
<http://tinyurl.com/268trj7>

Australia n Witness Describes Physical Effects Of UFO While
Observing Flight Characteristics That Defy Physics
<http://tinyurl.com/24a6br6>

Pilot Causes Crash Of UFO
<http://tinyurl.com/26ud7jl>

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From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Sat, 17 Jul 2010 17:11:27 +0000
Archived: Sat, 17 Jul 2010 16:24:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>Date: Sat, 17 Jul 2010 07:47:03 -0400
>To: ufo-updates-list.nul
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>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Kenneth Arnold

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>An Open Letter To Abductees

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<snips>

With regard to a study protocol involving human subjects - abductees, the most ethical method is to follow the Federal Guidelines for conducting such a study. A researcher doesn't need to reinvent the wheel, as Dr. Strassman - DMT researcher - discovered.

KK

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>the ISS; Venus, in the western sky; fireworks; "Chinese"
>lanterns; contrails; and the like. These are objects that
>unskilled observers frequently report as "UFO's," and I do my
>level best to eliminate them from the stream of data, even
>though I know I won't be able to identify all of the IFO's.

<snip>

Peter,

If this sudden surge in sightings was not centered around the 4th of July and if it wasn't prevalent across the entire country then I might be less suspicious. I cannot comment on individual cases without investigating each case. I can show you plenty of individual cases that were reported to MUFON that match wind direction and are described as slow moving objects. Red to orange is the color of most Chinese Lanterns and that color is described in the vast majority of cases in and around July 4th. I can't say that there may not be a real case buried in there somewhere but I believe this wave is explainable. The following numbers from the MUFON CMS database were pulled by me on July 8th. They help illustrate my view that the surge of cases around July 4th are related to Chinese Lanterns. They have a nice histogram distribution around July 4.

Number of reports occurring on each day from July 2-6, 2008 10, 7, 31, 9, 11
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A typical reporting day has about 15 reports during 2010. It was closer to 10/day in 2008. The numbers for 2010 that I have provide have probably increased a little because I'm sure there have been more reports for the July 3-5 time frame since I pulled the data on July 8th.

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List, All -

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had ever flown anywhere other than Bridgeport, Conn. Not to
mention the huge propellers on the back of them...

Nope. I don't see it.

KRandle

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The NBC Secret Warehouse Expose

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Jul 2010 03:21:34 EDT
Archived: Sun, 18 Jul 2010 08:49:10 -0400
Subject: The NBC Secret Warehouse Expose

Well I was surprised at this one.

Lester Holt the reporter and his team at NBC actually threw me for a loop with some danged awesome reporting.

They covered so much ground in this special that they could have turned it into a five part special but chose instead to hit the public with just the facts.

Sure there is tons of other data out there not covered but Holt and his team didn't waste time with condescending viewpoints and invalidating presentations. They presented a claim, did an investigation, did a scientific test, and then presented the data.

The coverage of the MKULTRA evidence and proof was gut wrenching. I recall a while back finding out that notorious mobster Whitey Bolger from Boston was a victim of the MKULTRA program. They took a run of the mill hoodlum and turned him into a real life super villain.

The Montauk footage was also startling. I could go on and on about that place but Holt and Dolan opened the solid door that needs further investigation and Uncle Sam ain't gettin' outta this one anytime soon. I'll bet hackles were bristling at the Pentagon along with many a sweaty brow.

The Area 51 and Wright Patterson coverage was nice and am glad they emphasized the importance of secrecy but also the importance of the public's right to know especially where unlawful experimentation on civilians occurs. There is no excuse for that and the American People need to be informed of all such sinister and fiendish deeds. The culprits prosecuted and punished and the victims and families compensated. The destruction of lives from such ungodly violations could never truly be compensated for but at least we will be able to prevent, and if not, make things right regarding such.

The dental cast of the jawbone was very interesting but the forensic analyst stretched it a bit by proclaiming the specimen was not of this Earth. It would take more testing to back that up.

Anyhow, with the mainstream coverage of the UFO sightings in China of late and this exceptional investigation, it may be that the mainstream is realizing for them to make more money they need to start covering the stories we on this List have been following since who knows when.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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From: **John Rimmer** <johnrimmer.nul>
Date: Sat, 17 Jul 2010 21:31:52 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Sun, 18 Jul 2010 08:50:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 15 Jul 2010 17:59:16 -0700
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Pastphenomena.

<snip>

>That's why I never became as interested in trying to interpret
>the formations as some others have... if you have man-made
>hoaxes or "land art" contaminating the information pool, then
>how can you base any kind of accurate interpretation on that?

>Paul

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Date: Sun, 18 Jul 2010 11:34:35 +0100
Archived: Sun, 18 Jul 2010 08:55:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 17 Jul 2010 17:11:27 +0000
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>><http://www.martinshough.com/aerialphenomena/Arnold%20analysis2.pdf>

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I've no idea why you would "go with" that, Kathy, given that
only one (unsuccessful) flying demonstrator was ever built, it
was a subsonic design (by a wide margin, even at its critical
altitude near 30,000ft), it was never anywhere near the West
coast, the over-budget programme had been cancelled in March
1947 and the defunct airframe was in the Smithsonian.

Can you explain?

MS

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(FX-5U1); a prototype-no jets. There was only one of them.

This wood and fabric airplane with its stilt-like fixed landing
gear flew circuit patterns around Stratfort,Connecticut and
Lakenhurst, New Jersey for a couple of months. This aircraft is
mistakenly credited with accounting for a dirth of the world's
UFO sightings which were non- existant as we know them in 1942.

Lindberg actually test flew it. lost power and flipped it on a
beach nearby on Long Island Sound when he locked up the brakes
to avoid some bathers. The V-173 sported two similar light
civilian aircraft Continental engines to my Cessna 172's, but
each with about half the power-80 hp-total 160 hp. My 172 could
do 160mph going downhill with the 145 hp, relative, cruised 115
mph on the level. The V-173 would do at top speed of about
138mph. Cruised at 110 approx. Hardly the supersonic object that
Arnold saw in 1947, long after the V-173's demise.

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From: Kelly Freeman <khfsufo.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Jul 2010 12:26:56 -0400
Archived: Sun, 18 Jul 2010 17:26:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Peculiar & Dramatic Sightings During July

>From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sat, 17 Jul 2010 14:39:32 -0500
>Subject: Re: Peculiar & Dramatic Sightings During July

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>If this sudden surge in sightings was not centered around the
>4th of July and if it wasn't prevalent across the entire country
>then I might be less suspicious. I cannot comment on individual
>cases without investigating each case. I can show you plenty of
>individual cases that were reported to MUFON that match wind
>direction and are described as slow moving objects. Red to
>orange is the color of most Chinese Lanterns and that color is
>described in the vast majority of cases in and around July 4th.
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>somewhere but I believe this wave is explainable. The following
>numbers from the MUFON CMS database were pulled by me on July
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Kelly Freeman
Florida UFO Network

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Archived: Sun, 18 Jul 2010 17:30:11 -0400
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From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Jul 2010 15:28:02 -0400
Archived: Sun, 18 Jul 2010 17:31:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sat, 17 Jul 2010 21:31:52 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

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From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Jul 2010 22:33:04 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 07:13:43 -0400
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if you can get hold of him.

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it to somewhere near Phoenix for an airshow or some such. That
doesn't make much sense, but it's possible. As for the Arnold
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Hi Kelly,

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the wind direction for that night in which they saw the orbs?

If they were moving in the same direction as the wind then I
would suspect Chinese Lanterns unless you find some additional
details to argue against that.

If they were clearly not moving in the direction of the wind
then that probably eliminates lanterns. Check wind directions
from ground up to 1500'.

Robert

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>>In this case R&S offered no explanation as to why that
>>particular photograph was published in their book.

>>Am I wrong to assume the authors were subtly suggesting the
>>Flying Flap Jack was the possible basis for the 'alien craft
>>crash'?

>Probably you were, but you should ask Kevin Randle - or Schmitt
>if you can get hold of him.

>As for the Flapjack in Phoenix skies the developmental V-173
>made its last flight 31 March 1947. It's possible they shipped
>it to somewhere near Phoenix for an airshow or some such. That
>doesn't make much sense, but it's possible. As for the Arnold
>sighting time frame by then the Flapjack was in the Smithsonian.

Mistakes again, Kathy!

Firstly, please spell correctly the name of Kevin Randle (not
Randall).

Secondly, the picture of Phoenix is not in their first book, UFO
crash at Roswell (1991), but their second book, The Truth About
the UFO Crash at Roswell (1994).

Thirdly, they did not say it was a Flap Jack!

I doubt that Kevin Randle will bother to answer you.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 12:14:38 -0400
Archived: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 14:21:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 18 Jul 2010 22:33:04 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

<snip>

>OK then, do that and I'll show it to a couple of crop-circle
>makers and see what they think of it. But first you've got to
>tell me who you think made it, and how.

Actually, I think it would be a great idea to have a team of the
best accomplished glyph hoaxers do the actual work. I'll start
converting the Crabwood image to a line draw image with
dimensions - I'll first have to find out the as-measured
dimensions of the original.

(That will be a time-consuming project, by the way - I know that
from years of engineering drawing work. It could take me a
month. With chronic fatigue, I can't work a full day.)

As to who made it and how? I don't know, but my very strong
belief is it was not a crew of people using boards. I believe
that is impossible to do in one night.

From all I've seen, heard, and read, I do believe ETs visit and
travel in at least some UFOs, even if some are now knockoffs by
Earthlings, primarily defence-related.

I also believe in the existence of a spirit world which is
congruent with "us" but is largely concealed by being in some
sort of parallel dimension.

To me it's not certain which of these two arenas is responsible
for the genuine crop glyphs. I think the observation of 'lights'
buzzing around hoaxed glyphs is a real attention getter,
though!

Eleanor White

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Crabwood Or Tram Line Dimensions?

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 13:05:46 -0400
Archived: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 14:23:02 -0400
Subject: Crabwood Or Tram Line Dimensions?

I'm having difficulty locating either the outside dimensions of the Crabwood crop glyph, which are necessary to prepare a dimensioned layout drawing. Can anyone help with that?

Alternatively, if anyone can say with assurance what the tram line spacing is in England, if it is standardized. Either the dimensions or the tram line spacing will allow me to start preparing the drawing.

Eleanor White

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Re: Flying Flap Jack

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 14:05:05 EDT
Archived: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 14:25:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Flying Flap Jack

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 18 Jul 2010 18:37:08 +0000
>Subject: Flying Flap Jack [was: Kenneth Arnold]

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 18 Jul 2010 12:31:04 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 17 Jul 2010 17:11:27 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

<snip>

>>>Okay, I can go with Arnold sighting XF-5U1s being tested. I had
>>>heard about the Flying Flap Jack but never seen a photo. Thanks,
>>>now I have an image of what it looked like.

>>Since there was only one jetpowered XF-5U1(shipped to Muroc)
>>that never flew it is highly unlikely that nine of them were
>>sighted by Ken Arnold near Mount Rainier.

<snips>

>>At any rate Martin found that none of the usual suspects were
>>viable explanations for Arnold's objects. The flying V-173 was
>>never an explanation for any UFO sightings nor was the never

Kathy, List, All -

Now we see a good reason that we geezers need to stay in the UFO
research game... At least we know how to do research so that we
don't make dumb assumptions.

>Don,

>What do we do with the 1947 photograph of a Flying Flap Jack in
>the skies of Phoenix?

That isn't a Flying Flapjack because by the time the picture was
taken, the only Flapjack flying had been permanently grounded.
There are no records for it flying anywhere other than the east
coast and nothing to suggest that the picture was of one. We
mark the photograph as unidentified and the Air Force labeled
it... Hoax.

Or, as it said on one site about the Flapjack: =E2=80=9CIn June 1947,
Boone T. Guyton flew the V-173 to Floyd Bennett NAS for a Navy
Day display. As he neared the base, bathers on the Long Island
Sound beaches saw a silver and yellow disc moving slowly
overhead and rushed to report a "flying saucer". Guyton
participated in the display then returned to the Vought factory
at Stratford, Conn. This was the final performance of the Flying
Flapjack.=E2=80=9D

>It is published in the first book about Roswell written by
>Randall and Schmitt.

Can't even spell my name right... It's Randle.

>I'm just citing the data other authors - who helped create the
>myth of Roswell - have put forward.

What data are you citing here. That we used the picture on the
cover of the book? Or that we suggested that it was taken on
July 7, 1947 and was important because of the crescent shape?

>In this case R&S offered no explanation as to why that
>particular photograph was published in their book.

Possibly because you never asked for one, though the caption
does make that explanation.

>Am I wrong to assume the authors were subtly suggesting the
>Flying Flap Jack was the possible basis for the 'alien craft
>crash'?

Of course you're wrong. I wanted the picture used because,
unlike the cover of the first edition, which featured a fake
picture used by a contactee, and the second edition which used a
picture from the Showtime movie Roswell, this photograph
suggested a shape that was consistent with that described by
Lewis Rickett. It was not selected because it resembled the
Flapjack.

And in the second book, I used the picture, again, because it
resembled the description that had been given by a number of
witnesses... and I knew then that the Flapjack had nothing to do
with the case.

A little research before opening one's mouth is always a good
thing. Finding the information of the Flapjack took three
minutes.

KRandle

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UFO Researchers In China?

From: **Thiago Luiz Ticchetti** <ticchetti.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 11:56:34 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 15:27:15 -0400
Subject: UFO Researchers In China?

Hello to all...

I've been following the UFO sightings in China. It is very intriguing.

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By the way, Do you think that it is an alien spacecraft or not?

Thnak you very much.

Thiago Luiz Ticchetti

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 15:50:59 -0400
Archived: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 15:50:59 -0400
Subject: News Links - 18-07-10

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Commentary On The China UFO, Roswell, Bloggers And The
Mainstream Media
Tucson Citizen
<http://tinyurl.com/3xo4uzj>

Report of UFO Sighting Over Chinese Airport
MyFox Phoenix
<http://tinyurl.com/2ugclrm>

UFOs In China Cause Flight Delays
UPI.com
<http://tinyurl.com/3xqx3r7>

Recent UFO Sightings In China, Extraterrestrial Phenomena And
The Bible
Christian Post
<http://tinyurl.com/24b7rlq>

A UFO Message Or 3-D Crops?
Daily Telegraph
<http://tinyurl.com/22ka615>

Chupacabra: 2 Coyote-Canine Hybrid Creatures Killed In Texas
Associated Content
<http://tinyurl.com/2bb3wkj>

It's 'Death By Cell Phone' For Big Foot, The Yeti =85
Montgomery County Courier
<http://tinyurl.com/34sh6nh>

Remake News! Joshua Jackson To Star In UFO
Nerdles
<http://tinyurl.com/26jhnla>

Penn & Teller UFO Episode Of Bullshit Meets Or Exceeds
Expectations
Technorati
<http://tinyurl.com/2vlshq5>

=46rom 'The Norm':

Maury Island UFO Crash
Kevin Randle
<http://tinyurl.com/2dms3dh>

1955: Military Jets Respond To Six UFOs Over Florida Beach
Examiner.Com
<http://tinyurl.com/28cgba7>

Our Eavesdropping-on-ET Strategy Not Likely to Work
<http://www.wired.com/wiredscience/2010/07/et-eavesdropping/>

Our Planet And Sun In Size Perspective

<http://www.kiroastro.com/writings/perspective>

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Craft With Tail Control Surfaces?

From: **Eleanor White** <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 15:21:25 -0400
Archived: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 15:53:27 -0400
Subject: Craft With Tail Control Surfaces?

The discussion about the Flying Flap Jack reminds me of one oddity concerning Roswell.

Am I right that there was a report that a crashed vehicle had apparent "tail control surfaces?" Why would an anti-grav vehicle need them?

I'm no expert, but I don't remember other reports of UFOs with aerodynamic control surfaces.

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Re: UFO Researchers In China?

From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 14:53:52 -0500
Archived: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 16:12:41 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

>From: Thiago Luiz Ticchetti <ticchetti.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 11:56:34 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: UFO Researchers In China?

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>intriguing.

>I would like to get in touch with some UFO researchers in China,
>but I don't know any. Do you have some contact?

>By the way, Do you think that it is an alien spacecraft or not?

>Thnak you very much.

I just looked through MUFON's Case Management System and we have
no one in China at all.

We do have one representative in Taiwan but he/she has not
updated their profile so I have no contact information.

I'll check with MUFON HQ to see if they have anyone listed.

Terry Groff #8845

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Walton Re-Works Fire In The Sky

From: **Joachim Koch** <lists.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 21:51:53 +0200
Archived: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 16:22:59 -0400
Subject: Walton Re-Works Fire In The Sky

Hi List,

Travis informed me that he has finished the work on the new and revised edition of his book Fire In The Sky!

Travis writes:

I have promised to let everyone know when my book Fire In the Sky becomes available.

Most realize that Hollywood did not stick with the real story. They wanted to get the book to find out the details of what really happened. But it was out of print all those years, while I received almost daily inquiries from all over the world asking where they could find a copy. People were selling their used copies online for outrageous amounts - up to \$200 to \$300.

But I have finally finished printing a newly updated edition. It has revisions and additional illustrations and 25 more pages of material. It is a 6x9 softcover of 396 pages, using a higher quality whiter paper and a clearer font and format.

For now it's only available here. To order send a money order for \$30 plus \$5.95 shipping and handling for US orders. On U.S. orders of more than one book, the shipping and handling is FREE on the second book. In other words, shipping for a two book order is still only \$5.95. Shipping and handling is \$15 for Europe & Australia, \$11 for Canada & Mexico. Include a note saying how you wish it autographed (free) and mail to Travis Walton PO Box 1072 Snowflake, AZ 85937.

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Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

From: Ole Henningsen <oleh.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 22:04:20 +0200
Archived: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 08:19:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 12:14:38 -0400
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

<snip>

>As to who made it and how? I don't know, but my very strong
>belief is it was not a crew of people using boards. I believe
>that is impossible to do in one night.

Hi Eleanor,

I would strongly urge you to try make one yourself. Just a primitive one. I guess you will be surprised how easily many crop circles can be made by a board, a few friends and some drawings in advance - during a (lit) night. And if you try harder, you really can make beautiful ones too, I'm sure.

Regards,

ole
Denmark

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Re: UFO Researchers In China?

From: Michael Naisbitt <info.nul-blog.com>
Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 21:30:26 +0100
Archived: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 08:20:49 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

>From: Thiago Luiz Ticchetti <ticchetti.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 11:56:34 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: UFO Researchers In China?

><snip>

>By the way, Do you think that it is an alien spacecraft or not?

>Thnak you very much.

The original image which was released was almost certainly a long exposure shot of a helicopter (with searchlights on) and the video - of several images - which was subsequently released contained this image and several others completely unrelated, some of which have been identified as long exposure photographs of aircraft (and those not yet positively identified as such very probably are).

=46rom what I understand the motion video currently doing the rounds is the *Soyuz Progress 38* launch to the ISS a week or so earlier.

Also if I understand correctly then the UFO was originally reported to the ATC tower by a pilot on approach, a radar return was briefly registered seeming to confirm its presence and the airport was temporarily shut down.

However I=92m sure other list-members will have a more accurate description=85..

Cheers.

Michael Naisbitt
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Re: Walton Re-Works Fire In The Sky

From: Peter Davenport <director.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 13:42:14 -0700
Archived: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 08:24:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Walton Re-Works Fire In The Sky

>From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 21:51:53 +0200
>Subject: Walton Re-Works Fire In The Sky

>Travis informed me that he has finished the work on the new and
>revised edition of his book Fire In The Sky!

<snip>

I obtained a copy of the new book from Travis, in May of this year, and it is well worth having and reading. Many parts of it I have read twice.

I find that the book is exceptionally well written, and well organized. The author describes the original experience in almost second-by-second detail, which provides the reader with wonderful insight into the incident.

In addition, he describes the aftermath of the abduction; the response of the UFO community, both good and bad; the details surrounding the polygraph examinations; descriptions of the personalities involved; the response of the press; and the making of the movie.

In my opinion, the Walton experience ranks among the most dramatic, and well-documented, of UFO-related events, and the new book is an excellent, and highly-detailed, account of what took place there. Even sticklers for accuracy and good writing will be more than satisfied with this book, I predict.

Peter
NUFORC

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Magonia Review Of Science Was Wrong

From: **Stanton T Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 17:45:56 -0300
Archived: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 08:27:05 -0400
Subject: Magonia Review Of Science Was Wrong

Listers may be interested in John Harney's review of the new book *Science Was Wrong: Startling Truths About Cures, Theories, And Inventions They Declared Impossible* by myself and Kathleen Marden.

There is a link to the review on the Magonia Blog in our review of the review at my website:

<http://www.stantonfriedman.com>

under Book Reviews.

We even agree on a few things said in John's review. I presume his purpose was to stimulate discussion. He was unhappy as might be expected with the chapters on UFOs, Alien Abduction, the paranormal etc. Too bad, John.

Stan Friedman

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Re: UFO Researchers In China?

From: **Kentaro Mori** <kentaro.mori.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 18:04:41 -0300
Archived: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 08:29:14 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

>From: Thiago Luiz Ticchetti <ticchetti.nul>
>To: post.nul
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>Subject: UFO Researchers In China?

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>I've been following the UFO sightings in China. It is very
>intriguing.

<snip>

>By the way, Do you think that it is an alien spacecraft or not?

None of the photos or videos publicized have anything to do with the UFO. Only one photo may (perhaps) have been captured in Hangzhou recently, but even so, it's simply an aircraft with signal lights captured in a long exposure. Several people in many forums have noticed this, and recently we finally have some reports from local experts declaring the same.

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From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 21:29:04 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 08:30:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 12:14:38 -0400
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>From all I've seen, heard, and read, I do believe ETs visit and
>travel in at least some UFOs, even if some are now knockoffs by
>Earthlings, primarily defence-related.

What on Earth is the defence relevance of crop markings?

--

John Rimmer

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Re: Flying Flap Jack

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 23:38:23 +0000
Archived: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 08:33:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Flying Flap Jack

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 14:05:05 EDT
>Subject: Re: Flying Flap Jack

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 18 Jul 2010 18:37:08 +0000
>>Subject: Flying Flap Jack [was: Kenneth Arnold]

<snips>

>>What do we do with the 1947 photograph of a Flying Flap Jack in
>>the skies of Phoenix?

>That isn't a Flying Flapjack because by the time the picture was
>taken, the only Flapjack flying had been permanently grounded.
>There are no records for it flying anywhere other than the east
>coast and nothing to suggest that the picture was of one. We
>mark the photograph as unidentified and the Air Force labeled
>it... Hoax.

>Or, as it said on one site about the Flapjack: =E2=A4=BDIn June 1947,
>Boone T. Guyton flew the V-173 to Floyd Bennett NAS for a Navy
>Day display. As he neared the base, bathers on the Long Island
>Sound beaches saw a silver and yellow disc moving slowly
>overhead and rushed to report a "flying saucer". Guyton
>participated in the display then returned to the Vought factory
>at Stratford, Conn. This was the final performance of the Flying
>Flapjack.=E2=A4=9D

>>It is published in the first book about Roswell written by
>>Randall and Schmitt.

>Can't even spell my name right... It's Randle.

>>I'm just citing the data other authors - who helped create the
>>myth of Roswell - have put forward.

>What data are you citing here. That we used the picture on the
>cover of the book? Or that we suggested that it was taken on
>July 7, 1947 and was important because of the crescent shape?

>>In this case R&S offered no explanation as to why that
>>particular photograph was published in their book.

>Possibly because you never asked for one, though the caption
>does make that explanation.

>>Am I wrong to assume the authors were subtly suggesting the
>>Flying Flap Jack was the possible basis for the 'alien craft
>>crash'?

>Of course you're wrong. I wanted the picture used because,
>unlike the cover of the first edition, which featured a fake
>picture used by a contactee, and the second edition which used a
>picture from the Showtime movie Roswell, this photograph
>suggested a shape that was consistent with that described by
>Lewis Rickett. It was not selected because it resembled the

>Flapjack.

>And in the second book, I used the picture, again, because it
>resembled the description that had been given by a number of
>witnesses... and I knew then that the Flapjack had nothing to do
>with the case.

>A little research before opening one's mouth is always a good
>thing. Finding the information of the Flapjack took three
>minutes.

Oh, Kevin, I am sorry that I spelled your name wrong. Also, Stan called you an old geezer. My references are to The Old Guard. Usually, an epitaph implying respect for those who have gone before.

Heres the citation:

"The Truth About the UFO Crash at Roswell by Kevin D. Randle & Donald R. Schmitt. There are no page numbers in the illustration section of the book, but the photo is the eighth page in. Yes, there is a photo label. It is exactly where I got the date of 1947, and the info stating Phoenix, AZ. My gawd, but this photo left an impression on me."

However, in my copy of the book there is no follow-up comments in the text. Please see Index at the back of the book.

When I saw the photo of the Flying Flap Jack, I remembered the photo in your and Don's book. Surely, you have to admit it looks like the same type of aircraft.

It looks like it took another author years later to provide the details of this air craft. All I am implying is that the name of this supposed mysterious aircraft is now available.

Hooray!

KK

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From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 23:12:29 -0700
Archived: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 08:36:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sat, 17 Jul 2010 21:31:52 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>"Hoaxes" or land art are not contaminating the information pool,
>they *are* the information pool!

Have you read any of the information given here? Just in terms
of historical reports, again:

A Natural History of Staffordshire, 1686 (circles, rings,
spirals and squares):

<http://www.bltresearch.com/otherfacts.php>

Nature magazine, 1880 (swirled circles with standing centres):

<http://www.cccrn.ca/cccrn/cropcircles101.html>

Both accounts are similar to "modern" crop circles, albeit
simpler ones. Both recorded by scientists of the time. There are
many others from various countries, as reported by farmers, etc.
going back several decades.

Speaking of which, I also just received another report of a
formation(s) near Halbrite, Saskatchewan from 1932:

<http://tinyurl.com/36nyvnb>

I'll have the full article soon.

Does none of that count for anything? Are you assuming that all
of those accounts are hoaxes, even when they were reported
long before crop circles became a part of our modern culture?
Try talking to some of the researchers in other countries who
have also found more of these old reports.

Yes, most are of simple circles and rings but does that
commonality not tell you something? That they may represent a
not-yet-understood phenomenon, maybe even a natural one? And
again, I'm not talking about typical "landing trace" cases
with burn marks, etc.

Paul

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How To Fake UFO Photos?

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 13:06:34 +0100
Archived: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 08:38:16 -0400
Subject: How To Fake UFO Photos?

List,

As anyone else ever seen this video?:

<http://www.videojug.com/webvideo/how-to-fake-ufo-photographs>

What's your opinon on the video and it's purpose?

Roy

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 09:39:06 -0400
Archived: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 09:39:06 -0400
Subject: News Links - 19-07-10

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China Has Become Fertile Ground For UFO Conspiracy Theories
Telegraph.co.uk
<http://tinyurl.com/3xfgrbw>

A UFO Over China?! Well, No.
The Atlantic
<http://tinyurl.com/26y82js>

UFO Sighting On Delavan Lake?
Janesville Gazette
<http://tinyurl.com/32ln5ln>

UFO Sighting Causes Stir At Beach Resort
AsiaOne
<http://tinyurl.com/2bm4rww>

UFO Sightings In Nuneaton As Residents See 'Weird Lights' In Sky
Coventry Telegraph
<http://tinyurl.com/27nqqgqe>

Exclusive: Italian Politician Claims EU Is Hiding 'Secret UFO Files'
AOL News
<http://tinyurl.com/2374a8g>

The Truth Is Out There Local UFO Aficionados say
TheNewsTribune.com
<http://tinyurl.com/2cleh1r>

Conventioneers Gather, Talk About 'Space Friends'
TheNewsTribune.com
<http://tinyurl.com/2bphphh>

UFO contact: Are We Ready?
Helium
<http://tinyurl.com/357g24d>

Could Mysterious 3D Crop Circle Be UFO Message?
Thaindian.com
<http://tinyurl.com/274swav>

Lennon, Hawking, Friedman Accuse Government Of Mishandling UFOs?
Niagarafallsreporter.com
<http://www.niagarafallsreporter.com/croisdale7.20.10.html>

From John Greenewald Jnr.:

The Black Vault V.I.P. Club
http://www.theblackvault.com/pommo/user/mailings.php?mail_id=4

From 'The Norm':

Illinois Office Workers Watch Pieces Falling Off Hovering

Daylight UFO
Examiner.Com
<http://tinyurl.com/253cua4>

New Planet-Hunting Method Could Find Earth-Like Alien Worlds
<http://tinyurl.com/34lqne>

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Re: Magonia Review Of Science Was Wrong

From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 14:00:03 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 10:26:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Magonia Review Of Science Was Wrong

>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 17:45:56 -0300
>Subject: Magonia Review Of Science Was Wrong

>Listeners may be interested in John Harney's review of the new
>book Science Was Wrong: Startling Truths About Cures, Theories,
>And Inventions They Declared Impossible by myself and Kathleen
>Marden.

>There is a link to the review on the Magonia Blog in our review
>of the review at my website:

><http://www.stantonfriedman.com>

>under Book Reviews.

Glad to see that we're prominent on Mr Friedman's radar. Those
who'd like to read the review 'from the horse's mouth' can check
it out here:

<http://pelicanist.blogspot.com/>

>We even agree on a few things said in John's review. I presume
>his purpose was to stimulate discussion. He was unhappy as might
>be expected with the chapters on UFOs, Alien Abduction, the
>paranormal etc. Too bad, John.

Well, as they say, even a stopped clock is right twice a day
(Unless it's a 24-hour digital, of course!).

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John Rimmer

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Re: UFO Researchers In China?

From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 09:20:29 -0500
Archived: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 10:28:18 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 18:04:41 -0300
>To: post.nul
>Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

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Kentaro,

Your last paragraph is quite correct. There is insufficient information to draw any conclusion at this point. On the other hand, Oberg's pompous and dogmatic claims regarding Venus are probably one of the least likely explanations. I have little respect for Oberg's thoughts. He carelessly tosses out ideas without thought.

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Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

From: **Eleanor White** <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 11:36:28 -0400
Archived: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 11:43:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>From: Ole Henningsen <oleh.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 22:04:20 +0200
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

<snip>

>Hi Eleanor,

>I would strongly urge you to try make one yourself. Just a
>primitive one. I guess you will be surprised how easily many
>crop circles can be made by a board, a few friends and some
>drawings in advance - during a (lit) night. And if you try
>harder, you really can make beautiful ones too, I'm sure.

I know I can make a small simple 'crop circle' myself. What I
want to know is how long it would take for a group to re-create
the Crabwood glyph, with no crop stalks disturbed other than
those to be stomped down.

Eleanor White

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>What on Earth is the defence relevance of crop markings?

I was speculating that some _UFOs_ these days may be
defence-related knock-off products, not crop glyphs.

Eleanor White

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Re: How To Fake UFO Photos?

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 13:16:18 -0300
Archived: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 12:24:33 -0400
Subject: Re: How To Fake UFO Photos?

>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 13:06:34 +0100
>Subject: How To Fake UFO Photos?

>List,

>As anyone else ever seen this video?:

><http://www.videojug.com/webvideo/how-to-fake-ufo-photographs>

>What's your opinion on the video and it's purpose?

Looks like Shermer has finally caught up with many of us who don't consider modern day photos at all. I, for one, assume going in that they are faked.

Listen carefully to what the people, who Shermer is attempting to embarrass, say to Shermer when he's posing as Michael Jones. One woman says "...it looks like a flying saucer or something..." What is she supposed to say, "It looks like some kid made this and then threw it into the air and someone photographed it.."

The young man says "It looks real but how can you prove that it's real." That's not the answer Shermer is looking for so he uses it as a segue into his next argument.

He expected to get that answer knowing full well that the woman has no way of knowing just what it is. What did it look like? Exactly what the hoaxer made it look like. You could show the same people a lifelike computer generation of a duck and if you ask the question, "What does this look like?" And they respond, "It looks like a duck." What have you proved? Of course it looks like a duck. Of course it looks like a duck, It supposed to look like a duck.

He employs a double standard for the photo expert-whom I've never heard of- who questions the Trinidade photo and mentions density manipulation and a drawing tool perhaps the use of an eraser while this same expert cannot detect angular spin on the thrown object or a string supporting the photo Shermer admits he hoaxed. Note that he slide quickly past the Trent photo.

Shermer never does his homework. He pronounces rather than proves or disproves while using phrases such as the "..the annals of UFO mythology."

No real analyses was done here.

Shermer falls into the same trap as all hoaxers do. First he's stroking his own ego while attempting to embarrass the public and getting them to respond using phrases he can use while editing out anything that doesn't make his point.

In other words he employs the same tactics as the hoaxers, he uses editing to put his spin on a phenomenon he can't come to grips with. The viewer never gets to see all of the clips, just

those he wanted you to see.

Was this science at work? No. Was this an amateur making a documentary without any science involved? Yes. Is the UFO 'mythology' a big thorn in Shermer's side? Absolutely.

Don Ledger

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From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 09:15:31 -0700
Archived: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 12:26:15 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 18:04:41 -0300
>To: post.nul
>Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

>>From: Thiago Luiz Ticchetti <ticchetti.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 11:56:34 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: UFO Researchers In China?

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>>I've been following the UFO sightings in China. It is very
>>intriguing.

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>>By the way, Do you think that it is an alien spacecraft or not?

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Kentaro,

Kudos to you for the good work! I came to the same conclusions
(minus the Venus theory) early on, as I recognized the image
associated with Hangzhou from others I have seen of planes taken
either with "time exposure and or motion blur." Concerning the
latter, if one takes a close look at the building to the left
and right, as well as the power lines, you'll notice the motion
blur.

Additionally, unless I misunderstood the translation, both
civilian UFO organizations from Shanghai and Beijing (after
investigation), also claimed publicly that the static images as
well as "the video" were not associated with the event(s).

Finally, although I will leave a small door open (very small) of the the airport being shut down because a pilot and crew, as well as passengers (initially) confused Venus for an "unknown craft" of some sort, I don't buy it.

Cheers,

Frank
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Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 11:21:33 -0500
Archived: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 07:31:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 11:36:28 -0400
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>>From: Ole Henningsen <oleh.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 22:04:20 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

><snip>

>>Hi Eleanor,

>>I would strongly urge you to try make one yourself. Just a
>>primitive one. I guess you will be surprised how easily many
>>crop circles can be made by a board, a few friends and some
>>drawings in advance - during a (lit) night. And if you try
>>harder, you really can make beautiful ones too, I'm sure.

>I know I can make a small simple 'crop circle' myself. What I
>>want to know is how long it would take for a group to re-create
>the Crabwood glyph, with no crop stalks disturbed other than
>those to be stomped down.

Aren't all the crop circles composed by stealthy people haters
named Doug and Dave, even as these self-aggrandizing
psychopaths die-off and evolve, change their names with the
years, upgrade their techniques over time, and justify or
attempt to legitimize their crass sociopathy... as art? Could it
be that these offensive fakers are behind all the circles?
Builders of all the constructions? Composers of all these
glyphs?

Yes?

Then how is it, as Robert Nichol intimates in his compellingly
sincere film documentary StarDreams, that these alleged
'hoaxers' always finish what they start? Where are the failed
attempts? Where do they 'practice' their completeness of vision,
this exponential magnitude of astonishing endeavor... this
meticulous 'perfection' of flawlessly breathtaking execution and
timing... and... Where are the 'blunders' in these huge
constructions, extant, otherwise abundantly found in other human
executions of complicated tasks?

Why are the 'greater' circles never duplicated? Why don't we see
a balanced explanation for complex circle construction making it
into the "National Geographic" or a Postmodern Art periodical.
Spin me a "Catherine's Wheel", again ... 'Doug'! Stomp out an
additional "Adams Grave," for me ... 'Dave'.

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Re: UFO Researchers In China?

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 13:14:04 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 07:35:17 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 18:04:41 -0300
>To: post.nul
>Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

<snip>

With regard to the Hznghzhou airport shutdown case discussed by Kentaro Mori, my analysis of four of the photos that have been associated with the airport shutdown UFO report is presented at:

<http://www.brumac.8k.com/HangzhouPhotos2010/>

ChinesePhotosJul72010.html

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Re: How To Fake UFO Photos?

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 13:35:06 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 07:38:47 -0400
Subject: Re: How To Fake UFO Photos?

>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 13:06:34 +0100
>Subject: How To Fake UFO Photos?

>List,

>As anyone else ever seen this video?:

><http://www.videojug.com/webvideo/how-to-fake-ufo-photographs>

>What's your opinion on the video and it's purpose?

Amusing. Well done 'propaganda piece'.

After a few years of investigation I learned that a photo a UFO does not make. Clearly on-the-spot opinions of people inexperienced in investigation do not make or break a UFO case. Rand Molnar, featured in this video, also studied the McMinnville photos, also featured in this video, many years ago and found nothing wrong with them.

That didn't prove they were real, only that they could be real or excellent (lucky) fakes. The analysis of the McMinnville case required years of investigation, not minutes, and included a study of the history of the sighting and the lives of the witnesses (Paul and Evelyn Trent).

My conclusion that the photos showed a 'True UFO', a craft not made by mankind, was based on this complete investigation.

Of course outright liars can be convincing, but the history of UFO sightings indicates that only a small percent of sightings are hoaxes. TRUFO reality is based on a lot more than a few good photos, contrary to what this video would have you believe.

On the positive side, this video is very educational and should be viewed by investigators in order to learn what to be wary of, especially when photos or video are involved.

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Re: UFO Researchers In China?

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 14:42:58 -0300
Archived: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 07:41:35 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 09:15:31 -0700
>Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

>>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 18:04:41 -0300
>>To: post.nul
>>Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

<snip>

>>I wrote a piece summarizing the case at:

>><http://tinyurl.com/2e7ssvk>

>Kudos to you for the good work! I came to the same conclusions
>(minus the Venus theory) early on, as I recognized the image
>associated with Hangzhou from others I have seen of planes taken
>either with "time exposure and or motion blur." Concerning the
>latter, if one takes a close look at the building to the left
>and right, as well as the power lines, you'll notice the motion
>blur.

>Additionally, unless I misunderstood the translation, both
>civillian UFO organizations from Shanghai and Beijing (after
>investigation), also claimed publicly that the static images as
>well as "the video" were not associated with the event(s).

>Finally, although I will leave a small door open (very small) of
>the the airport being shut down because a pilot and crew, as
>well as passengers (initially) confused Venus for an "unknown
>craft" of some sort, I don't buy it.

I sure looks like a time-lapse of an aircraft either coming or
going-but whether that is the culprit or not (most likely not -
they would be working the aircraft after all) is the question.
Was it even in the same area?

Oberg went with Venus because it does the maiximum damage with
no proof of all of the UFO claims which in fact might not be
related to the phenomenon. For Oberg to express interest
suggests some degree of concern on his part and perhaps he was
getting queries from the choir.

I suspect there were electronic problems being experienced in
this case that caused enough concern for for them to shut down
the airport. There is not enough detail supplied to make a
judgement.

But consider the problem with Venus's position for aircraft
approaching from all directions and it's relationship to the
airport's position. If an aircraft is inbound and reports Venus
as a potential conflict between the aircraft and the airport
anyone on the ground would note that Venus is on the opposite
side of the airport and not between them for all approaching
aircraft.

Closing a busy airport for an hour leads to a lot of headaches.

Incidentally China has about 1,000 privately owned aircraft. All are corporate and rigidly controlled. I suspect the government was concerned about this event and will grab at any straw to explain it - unless this was some government blunder then someone will pay for it - BITBOTH. Might have already.

Don Ledger

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Re: UFO Researchers In China?

From: **Thiago Luiz Ticchetti** <ticchetti.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 11:29:31 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 08:07:54 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 18:04:41 -0300
>To: post.nul
>Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

<snip>

>I wrote a piece summarizing the case at:

><http://tinyurl.com/2e7ssvk>

Kentaro,

Your last paragraph is quite correct. There is insufficient information to draw any conclusion at this point. On the other hand, Oberg's pompous and dogmatic claims regarding Venus are probably one of the least likely explanations. I have little respect for Oberg's thoughts. He carelessly tosses out ideas without thought.

Kentaro,

Before claiming this and that, give us some room to try understand the situation and the facts. After a proper study of the images, photos, witnesses I might have a conclusion. Any conclusion before is speculation.

I am writing an article for Revista UFO magazine about the facts, not judging who is right or wrong, but showing both sides.

So, please, do not claim something before studying it.

Regards,

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Re: How To Fake UFO Photos?

From: **Stanton T Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 18:39:53 -0300
Archived: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 08:11:45 -0400
Subject: Re: How To Fake UFO Photos?

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 13:16:18 -0300
>Subject: Re: How To Fake UFO Photos?

>>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 13:06:34 +0100
>>Subject: How To Fake UFO Photos?

>>List,

>>As anyone else ever seen this video?:

>><http://www.videojug.com/webvideo/how-to-fake-ufo-photographs>

>>What's your opinon on the video and it's purpose?

>Looks like Shermer has finally caught up with many of us who
>don't consider modern day photos at all. I, for one, assume
>going in that they are faked.

>Listen carefully to what the people, who Shermer is attempting
>to embarrass, say to Shermer when he's posing as Michael Jones.
>One woman says "...it looks like a flying saucer or
>something..." What is she supposed to say, "It looks like some
>kid made this and then threw it into the air and someone
>photographed it.."

>The young man says "It looks real but how can you prove that
>it's real." That's not the answer Shermer is looking for so he
>uses it as a seque into his next argument.

>He expected to get that answer knowing full well that the woman
>has no way of knowing just what it is. What did it look like?
>Exactly what the hoaxer made it look like. You could show the
>same people a lifelike computer generation of a duck and if you
>ask the question, "What does this look like?" And they respond,
>"It looks like a duck." What have you proved? Of course it looks
>like a duck. Of course it looks like a duck, It supposed to look
>like a duck.

>He employs a double standard for the photo expert-whom I've
>never heard of- who questions the Trinidade photo and mentions
>density manipulation and a drawing tool prhaps the use of an
>eraser while this same expert cannot detect angular spin on the
>thrown object or a string supporting the photo Shermer admits he
>hoaxed. Note that he slide quickly past the Trent photo.

>Shermer never does his homework. He pronounces rather than
>proves or disproves while using phrases such as the "..the
>annals of UFO mythology."

>No real analyses was done here.

>Shermer falls into the same trap as all hoaxers do. First he's
>stroking his own ego while attempting to embarrass the public
>and getting them to respond using phrases he can use while
>editing out anything that doesn't make his point.

>In other words he employs the same tactics as the hoaxers, he
>uses editing to put his spin on a phenomenon he can't come to
>grips with. The viewer never gets to see all of the clips, just
>those he wanted you to see.

>Was this science at work? No. Was this an amateur making a
>documentary without any science involved? Yes. Is the UFO
>'mythology' a big thorn in Shermer's side? Absolutely.

>Don Ledger

Michael, has never to my knowledge, been scientific about UFOs.

It was no wonder I defeated him in a Debate on Coast to Coast
80% to 20%.

He literally knew nothing. Made false claims such as only 5%
can't be explained and that is just because of the residue
effect. I destroyed that with facts from BB Spec. Rept. 14
(21.5%) the Condon Report 30% per the AIAA, 18% for Dick Hall's
UFO Evidence.. etc etc.

The Trinidade picture was taken in 1957.. what generation was
the one he was looking at? They were released to the public by
The President of Brazil, Juscellino Kubichek.

He has refused to study the evidence. Could it be because his
Skeptic Magazine is a profitable business that can't tolerate
the truth?

Of course he asked the wrong question which is certainly not
"Can one fake UFO pictures?" This kind of false reasoning goes
with "Since the great majority of people don't have Aids, nobody
does". Right?

Stan Friedman

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From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 17:46:21 EDT
Archived: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 08:13:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Flying Flap Jack

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 23:38:23 +0000
>Subject: Re: Flying Flap Jack

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 14:05:05 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Flying Flap Jack

>>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 18 Jul 2010 18:37:08 +0000
>>>Subject: Flying Flap Jack [was: Kenneth Arnold]

<snip>

>>>What do we do with the 1947 photograph of a Flying Flap Jack in
>>>the skies of Phoenix?

>>That isn't a Flying Flapjack because by the time the picture was
>>taken, the only Flapjack flying had been permanently grounded.
>>There are no records for it flying anywhere other than the east
>>coast and nothing to suggest that the picture was of one. We
>>mark the photograph as unidentified and the Air Force labeled
>>it... Hoax.

>>Or, as it said on one site about the Flapjack:"In June 1947,
>>Boone T. Guyton flew the V-173 to Floyd Bennett NAS for a Navy
>>Day display. As he neared the base, bathers on the Long Island
>>Sound beaches saw a silver and yellow disc moving slowly
>>overhead and rushed to report a "flying saucer". Guyton
>>participated in the display then returned to the Vought factory
>>at Stratford, Conn. This was the final performance of the Flying
>>Flapjack."

>>>It is published in the first book about Roswell written by
>>>Randall and Schmitt.

>>Can't even spell my name right... It's Randle.

>>>I'm just citing the data other authors - who helped create the
>>>myth of Roswell - have put forward.

>>What data are you citing here. That we used the picture on the
>>cover of the book? Or that we suggested that it was taken on
>>July 7, 1947 and was important because of the crescent shape?

>>>In this case R&S offered no explanation as to why that
>>>particular photograph was published in their book.

>>Possibly because you never asked for one, though the caption
>>does make that explanation.

>>>Am I wrong to assume the authors were subtly suggesting the
>>>Flying Flap Jack was the possible basis for the 'alien craft
>>>crash'?

>>Of course you're wrong. I wanted the picture used because,

>>unlike the cover of the first edition, which featured a fake
>>picture used by a contactee, and the second edition which used a
>>picture from the Showtime movie Roswell, this photograph
>>suggested a shape that was consistent with that described by
>>Lewis Rickett. It was not selected because it resembled the
>>Flapjack.

>>And in the second book, I used the picture, again, because it
>>resembled the description that had been given by a number of
>>witnesses... and I knew then that the Flapjack had nothing to do
>>with the case.

>>A little research before opening one's mouth is always a good
>>thing. Finding the information of the Flapjack took three
>>minutes.

>Oh, Kevin, I am sorry that I spelled your name wrong. Also, Stan
>called you an old geezer. My references are to The Old Guard.
>Usually, an epitaph implying respect for those who have gone
>before.

Well, Stan and I are old geezers, and I saw nothing in your
various references that implied any sort of respect. Just a hope
that we would get out of the way so that you youngsters could
get to the bottom of this UFO riddle.

>Heres the citation:

>"The Truth About the UFO Crash at Roswell by Kevin D. Randle &
>Donald R. Schmitt. There are no page numbers in the illustration
>section of the book, but the photo is the eighth page in. Yes,
>there is a photo label. It is exactly where I got the date of
>1947, and the info stating Phoenix, AZ. My gawd, but this photo
>left an impression on me."

That's not a citation for what you implied. That is merely the
name of our book... and then you put all sorts of other stuff
inside the quotation marks suggesting that it too is part of the
citation, which it is not. You have not explained, "I'm just
citing the data other authors - who helped create the myth of
Roswell - have put forward." We put no data forward there. We
just published a picture... you drew the erroneous conclusions
and then tried to blame us.

>However, in my copy of the book there is no follow-up comments
>in the text. Please see Index at the back of the book.

>When I saw the photo of the Flying Flap Jack, I remembered the
>photo in your and Don's book. Surely, you have to admit it looks
>like the same type of aircraft.

If you compare the two pictures, the Rhodes photo and the Flying
Flapjack you'll see that they aren't the same. There are many
differences including the lack of horizontal stabilizers, a
different overall shape, lack of huge propellers with their
accompanying booms, and lack of two forward vertical
stabilizers.

>It looks like it took another author years later to provide the
>details of this air craft. All I am implying is that the name of
>this supposed mysterious aircraft is now available.

This has been available for fifty years... a picture of the
Flapjack appeared in the 1966 Look magazine special on Flying
Saucers. It was on page 52, lower left side, complete with the
name Flying Flapjack.

KRandle

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>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 11:38:09 -0400
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 21:29:04 +0000 (GMT)
>>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

<snip>

>What on Earth is the defence relevance of crop markings?

I was speculating that some _UFOs_ these days may be defence-related knock-off products, not crop glyphs.

Can you expand?

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John Rimmer

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An Interesting Carl Sagan Snippet

From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 21:22:39 -0400
Archived: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 08:20:51 -0400
Subject: An Interesting Carl Sagan Snippet

Hello List,

I just got a look at the 7 minute video at:

<http://www.wimp.com/fourthdimension/>

"Quite a few things went through my mind in relation to UFOs, abductions and crop circles." --Sagan

I hope you enjoy this as much as I did.

Vincent Boudreau

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Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 11:56:38 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 09:45:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 23:12:29 -0700
>To: post.nul
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sat, 17 Jul 2010 21:31:52 +0000 (GMT)
>>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>>"Hoaxes" or land art are not contaminating the information pool,
>>they *are* the information pool!

>Have you read any of the information given here? Just in terms
>of historical reports, again:

<snip>

Paul, I don't think anyone would deny that simple 'crop circles' of flattened wheat or barley have occurred probably since these crops were first cultivated, and that they are caused by meteorological conditions. One famous example of these are the 'Whippingham Ground Effect' which was discussed at length in Flying Saucer Review in 1968 (vol. 14, no. 3, by coincidence the very first issue of FSR I ever read). Most of the instances in the references you quote (for which I thank you) appear to be of this nature.

<http://www.bltresearch.com/otherfacts.php>

Robert Plot's descriptions are interesting, and certainly seem to describe something close to what we now regard as 'crop circles'. The illustrations shown are small and stylised, and I am puzzled by the one showing a spiral shape. This seems to cover an area of several square miles and goes through a wooded area in front of a large county mansion. I think at this distance in time it would be difficult to draw any conclusions from them, but I agree they are very interesting.

The report from 'Nature', quoted here:

<http://www.cccrn.ca/cccrn/cropcircles101.html>

seems to be very much on the lines of the 'Whippingham' case, and represents a form of roughly circular crop damage which bears little resemblance to the elaborate designs that we are discussing.

As far as the 1932 Canadian case is concerned, we really need to have more details before we can determine if it anything more than meteorological crop damage - bearing in mind that these were reported sixty years after the event.

I notice that in the BLT piece there is a reference to photographs of crop circles in the early 1900s. Are these available for examination on the Internet? Are they available in any public archive in Britain or elsewhere?

I am not claiming that these early reports are hoaxes, as most

of them seem to fit in with the simple natural phenomenon explanation. It is possible that some of the very early reports (16th or 17th century) are of man-made origin, and have been done for reasons which are obscure at this distance in time. T

The famous 'mowing devil' for instance, was certainly man-made, probably as an act of retribution against a farmer who was unwilling to pay his labourers. Many of the "Strange Wonders" pamphlets which circulated in England at that time were coded political and social manifestos.

The one thing which has convinced me more than anything that crop circles are a modern (post 1970s) man-made phenomenon, is the total absence of any reports from Warminster in the 1960s and early 1970s. The town of Warminster is now at the centre of the English crop circle region, yet at the height of the Warminster UFO flap, with literally hundreds of keen ufologists, earth mystery researchers and general mystery-mongers swarming over the neighbourhood there is no - OK, one vague - reports of a crop circle. If there was, you can be sure it would have been leapt on by Arthur Shuttlewood or one of his circle - sorry! - as evidence of extraterrestrial visitation. There wasn't, so I am convinced that crop circles, as we know and love them, are a post-Warminster invention.

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Archived: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 09:47:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

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From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 14:08:01 +0100
Archived: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 09:48:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Flying Flap Jack

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 17:46:21 EDT
>Subject: Re: Flying Flap Jack

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 23:38:23 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Flying Flap Jack

>>It looks like it took another author years later to provide the
>>details of this air craft. All I am implying is that the name
>>of
>>this supposed mysterious aircraft is now available.

>This has been available for fifty years... a picture of the
>Flapjack appeared in the 1966 Look magazine special on Flying
>Saucers. It was on page 52, lower left side, complete with the
>name Flying Flapjack.

As I am presumably the "other author" who unwittingly started
this spat of nonsense, I suppose I should point out that
"details of this aircraft" have been publicly available for at
least 64 years, photos for at least 63 years
(Mechanix.Illustrated May 1947). I had absolutely nothing new to
say about the Flapjack.

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Re: UFO Researchers In China?

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 10:15:49 -0300
Archived: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 09:52:08 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 14:42:58 -0300
>Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

<snip>

>Oberg went with Venus because it does the maximum damage with
>no proof of all of the UFO claims which in fact might not be
>related to the phenomenon. For Oberg to express interest
>suggests some degree of concern on his part and perhaps he was
>getting queries from the choir.

<snip>

Hi Don.

I find very amusing to read Oberg's ideas about anything. Think
positively: Ufology wouldn't be fun without opinions of guys
like him.

See, between a UFO and Venus to blame for shutting down an
important airport in a highly militarized country such as China,
given that both hypothesis are nothing but fairy tales, I would
take the UFO.

What is the problem? Maybe it is just a "few thousand" drunk
Chinese seeing ghosts or a "few dozen" government employees
taking care of their aviation and traffic control that went
nuts.

Happens every day, right?

A. J.

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Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

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>To: post.nul
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And, once again the lovely Mr. Rimmer answers the question without answering the question as is the usual par for his Klasskurtxian course.

Neither of these links, forgetting a moment they're two links to the same source (I suppose to provide an illusion of two separate sources?), point to a post modern Art periodical or National Geographic... it remains:

Spin me a Catherine's Wheel, again ... 'Doug'! Stomp out an additional Adams Grave, for me ... 'Dave'.

We're waiting.

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Re: How To Fake UFO Photos?

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 14:58:23 +0100
Archived: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 10:43:53 -0400
Subject: Re: How To Fake UFO Photos?

>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 18:39:53 -0300
>Subject: Re: How To Fake UFO Photos?

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 13:16:18 -0300
>>Subject: Re: How To Fake UFO Photos?

>>>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 13:06:34 +0100
>>>Subject: How To Fake UFO Photos?

>>>List,

>>>As anyone else ever seen this video?:

>>><http://www.videojug.com/webvideo/how-to-fake-ufo-photographs>

>The Trinidade picture was taken in 1957... what generation was
>the one he was looking at? They were released to the public by
>The President of Brazil, Juscellino Kubichek.

Jan 1958 actually. But this "analysis" is a complete joke, of course. The nth-generation recopy of an unidentified print or whatever the Brookings guy is looking at is incredibly poor, the shadow detail in the mountain peak and the sky detail is almost completely gone.

It could even be off an inkjet or something.

I captured the close-up off the screen and rescaled it to a scan of a first-generation print. The remaining density variation in the sky around the object is quite different. It's impossible to tell exactly what it is that he thinks he's seeing, but it's probably just a reproduction artefact.

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Re: Kenneth Arnold [was: Flying Flap Jack]

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 09:30:03 -0600
Archived: Thu, 22 Jul 2010 12:31:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold [was: Flying Flap Jack]

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
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>Subject: Re: Flying Flap Jack

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Martin,

Feedback is definitely on the way, I'm still digesting your
analysis.

<http://www.martinshough.com/aerialphenomena/Arnold%20analysis2.pdf>

I can say immediately that it is well-researched, cogent, and
convincing. Not to mention precise... you specify the co-
ordinates of the Glacier Island cleft to within ~0.1 micron. ;-)

Regards

Mike

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From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 12:00:05 -0400 (EDT)
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Dear Martin,

I have responded privately but here I will say publicly that it is an excellent paper that should be read by everyone interested in understanding how this whole "thing" began and, especially by the "pelicanists" who have yet to "Draw a Map" (a phrase generated when this case was a subject of heated debate over 10 years ago; I challenged the pelicanists to "draw a map" showing the flight tracks of the supposed 50 mph pelicans and Arnold's 100 mph aircraft such that it would appear to Arnold that the pelicans were flying much faster than he.

In particular, I pointed out that Arnold reported he turned his plane "sideways and rolled the window down so there would be no glass reflection. At this time h was flying southward, same direction as the "pelicans." Under these conditions would he not notice he was gaining on them?)

In his paper:

<http://www.martinshough.com/aerialphenomena/Arnold%20analysis2.pdf>

Martin has pointed out the importance of Arnold's statement that the flashes of light from the objects were like a "welders arc" or like sunlight reflected from a mirror. Pellicanists countere that the white feathers are "bright" in the sunlight. Yeah, sure, but they do not reflect enough light to cause a flash on Arnold's plane when the "pelicans" were several miles away (a bright flash attracted Arnold's attention, he said, and that began the sighting as Arnold looked around to see where it had come from). I have provided more analysis of the brightness issue in my own less detailed effort at:

www.brumac.8k.com/KARNOLD.html.

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Gosh, I wonder when the Old Guard stops calling someone who
disagrees with them "debunker". How about we all just say that
someone disagrees with us rather than resorting to the need to
label them.

BTW, the reviewer and I came to the same conclusion. Friedman's
final analysis: the Feds know and are covering it up. A very
disappointing conclusion for someone who has spent at least 20
years on the problem.

KK

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>>>I would strongly urge you to try make one yourself. Just a
>>>primitive one. I guess you will be surprised how easily many
>>>crop circles can be made by a board, a few friends and some
>>>drawings in advance - during a (lit) night. And if you try
>>>harder, you really can make beautiful ones too, I'm sure.

>>I know I can make a small simple 'crop circle' myself. What I
>>>want to know is how long it would take for a group to re-create
>>the Crabwood glyph, with no crop stalks disturbed other than

>Aren't all the crop circles composed by stealthy people haters
>named Doug and Dave, even as these self-aggrandizing
>psychopaths die-off and evolve, change their names with the
>years, upgrade their techniques over time, and justify or
>attempt to legitimize their crass sociopathy... as art? Could it
>be that these offensive fakers are behind all the circles?
>Builders of all the constructions? Composers of all these
>glyphs?

>Yes?

>Then how is it, as Robert Nichol intimates in his compellingly
>sincere film documentary StarDreams, that these alleged
>'hoaxers' always finish what they start? Where are the failed
>attempts? Where do they 'practice' their completeness of vision,
>this exponential magnitude of astonishing endeavor... this
>meticulous 'perfection' of flawlessly breathtaking execution and
>timing... and... Where are the 'blunders' in these huge
>constructions, extant, otherwise abundantly found in other human
>executions of complicated tasks?

>Why are the 'greater' circles never duplicated? Why don't we see
>a balanced explanation for complex circle construction making it
>into the National Geographic or a Postmodern Art periodical.
>Spin me a "Catherine's Wheel", again ... 'Doug'! Stomp out an
>additional "Adams Grave," for me ... 'Dave'.

I have never seen the 'taggers'' art published in National
Geographic either.

However, tagger's graffiti has been featured awhile back in a

couple of art journals. Please don't press me for the names because I don't remember them. I was surprised to see street graffiti given the same status as 'legitimate' art.

Maybe, we should lobby to get crop circle graffiti the same status as taggers' 'art'.

KK

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Archived: Thu, 22 Jul 2010 12:43:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 16:38:00 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

<snip>

>>I was speculating that some _UFOs_ these days may
>>be defence-related knock-off products, not crop glyphs.

>Can you expand?

No. It's speculation I've heard many times from many commenters over the years that the U.S. and possibly other governments may have their own anti-grav craft flying. That would not surprise me at all.

Eleanor White

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Re: Magonia Review Of Science Was Wrong

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <goc.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 21:04:05 +0100
Archived: Thu, 22 Jul 2010 12:44:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Magonia Review Of Science Was Wrong

>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 11:19:28 -0300
>Subject: Re: Magonia Review Of Science Was Wrong

>I do concede that once in a great while debunkers hit the
>mark. Not often at all. Let the readers decide.

Kathleen Marden's point on Stan's website about the abduction chapter is a very balanced one. By characterising the phenomena (I use the plural advisedly) as a conundrum (=E2=80=9Ca problem admitting of no satisfactory solution; A difficult and complicated problem.=E2=80=9D) she is really making the point that there are two very polarised views ('it's all in the mind' and 'we're being farmed by aliens in a way we don't altogether understand yet'), and that the truth probably sits at some point in the spectrum between these two extremes.

We've got a bewildering set of data that really doesn't seem to be explicable in terms of a single hypothesis. In fact, before any hypothesis is formed it makes much more sense to develop a robust typology. Unfortunately, publishers are rather more interested in sensational theories than robust typologies. That being so, Kathleen and Stan have done well to avoid the trap and present a more sophisticated point of view. --

Gerald O'Connell
<http://www.onlyport.com>

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Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 14:05:35 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Thu, 22 Jul 2010 12:48:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 09:13:40 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

><snip>

>>Why don't we see a balanced explanation for complex circle
>>construction making it into the "National Geographic" or a
>>Postmodern Art periodical.

>Try this:

><http://tinyurl.com/3xs7rv>

>or this:

><http://preview.tinyurl.com/2wfeejz>

>And, once again the lovely Mr. Rimmer answers the question
>without answering the question as is the usual par for his
>Klasskurtxian course.

>_Neither_ of these links, forgetting a moment they're two links
>to the same source (I suppose to provide an illusion of two
>separate sources?), point to a post modern Art periodical or
>National Geographic...

I am glad that the fragrant Mr Lehmborg finds me lovely.

I was simply trying to provide a "balanced explanation for
complex circle construction", and I thought a reference to a
book by a group of crop-circle makers explaining why and how the
made crop circles might help to this end. If I do come across
any crop-circle references in 'post modern art periodicals', be
assured that the enchanting Mr Lehmborg will be the first to
know.

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John Rimmer

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Re: UFO Researchers In China?

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 14:58:55 -0700
Archived: Thu, 22 Jul 2010 12:51:49 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 13:14:04 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

>>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 18:04:41 -0300
>>To: post.nul
>>Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

><snip>

>With regard to the Hznghzhou airport shutdown case discussed by
>Kentaro Mori, my analysis of four of the photos that have been
>associated with the airport shutdown UFO report is presented at:

><http://www.brumac.8k.com/HangzhouPhotos2010/ChinesePhotosJul72010.html>

Thanks to Bruce for pointing to the collection of the Hangzhou airport UFO photos and giving us a prompt analysis. However, the helicopter hypothesis runs into the problem that neither Chinese airport officials nor Chinese citizenry of Hangzhou are ignorant of the loud noise that a helicopter makes. That's one reason this was not set forth as an immediate solution to the UFO. So, as Bruce suggested, photos 1-4 must show some object other than what caused the airport close-down.

Even with the four photos themselves, however, there are serious problems with the helicopter hypothesis:

1. The pattern of yellow dots in Photos No. 2 & 4 are different. It is extremely unlikely that a Flash pattern of FF__FF__F would change to one of __FFFF__ in the course of just one or two seconds.

2. In a better representation of Photo No. 2, the bright white line on the underside is seen to consist of two adjacent bright lines, each rather irregular, with the irregularities being non-parallel to each other. Hence, it could not represent a pair of headlights on a traveling helicopter.

<http://tinyurl.com/23nybqq>

2nd photo down under heading "Snaps of UFO"

3. The fore and aft edges of the downward directed light beam, as in Photo No. 1, should not be nearly so distinct if the beam's apparent angular width, and that of the assumed helicopter, were due to time-exposure travel smear.

4. In photo No. 4, the transverse angular width of the white streak is some 45% greater at the center of the object than at its ends. Yet the white strip seems to be of the same intensity throughout.

Jim Deardorff

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Re: UFO Researchers In China?

From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 23:30:00 -0300
Archived: Thu, 22 Jul 2010 12:53:33 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 13:14:04 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

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Thank you for the kind link, Bruce, and thank you Frank for the kudos. I simply compiled, and am compiling, analysis from several sources, I guess the kudos goes to all of them.

I updated my post on the case, quoting Maccabee's analysis. One of the photos initially published associated with the Chinese UFO has been located - and pointed to me by Mike Naisbitt - at Wikipedia. That is, an image with correct description taken in France, 2007, of a helicopter in long-exposure, downloadable from Wikipedia, was published as the Hangzhou UFO. It confirms all the previous evaluations.

The update also points that a purported video of the Hangzhou UFO from inside the airplane was already online since at least 2009, that is, another source arbitrarily associated with the case.

Also, Linda Moulton Howe's new photo allegedly from the incident, which shows signs of being exactly like the other images: a long-exposure of a common airplane. And of which we can't even know if it's actually related to the incident.

The updated post:

<http://tinyurl.com/2e7ssvk>

As a side note, I thought I made it clear both in the original post, by quoting Oberg himself, and also on the message here to the List, that his suggestion of Venus was just a suggestion. Even Maccabee suggested the witnesses could have mistaken helicopters for the UFO - as it turns out, it's more probable they didn't, as all the photos of helicopters turn out not to have anything to do with the case and at least one was knowingly taken by a photographer. It's just a suggestion, made along with many considerations. Frank Warren expressed his disagreement with the Venus idea, but did not dismiss it completely. Very well. Unfortunately there were other, more radical opinions, expressed.

People seem all too eager to consider this case a mystery, and all too uncomfortable with even the suggestion that perhaps this case may and can be explained. This should be a worrying sign.

Ufology is supposed to solve UFO cases, eventually demonstrating irrefutable evidence of something new and extraordinary - but until that, demonstrating irrefutable evidence of countless old and ordinary things. Ignoring possible explanations without any consideration is terrible - be that Venus or an alien

spacecraft. Both are possibilities, even though the existence of just one of them is widely accepted scientifically.

I found quite interesting that by simply mentioning that the case may have involved Venus, several believers - in this and many other forums - would yell "impossible!" and at the exact same time complain how debunkers are "close minded".

Kentaro

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SETI May Have Been Taking Wrong Approach

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2010 15:39:49 +0100
Archived: Thu, 22 Jul 2010 12:58:08 -0400
Subject: SETI May Have Been Taking Wrong Approach

Source: The Telegraph - London England, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/3a5z8sa>

22 Jul 2010

Aliens Have Been Trying To Contact Us By Cosmic Twitter
Scientists Claim

ET is more likely to be sending out short, directed messages than continuous signals beamed in all directions, experts said. "This approach is more like Twitter and less like War and Peace," said Californian physicist Dr James Benford, president of Microwave Sciences Inc.

He and twin brother Gregory, an astrophysicist at the University of California, Irvine, looked at the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (Seti) from the aliens' point of view.

They concluded that Seti scientists may have been taking the wrong approach for the past five decades.

Up to now scientists have listened out for unusual blips or bleeps from targeted nearby stars.

Despite 50 years of searching, no-one has yet been able to come up with evidence of an extraterrestrial signal. However, many scientists are convinced we are not alone in the universe.

"Whatever the life form, evolution selects for economy of resources," said Gregory Benford. "Broadcasting is expensive, and transmitting signals across light years would require considerable resources."

Writing in the journal *Astrobiology*, the Benfords claim that an alien civilisation would strive to reduce costs, limit waste and make its signalling technology efficient.

They propose that alien signals would be pulsed and narrowly directed in the one to 10 gigahertz broadband signal range. Seti has been focusing its receivers on the wrong kind of signals, and also looking in the wrong direction, they claimed.

Rather than pointing their antennae at nearby stars, scientists should be aiming at the centre of our galaxy, the Milky Way.

"The stars there are a billion years older than our Sun, which suggests a greater possibility of contact with an advanced civilisation than does pointing Seti receivers outward to the newer and less crowded edge of our galaxy," said Gregory Benford.

"Will searching for distant messages work? Is there intelligent life out there? The Seti effort is worth continuing, but our common-sense beacons approach seems more likely to answer those questions."

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Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 14:49:36 -0400
Archived: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 14:49:36 -0400
Subject: News Links - 20-07-10

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UFOs Over China? Not Quite, Analyst Says - Video
CNN International
<http://tinyurl.com/36j6zeg>

UFOs Over China: Alien Invasion or Economic Indicator?
DailyFinance
<http://tinyurl.com/2a32sqb>

China's UFO Conspiracy Frenzy
<http://tinyurl.com/2ej97p6>

Recent Sighting Of UFO in China Scares Residents Into Thinking
Memphis Is Next
<http://tinyurl.com/29r7f8e>

UFO Spotter: We Aren't Alone - Video
Sunderland Echo
<http://tinyurl.com/35rwgky>

MSN In Malaysia Reports UFO Sighting At A Beach Resort
Tucson Citizen
<http://tinyurl.com/38uaeju>

Set The Truth On UFOs Free: Stephen Bassett
Central Sydney

It's Broken
The American
<http://blog.american.com/?p=17052>

Belief In UFOs No Different From Religious Beliefs
UFO Digest
<http://tinyurl.com/38634ce>

UFO: A Classic Overestimation
<http://tinyurl.com/3xlmjhw>
PC World

From 'The Norm':

Northern Ontario UFO Sightings
<http://ufodigest.com/article/northern-ontario-ufo-sightings>

A Room 101 Interview With Steve Watson
<http://binnallofamerica.com/rr071610.html>

New York Center For Astrobiology In Search For Conditions Of
Life In Universe
<http://tinyurl.com/38b625f>

Sun's Rumored Hidden Companion May Not Exist After All
<http://tinyurl.com/26svuc5>

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Archived: Thu, 22 Jul 2010 15:15:31 -0400
Subject: News Links - 21-07-10

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Was Hunstanton UFO a space station?
Lynn News
<http://tinyurl.com/237fuvq>

UFO Multimedia Display Scheduled In Danbury
Danbury News Times
<http://tinyurl.com/293k4n1>

CNN, ABC, UFOs And Other Unexplained Phenomena
Tucson Citizen
<http://tinyurl.com/2d2k9t7>

What Does The Venezuelan Air Force Know About UFOs And Alien Life?
VHeadline.com
<http://www.vheadline.com/readnews.asp?id=3D94605>

Uruguay's Air Force Examines Photo Of Possible UFO
Latin American Herald Tribune
<http://tinyurl.com/2bfmvyx>

Physicist Calls UFO Cover-Up A 'Cosmic Watergate'
<http://news.remedy.org.ua/4alf14b5/>

UFO Hotspots =97 11 Best Places To See UFOs In The World
<http://tinyurl.com/2dwqx54>

=46rom Frank Warren's UFO Chronicals:

Change Needed in Roswell
<http://tinyurl.com/2axbnjh>

What are UFOs Now, Cooties, Boogers?
<http://tinyurl.com/23xomhe>

Sifting Through The Recent 'Chinese UFO Chaff' & Images
<http://tinyurl.com/29mff4f>

The Singular Adventure of Mr Kenneth Arnold
<http://tinyurl.com/268vhms>

My UFO EXPERIENCE: Joint Chiefs of Staff and CIA Docs Detail
UFOs Emerging From the Ocean
<http://tinyurl.com/39dk8ys>

=46rom George Filer:

Filer's Files #30-2010
http://www.nationalufocenter.com/artman/publish/article_346.php

=46rom 'The Norm':

Why UFOs Will Never Become A Top Nightly TV News Story
<http://tinyurl.com/2d8kun2>

Taming tIme Travel
<http://tinyurl.com/3xkffys>

Researchers Discover Water On The Moon Is Widespread, Similar To Earth's
<http://www.physorg.com/news198934028.html>

More On Planet Star Comparisons
<http://tinyurl.com/yn58zd>

Star Size Comparison HD
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DHEeh1BH34Q>

Stars Just Got Bigger: A 300-Solar-Mass Star Uncovered
<http://tinyurl.com/33g6wd9>

Lightning Over Athens
<http://antwrp.gsfc.nasa.gov/apod/ap100720.html>

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From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2010 11:46:16 -0500
Archived: Thu, 22 Jul 2010 15:19:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Magonia Review Of Science Was Wrong

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 18:32:14 +0000
>Subject: Re: Magonia Review Of Science Was Wrong

>>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 17:45:56 -0300
>>Subject: Magonia Review Of Science Was Wrong

>>Listeners may be interested in John Harney's review of the new
>>book Science Was Wrong: Startling Truths About Cures, Theories,
>>And Inventions They Declared Impossible by myself and Kathleen
>>Marden.

>Gosh, I wonder when the Old Guard stops calling someone who
>disagrees with them "debunker". How about we all just say that
>someone disagrees with us rather than resorting to the need to
>label them.

Kathy,

Perhaps you can elucidate, because otherwise you have those of
us who've chronicled the debunking movement (along with the
debunking impulsion) confused.

Are you asserting that debunkers - many self-described, often
proudly so - are a mere rhetorical strategy invented by put-
upon anomalists?

If that's what you're saying - I certainly hope you're better
informed than that - you could hardly be more mistaken.

Jerry Clark

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Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2010 13:56:29 -0300
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>>>To: post.nul
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>disagrees with them "debunker". How about we all just say that
>someone disagrees with us rather than resorting to the need to
>label them.

You mean using labels like "Old Guard". Give me the "Old Guard"
knowledge and wisdom over KK's uninformed drivel anytime.

Don Ledger

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Re: Kenneth Arnold

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2010 14:04:01 -0300
Archived: Thu, 22 Jul 2010 15:24:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 12:00:05 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold [was: Flying Flap Jack]

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 14:08:01 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Flying Flap Jack

><snip>

>>One of these days someone is going to pass comment on my Arnold
>>effort after actually having read it - but I'm not holding my
>>breath ;-)

>Dear Martin,

>I have responded privately but here I will say publicly that it
>is an excellent paper that should be read by everyone interested
>in understanding how this whole "thing" began and, especially by
>the "pelicanists" who have yet to "Draw a Map" (a phrase
>generated when this case was a subject of heated debate over 10
>years ago; I challenged the pelicanists to "draw a map" showing
>the flight tracks of the supposed 50 mph pelicans and Arnold's
>100 mph aircraft such that it would appear to Arnold that the
>pelicans were flying much faster than he.

<snip>

As Martin knows I've responded in part to his great report: even
contributed a little to it. It should be a book, actually.

Martin has covered all of the bases and is definitive in it's
make-up. The upshot is that Arnold's sighting is still supported
by exhaustive investigative techniques. But you will first have
to read Arnold's original reports then read Martin's
investigation of the parameters of Arnold's report.

I see Frank Warren has it posted on UFO Chronicals site.

Don Ledger

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>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 23:30:00 -0300
>Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

<snip>

>The updated post:

><http://tinyurl.com/2e7ssvk>

>As a side note, I thought I made it clear both in the original
>post, by quoting Oberg himself, and also on the message here to
>the List, that his suggestion of Venus was just a suggestion.
>Even Maccabee suggested the witnesses could have mistaken
>helicopters for the UFO - as it turns out, it's more probable
>they didn't, as all the photos of helicopters turn out not to
>have anything to do with the case and at least one was knowingly
>taken by a photographer. It's just a suggestion, made along with
>many considerations. Frank Warren expressed his disagreement
>with the Venus idea, but did not dismiss it completely. Very
>well. Unfortunately there were other, more radical opinions,
>expressed.

<snip>

Hi Kentaro,

My concern with Oberg's suggestion of Venus is not because I think this case is unexplainable. My complaint with Oberg is that he is just looking for an explanation without truly examining the facts.

Shutting an airport down does not happen because a pilot mistakes Venus for a UFO. That is not even a good suggestion. I would want some strong evidence before I even suggested something like that. Oberg has none.

I don't think any of us outside of China can truly judge and make a determination regarding this case. As you noted, some of the photos are faked. But photos of faked objects are not what caused a Chinese official to shut down the airport.

The only way to determine anything about this case is if the Chinese do a full investigation which includes interviewing pilots, witnesses, and examining radar data. Until that is done, all of us are just guessing as to what happened.

I don't believe there is sufficient evidence to warrant guessing and that includes guessing that there was no UFO just as much as guessing that there was a UFO.

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Robert

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Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2010 12:28:23 -0500
Archived: Thu, 22 Jul 2010 15:32:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 14:05:35 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 09:13:40 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

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>>And, once again the lovely Mr. Rimmer answers the question
>>without answering the question as is the usual par for his
>>Klasskurtxian course.

>>Neither_ of these links, forgetting a moment they're two links
>>to the same source (I suppose to provide an illusion of two
>>separate sources?), point to a post modern Art periodical or
>>National Geographic...

>I am glad that the fragrant Mr Lehmborg finds me lovely.

>I was simply trying to provide a "balanced explanation for
>complex circle construction", and I thought a reference to a
>book by a group of crop-circle makers explaining why and how the
>made crop circles might help to this end. If I do come across
>any crop-circle references in 'post modern art periodicals', be
>assured that the enchanting Mr Lehmborg will be the first to
>know.

"Natherwaddies" and scruffy "paddywas" clap-trapped to powers of
Nth degrees, Mr. Rimmer. I suspect that "balance" is the least
of ilked contentments, the bane of a reductionist's sentiment,
and the pantie-soiling horror of anthropomorphs everywhere... It
remains:

Spin me a Catherine Wheel, again... 'Doug'! Stomp out an
additional 'Adams Grave', for me... 'Dave'.

Waiting, still.

alienview.nul
www.AlienView.net
AVG Blog -- <http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/>
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Archived: Thu, 22 Jul 2010 15:33:37 -0400
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>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 15:48:31 -0400
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 16:38:00 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

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>>>I was speculating that some _UFOs_ these days may
>>>be defence-related knock-off products, not crop glyphs.

>>Can you expand?

>No. It's speculation I've heard many times from many commenters
>over the years that the U.S. and possibly other governments may
>have their own anti-grav craft flying. That would not surprise me
>at all.

>Eleanor White

So basically it's just a daft rumour you heard, you don't know
what it really means, and you've got no evidence whatever.

That figures

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John Rimmer

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Do Graphics Pros Have Any Suggestions?

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2010 14:37:07 -0400
Archived: Thu, 22 Jul 2010 15:35:32 -0400
Subject: Do Graphics Pros Have Any Suggestions?

Do Our Computer Graphics Pros Have Any Suggestions?

I've been able, using that huge 780-foot multi-circle glyph in an English field, where the tram lines were estimated using the known 780 foot width to be spaced at 86.6 feet, to calculate that the rectangular portion of the Crabwood glyph was approximately 270 feet wide by 420 feet high.

I then used raster software to stretch the original Lucy Pringle image so it appears in the stretched image as if it were viewed vertically, with right angles appearing as right angles. (I will be doing the "computer disk" as a separate drawing, and merging the two for the final dimensioned drawing to be given to the glyph artists.)

I have experimented with two different methods of reducing the original raster image to a smooth, sharp-edged image which can be dimensioned, but I'm having trouble doing that.

The two methods are:

1. Pixel-by-pixel painting over the light areas, which converting the "stomped down areas" to a solid colour (I've been using black for experimentation.)
2. Placing the raster image in the background, and attempting to trace over the light areas with a "polyline tool," then filling the closed polyline shapes with a solid colour.

The problems in both methods relate to the need to zoom in to a very large scale to accurately create the solid colour stomped down areas.

I've experimented with the raster image using various combinations of contrast and brightness settings, and I haven't been able to get very regular separation between bright (stomped down) and shaded (not stomped down) areas. The result is very "blotchy."

Either editing pixel by pixel of this huge image, or, drawing complex vector shapes to match the shapes of the stomped down areas would take me a huge amount of time, because the original image is so blotchy. Far longer than the 1 month estimate.

My software is a recent version of the Corel Draw and Corel Paint home versions. If the original image were sharper, this software would work fine, but the Lucy Pringle image just isn't that sharp when stretched.

An in-progress experimental image of each method is posted here, should List members be interested in seeing them:

<http://www.raven1.net/crabwoodgraster.png>

<http://www.raven1.net/crabwoodgvector.png>

Any tips, or better yet, a link to an already sharpened up and converted to right angle image of this glyph, would be greatly appreciated.

Eleanor White

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From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2010 09:21:58 +0100
Archived: Fri, 23 Jul 2010 10:48:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2010 14:04:01 -0300
>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 12:00:05 -0400 (EDT)
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>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
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Hi Bruce & Don,

Thanks for your positive comments and of course for all your own
contributions to this case, past and present, on which I relied
a great deal. I was out of the loop at the time of the great
late-90's pelican controversy but I learned a lot from going
back to those debates and teasing out the significant issues.

I doubt that this effort will turn out to have been any more
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As regards explanations - planes and pelicans in particular - it would be interesting to hear from any members of the list who have tended to advocate these theories.

Martin Shough

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>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: post.nul
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>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold [was: Flying Flap Jack]

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>Martin,

>Feedback is definitely on the way, I'm still digesting your
>analysis.

><http://www.martinshough.com/aerialphenomena/Arnold%20analysis2.pdf>

>I can say immediately that it is well-researched, cogent, and
>convincing. Not to mention precise... you specify the co-
>ordinates of the Glacier Island cleft to within ~0.1 micron.
>;-)

Hi Mike

Ha! 'Credit' for that unfeasible precision goes to Mr Google, of course, but thanks for the first impressions. I look forward to any detailed criticisms.

Best

Martin

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From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <aj.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2010 08:48:15 -0300
Archived: Fri, 23 Jul 2010 10:55:46 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

>From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2010 12:28:02 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

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That's precisely the point, Robert.

The Chinese cases happened just a few weeks ago and happened in a very closed and militarized country, beyond our reach. Western researchers have had access only to very vague media information and photos - perhaps even the Chinese researchers haven't more than that.

We have no valuable, detailed witness reports and we certainly don't have one single piece of official information coming from the Chinese authorities etc., etc. And yet, there are already long reports produced about the incidents and, of course 'explanations' here and there.

It will be only after we have access to some valuable data, after we interview pilots and witnesses, after we have some pieces of information about the airport conditions etc, that we will be able to know what precisely happened. Maybe it will never happen.

Until then, I will have fun listening to ridiculous explanations such as Venus.

A. J.

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Archived: Fri, 23 Jul 2010 11:01:39 -0400
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Don, Bruce, Martin, et al

Martin's work is indeed superb, and I thank him for allowing us
to post a snippet and link-to at TUC.

Cheers,

Frank

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From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2010 10:54:50 -0500
Archived: Fri, 23 Jul 2010 12:19:30 -0400
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>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
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>that score.

I doubt it, Martin. As I've remarked on another List, I am probably the only person here who knew Arnold personally. He was everything he was cracked up to be: as honest as they come, a conservative, unimaginative straight arrow - wishful thinking to the contrary notwithstanding. He gained nothing by his association with Ray Palmer, who plied him with notions (e.g., space animals) he carried with him to his last days. Arnold was not a reader, and that includes of UFO literature. Consequently, he had nothing with which to measure the soundness, or lack thereof, of Palmer's judgment. As an honorable man himself, Arnold tended to take at face value the word of others even when he shouldn't have. Thus, for instance, his remarkable naivete (chronicled in wince-inducing detail in his writing on the affair) as he took in Fred Crisman's Maury Island whoppers.

His role in the UFO story runs from June 24, 1947, to the early 1950s, when he lost interest and returned to his regular life. Over time, some stories circulated in which claims he never made were ascribed to him. One I recall in particular appears in a Harold T. Wilkins book, where Arnold allegedly related (in quotes yet) the presence of invisible beings in his house. I once pointed out the supposed quote to Arnold, who'd never heard of any such thing before that moment.

Anybody who tries to depict Arnold as a man of dubious character is probably better advised to examine his or her own soul.

Fantastic job on the case, by the way. Just don't let yourself get sidetracked by irrelevant - or, more to the point, altogether bogus - issues. Developments in the anti-saucer myth, one might say.

Jerry Clark

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Subject: News Links - 22-07-10

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UFO Reported Sighted In Tuaran
Tucson Citizen
<http://tinyurl.com/36cm9ge>

Mystery Of New UFO Sighting In Skies Over Burnham-On-Sea
Burnham-On-Sea
<http://tinyurl.com/24e8gvt>

UFO Investigator Returns To Capri For Another Look
Marco Island Sun Times
<http://tinyurl.com/3aavggz>

UFO Symposium Invades Denver This Weekend
9NEWS.com
<http://tinyurl.com/28uaq6x>

UFO Sightings Explored Through Science
cbs4denver.com
<http://tinyurl.com/2ucv92s>

Battle Los Angeles Gave Us Our First Look At The Aliens Who
Trash LA! [Movie]
<http://tinyurl.com/23gx4eb>

UFO's & Earth Mysteries? Glastonbury Symposium Is Back
Glastonbury People
<http://tinyurl.com/2dxhpbz7>

From Scott Corrales' Inexplicata:

Luminous UFO Over Western Caracas Venezuela
<http://tinyurl.com/36783qt>

Strange Object Photographed During Uruguay Parade
<http://tinyurl.com/3x5hgbu>

From Frank Warren's UFO Chronicals:

The Dulce Interview: Retired USAF Colonel Confirms Secret
Military Installation at Dulce
<http://tinyurl.com/2fgfn65>

From 'The Norm':

Abracadabra, Poof, Go Away
Billy Cox
<http://tinyurl.com/3xmvkzk>

Del Rio UFO Crash And MJ-12
Kevin Randle
<http://tinyurl.com/26na2sb>

Where UFOs Come From
<http://tinyurl.com/25lwk2w>

Want To Call Aliens? Keep It Short And Simple, Scientists Say
<http://tinyurl.com/35lx8lo>

How To Find Aliens: Follow The Photosynthesis
<http://tinyurl.com/2ul74hy>

Now You See It, Now You Don't - An Invisibility Cloak Made Of Glass
<http://www.physorg.com/news198944719.html>

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Re: UFO Researchers In China?

From: **Bill Chalker** <bill_c.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2010 01:46:53 +1000
Archived: Fri, 23 Jul 2010 16:01:22 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2010 08:48:15 -0300
>Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

>>From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2010 12:28:02 -0500
>>Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

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>>I think an open-minded review of this case would state that this
>>case cannot be examined without more evidence.

>That's precisely the point, Robert.

>The Chinese cases happened just a few weeks ago and happened in
>a very closed and militarized country, beyond our reach. Western
>researchers have had access only to very vague media information
>and photos - perhaps even the Chinese researchers haven't more
>than that.

>We have no valuable, detailed witness reports and we certainly
>don't have one single piece of official information coming from
>the Chinese authorities etc., etc. And yet, there are already
>long reports produced about the incidents and, of course
>'explanations' here and there.

>It will be only after we have access to some valuable data,
>after we interview pilots and witnesses, after we have some
>pieces of information about the airport conditions etc, that we
>will be able to know what precisely happened. Maybe it will
>never happen.

>Until then, I will have fun listening to ridiculous explanations
>such as Venus.

This is exactly the point. A.J. & Robert are spot on. So much of
the commentary and conclusions have been based on incorrect or
extremely limited information.

Indeed this is the position of the Chinese researchers. Both the
Beijing and Shanghai researchers have gone to Hangzhou to try to
get more detail. Information from officials has been extremely
limited, despite the combined turn out of the two city groups,
with the Beijing contingent having letters of introduction from
the Beijing Science and Technology Association (the UFO group
being a member).

Zhou Xiaoqiang the secretary general of Beijing UFO Research
Association has been extensively quoted in Chinese sources, but
he too is limited in the information he has secured.

The Chinese groups seem united in viewing the Ma photo (the
widely circulated photo, which appears to have inspired the
other fake photos) as a distorted aircraft photo. However they
do not have sufficient information on the airport case at this
stage.

Western (and some Chinese) media and commentators have made a lot of mistaken connections and conclusions about this case. Ultimately it may not be possible to come to a firm conclusion, unless there is a lot more cooperation from authorities.

I have had access to a lot of Chinese sites and the commentary and debate has been huge. Chinese sites indicate over 12 million internet searches.

I believe the Chinese groups are in the best position to get further information and I'm sure they will share that information. How reliable that information and conclusions will be is dependent on how transparent and reliable the authorities are.

Regards,

Bill Chalker

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Re: UFO Researchers In China?

From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2010 17:13:08 -0300
Archived: Sat, 24 Jul 2010 09:23:39 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

>From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2010 12:28:02 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

<snip>

>I think an open minded review of this case would state that this
>case cannot be examined without more evidence. Now if Oberg
>could have managed to make that type of statement, then I could
>agree with him.

Robert,

In the text I wrote, and about which the link was posted here
several times from the first message I sent on the subject, I
quoted Oberg:

"No prosaic explanation can be formulated at present because the
basic facts remain garbled".

So, I guess you can agree with him.

You and all those attacking him for even making a suggestion
should read the damn text. Excuse my harshness, but I deeply
disagree with you when the mere enunciation of hypothesis,
clearly labeled as such, is criticized, without even reading how
and why those hypothesis were raised, apparently simply because
it involves a prosaic explanation.

The case can be examined based on the little information we
have, it's just that this review will not be able to come up
with any solid explanation. As was clearly stated. But initial
considerations can and should be made.

For the record, Tim Printy noted the Venus hypothesis seems
unlikely based on some preliminary meteorological data. He wrote
a comment on the post.

Regards,

Kentaro

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Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2010 21:15:12 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Sat, 24 Jul 2010 09:24:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2010 15:20:21 -0400
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2010 18:33:54 +0000 (GMT)
>>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

<snip>

>>So basically it's just a daft rumour you heard, you don't know
>>what it really means, and you've got no evidence whatever.

>>That figures

>Never claimed to have evidence, John. I said I wouldn't be
>surprised if that commonly heard speculation were true.

>Eleanor White

As I said, that figures. If I hear any baseless rumours I'll be
sure to let you know.

--

John Rimmer

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Westall 66

From: **Thiago Ticchetti** <ticchetti.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2010 14:48:50 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sat, 24 Jul 2010 09:26:27 -0400
Subject: Westall 66

Once again I ask for your help...

I am looking for informations about the Westall UFO case in 66, in Australia. Please, if somebody have informations or material to send to me get in touch. I would pay the post. Thank you very much!

Thiago Luiz Ticchetti

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From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2010 10:26:57 +0100
Archived: Sat, 24 Jul 2010 09:28:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2010 10:54:50 -0500
>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2010 09:21:58 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

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>>I doubt that this effort will turn out to have been any more
>>definitive than past efforts, in the sense that controversy
>>will
>>go on much as it always has with people focusing on the bits
>>they like and ignoring the bits they don't. And I have already
>>had several comments to the effect that I didn't sufficiently
>>address important issues, in particular Arnold's subsequent
>>experiences and exploits and their significance for assessing
>>both his character/reliability and for the development of the
>>saucer myth. Well, no one can cover everything and one has to
>>draw a line somewhere, but it may be there is more to say on
>>that score.

>I doubt it, Martin.

>Fantastic job on the case, by the way. Just don't let yourself
>get sidetracked by irrelevant - or, more to the point,
>altogether bogus - issues.

Hi Jerry

Many thanks. But you seem to assume that having more to say
means having something negative to say. That's not what I meant.
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Best wishes

Martin

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From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2010 12:48:17 +0100
Archived: Sat, 24 Jul 2010 09:30:43 -0400
Subject: UFO Matrix Magazine Free Download

From: martin.nul [mailto:martin.nul]
Sent: 24 July 2010 12:04 PM
To: philip.nul
Subject: UFO Matrix Magazine Free Download

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2010 09:51:02 -0400
Archived: Sat, 24 Jul 2010 09:51:02 -0400
Subject: News Links - 23-07-10

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Denver Hosts Gathering For UFO Researchers - Video
Fox 31 KDVR.com
<http://tinyurl.com/2bxqc3s>

Football-Field-Long UFO Reported Hovering Over Indiana
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/38gkfnj>

More UFO Sightings Flooding In From Montgomeryshire
Powys County Times
<http://tinyurl.com/2bbtf86>

UFO Footage: Lights In The Sky Over Saltney - Video
BBC News
<http://tinyurl.com/2795eev>

Mysterious Alien Invasion Movie Skyline Could Be The Next
District 9
io9
<http://tinyurl.com/24o5pj3>

Postive Aspects of Belief In 'UFOs' And Some Downsides To Such
Beliefs
UFODigest
<http://tinyurl.com/28a6jw5>

ET, Phone Here
First Things
<http://tinyurl.com/323m2uk>

From 'The Norm':

What Neil Armstrong Really Said When He Stepped on the Moon - Video
<http://tinyurl.com/34rluaj>

Detector Technology Could Help NASA Find Earth-Like Exoplanets
<http://www.physorg.com/news199028637.html>

Every Black Hole May Hold A Hidden Universe
<http://tinyurl.com/39xbjzm>

The Meteor Of 1860
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From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2010 08:38:09 -0500
Archived: Sat, 24 Jul 2010 09:52:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
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Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2010 10:04:05 -0500
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Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

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Thus, on this thread, no more, I hope.

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Hope is vain, Jerry. I am entirely "in sorts", thanks, and it is
a fairly fine Saturday here in Scotland. As to the weather in
(Old or New) England I could not speak. You must ask a local, if
you can find one cheerful enough to oblige. But I close my end
of this by noting that your focus on the word "character"
isolates but one of several issues which I mentioned:

"I have already had several comments to the effect that I didn't
sufficiently address... Arnold's subsequent experiences
[sightings] and exploits [investigations etc] and their
significance for assessing both his character/reliability [two
potentially large overlapping areas of questions some of which
might be more specific than general opinions as to his down-to-
earthness] and for the development of the saucer myth [an area
of questions so large I don't even want to think about it]."

For example, claims have been made that Arnold's many subsequent
sightings can be examined to learn something (negative) about
his "reliability" as an observer. Left unexamined this claim
might seem excessively plausible to some people. I judge it
worth examining in a little detail; indeed I fancy these
sightings might be interpreted to teach an opposite lesson.
Would that make the suggestion more congenial to you?

Similarly, I have been told that his writing about his activities in the Maury Island affair indicates a man prone to questionable decisions and actions which might tend to reduce one's impression of his "reliability" as a reporter. I have doubts about that but I can see that such a claim might well appeal to certain people. For you this may come into the category of "settled long ago", but evidently others are less sure.

And I have also been taken to task for failing to discuss the influence of all Arnold's post-sighting exploits on the development of ufology as a whole! I consider that the last is well beyond the scope of anything I attempted, but the former issues may well be worth revisiting "for completeness".

Why would I bother when "issues such as Arnold's character were settled long ago"? Well, so you say - apparently not everyone agrees. Maybe it is a waste of time reasoning with people who disagree with us. But then what are we hear for? By the same token, why would I bother examining any of the issues in this sighting, all of which were "settled long ago" to somebody's satisfaction - pelicans included? Perhaps I wasted my time there as well.

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From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2010 18:44:36 +0000
Archived: Sat, 24 Jul 2010 15:25:10 -0400
Subject: Re: News Links - 22-07-10

>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2010 12:51:07 -0400
>To: ufo-updates-list.nul
>From: post.nul
>Subject: UFO UpDate: News Links - 22-07-10

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>The Dulce Interview: Retired USAF Colonel Confirms Secret
>Military Installation at Dulce
><http://tinyurl.com/2fgfn65>

I wonder how many people have visited the area known as Dulce, New Mexico. I believe the reference being made is to the Dulce in New Mexico.

Brief description for those of you who haven't traveled to this site:

A couple of buildings, one dome shaped and painted white. It looks like a typical ranch.

There was a closed and locked gated preventing our entrance to the property.

There was no signs indicating it was government property - whether state or federal. Only a "No Trespassing" sign.

My lawyer had explained to me that if I crossed into a fenced-in area marked with "No Trespassing" signs and I was caught, she would not be able to get me out of the local jail. The other two people on the team refused to cross onto the property. Therefore, I decided not to cross the line.

The ground was soft dirt and did not show much disturbance from traffic.

The time we were there showed little to no activity of any kind. I believe the year we were investigating was 1998.

The surrounding ranches showed the usual daily traffic of vehicles and cattle.

The interview does not provide the location being discussed. I have to assume it is the Dulce, New Mexico as labeled on a map of New Mexico. The same one we visited in our research.

KK

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Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

From: **Eleanor White** <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2010 15:35:02 -0400
Archived: Sat, 24 Jul 2010 16:03:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2010 21:15:12 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

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Re: Kenneth Arnold

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2010 14:43:54 -0500
Archived: Sat, 24 Jul 2010 16:04:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2010 18:23:16 +0100
>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2010 10:04:05 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2010 15:18:16 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>>>>Perhaps you need to reread what you wrote and what I was
>>>>responding to, namely your references to correspondents who'd
>>>>raised the issue of Arnold's "character." It seems to me that
>>>>your words above are better addressed to them than to me.

Let's end this strange exchange on a positive note:

You've done an excellent job on the Arnold paper, and we're all
in your debt.

Cordially,

Jerry Clark

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From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2010 19:14:04 -0700
Archived: Sun, 25 Jul 2010 09:21:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

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>To: [post.nul](#)
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Best,

Steve

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Re: UFO Researchers In China?

From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2010 15:21:47 -0500
Archived: Sun, 25 Jul 2010 20:24:14 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2010 17:13:08 -0300
>Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

>>From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2010 12:28:02 -0500
>>Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

><snip>

>>I think an open minded review of this case would state that this
>>case cannot be examined without more evidence. Now if Oberg
>>could have managed to make that type of statement, then I could
>>agree with him.

>Robert,

>In the text I wrote, and about which the link was posted here
>several times from the first message I sent on the subject, I
>quoted Oberg:

>"No prosaic explanation can be formulated at present because the
>basic facts remain garbled".

>So, I guess you can agree with him.

>You and all those attacking him for even making a suggestion
>should read the damn text. Excuse my harshness, but I deeply
>disagree with you when the mere enunciation of hypothesis,
>clearly labeled as such, is criticized, without even reading how
>and why those hypothesis were raised, apparently simply because
>it involves a prosaic explanation.

>The case can be examined based on the little information we
>have, it's just that this review will not be able to come up
>with any solid explanation. As was clearly stated. But initial
>considerations can and should be made.

>For the record, Tim Printy noted the Venus hypothesis seems
>unlikely based on some preliminary meteorological data. He wrote
>a comment on the post.

Kentaro,

I read the Oberg-AOL article before I ever commented and I have
read previous articles by Oberg related to UFOs. I do not change
my position that he is not open-minded.

You quoted him as stating:

"No prosaic explanation can be formulated at present because the
basic facts remain garbled".

That is true.

If only he would hold true to his own statement and wait until

the facts are gathered. It makes no more sense to theorize, before the facts are known, that a Chinese airport was shut down for an hour because of Venus than for someone to theorize that the Chinese airport was shut down due to visits from ET.

A scientist develops a hypothesis to try and explain a set of observations and facts. In the case of Hangzhou, China, the observations and facts are not known. A good scientist will not even attempt to make a hypothesis without concrete observations and facts.

Robert

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Re: Peculiar & Dramatic Sightings During July

From: Kelly Freman <khfsufo.nul>
Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2010 10:07:31 -0400
Archived: Sun, 25 Jul 2010 20:26:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Peculiar & Dramatic Sightings During July

>From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 13:26:48 +0000
>Subject: Re: Peculiar & Dramatic Sightings During July

<snip>

>Hi Kelly,

>Can you verify the direction of the orbs and check that against
>the wind direction for that night in which they saw the orbs?

Sorry for the delayed response. As for verification of the orbs' direction, the witnesses only wanted to make a quick, verbal report and I can only go by what they originally told me, that the orbs moved west over the Gulf.

However, they did say that if they saw them again they would call me back. If they do, I'll try to get additional info.

>If they were moving in the same direction as the wind then I
>would suspect Chinese Lanterns unless you find some additional
>details to argue against that.

Can't really argue against that since details are lacking. But I wouldn't make an argument for it, either. :)

>If they were clearly not moving in the direction of the wind
>then that probably eliminates lanterns. Check wind directions
>from ground up to 1500'.

You can check out wind activity for that area at this link:

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/stations/72210.shtml?text>

Keep in mind that the sighting took place around 11:40 p.m.

Looks like this is just going to be another unknown to reflect on later and ask, "I wonder what those were?"

Kelly

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From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2010 17:28:43 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Sun, 25 Jul 2010 20:27:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2010 19:14:04 -0700
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

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>spot, the experiment would not establish a complete or real
>answer to the question of whether the original glyph was man-
>made or not.

Steve, thank you for raising a note of caution here. Your post elucidates very clearly the problems with such a challenge.

I must first of all say that I never agreed to personally organise an experiment to reproduce any specific piece of crop art, I merely stated that if Ms White was going to make a large measured diagram of any design I would show it to some crop-circle makers I knew to see what they made of it.

Having seen the design concerned, I rather suspect that the people I intend to show it to may have been the people who made it in the first place! Even so, I am sure that if they did go ahead and reproduce the artwork, there would be enough accidental differences for critics to be able to deny that it was a successful attempt. I'm sure not even Leonardo da Vinci could have painted the Sistine Chapel ceiling exactly the same twice!

I will repeat, if Ms White does the drawings, I will show them to some circlemakers for their opinion. Whether or not they choose to accept her challenge is up to them, not me.

I am still musing on what possible military purpose these beautiful artworks may serve.

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John Rimmer

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Re: Westall 66

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2010 23:07:23 +0200
Archived: Sun, 25 Jul 2010 20:37:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Westall 66

>From: Thiago Ticchetti <ticchetti.nul>
>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2010 14:48:50 -0700 (PDT)
>Archived: Sat, 24 Jul 2010 09:26:27 -0400
>Subject: Westall 66

>Once again I ask for your help...

>I am looking for informations about the Westall UFO case in 66,
>in Australia. Please, if somebody have informations or material
>to send to me get in touch. I would pay the post. Thank you very
>much!

>Thiago Luiz Ticchetti

Dear Thiago,

I have just checked my video-archive and I got one exact match:

Westall 66' - A Suburban UFO Mystery
(released this year on Syfy channel).

Other possible references (have to watch them to see) could be
maybe found in these documentariess too:

In Search Of - Season 4 - UFOs In Australia (1980)

And the 1997 documentary - OZ Encounters - UFOs In Australia.

After searching my the audio archive I found a skeptical
perspective in the Skeptoid episode:

The Westall '66 UFO

I guess there are probably references elsewhere but it is hard
to find if the name of the incident is not in the title of the
documentary.

There may be other references in old magazines etc - have to
search through multi-PDFs when I get some time.

I have just started to process my enormous archives and to list
every documentary I have, so it will be easier for me to help
after similar requests in the future.

The current list is available here - I am updating every few days:

<http://tinyurl.com/35vhbeh>

It will probably take a few years to list everything.

Most of the documentaries mentioned above can be found on
YouTube... Contact me directly if you have problems finding
them.

I'll also check in magazines over the next few days and let
you know.

Best Wishes,

Giuliano Marinkovic

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Archived: Sun, 25 Jul 2010 20:39:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
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>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

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>actually prove.

I'm looking for the time it would take to replicate the
Crabwood glyph, with particular attention to quality.

The shading provided by "raster lines" of varying width, in
particular. And of course, none of the crop stomped down
accidentally.

Over the years we've heard how easy it is to make these glyphs
using boards and string, well, what better way to show us that
doing so can easily fit into a single
nighttime?

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If the time is less than the hours of darkness, it
proves the original could well have been a hoax.

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Well thank you Steve, for your concern. But, hey, I'm retired, and I don't mind producing guideline drawings. Surely hoaxers must use drawings for their more complex glyphs, right? So I'm saving them the trouble on this one.

Or do you think that in the dark, without the advantage of a vertical view, the complex glyphs can be stomped out in a couple of hours by the sheer mental acuity and sense of distance and direction of the hoaxers?

As to whether John hasn't accepted my 'challenge', that doesn't really matter either. There are plenty who believe the complex glyphs can be laid out and executed with high quality, no crop accidentally trampled, in a night.

This question arises over and over, and it's time it should be answered definitively.

I'm not looking at all at the question of who did the glyphs, I just want to know how long a large, complex glyph would take to fake at original quality level.

Eleanor White

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Magnesium Carbonate And Agriglyphs

From: Dave Haith <visionsl.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 00:14:41 +0100
Archived: Sun, 25 Jul 2010 20:49:44 -0400
Subject: Magnesium Carbonate And Agriglyphs

Latest from Nancy Talbott

Dave Haith

From: Nancy Talbott
To: List Suppressed
Date: Sunday, July 25, 2010 11:22 PM
Subject: White Powder Found To Be 99.99% Pure MgCO3

Hi All,

For many years now piles of a very fine-grained white powder have been appearing in conjunction with a number of strange events around Robbert v/d Broeke. The first incident occurred in 1997:

<http://www.bltresearch.com/eyewitness/eyewitness7.php>

when a large light-ball suddenly appeared, rotating outside the balcony of Robbert's bedroom. When it was gone there were burn marks left on the overhanging eaves & the outsides of the balcony doors - and the white material was splashed on the balcony floor. This event was the impetus behind BLT's introduction to Robbert and his family.

In addition to appearing in conjunction with multiple other bizarre events inside and around Robbert's home over the ensuing years, the white powder has also repeatedly been found in crop circles in Robbert's area of southern Holland. See Parts 1 & 2:

<http://www.bltresearch.com/eyewitness/eyewitness8.php>

in one case reported here involving the presence of an 'ET'-like creature.

Last fall quite a large amount of the white powder appeared again, this time inside a new small circle which had had been added to an already-existing formation made up of large rings. As in the past, the material was gathered up and samples sent to BLT for analysis.

On each previous occasion BLT's consulting analytical chemist, Phyllis Budinger, had determined by FT-IR that the material was magnesium carbonate. She felt certain it was quite pure, but infra-red spectroscopy cannot ascertain purity level with precision. So, in this case we decided to also obtain an analysis by ICP-MS (inductively-coupled plasma mass spectroscopy) which can determine purity at the parts per million level.

The ICP-MS results establish that the material is at least 99.99% pure magnesium carbonate. MgCO3 refined to this level of purity is both very expensive and not commonly available, usually used only in specialized laboratory experiments. How it came to be present in the middle of this field in October 2009--

or in the many previous instances inside Robbert's home--or in many other crop circles is unknown. Even more mysterious is the fact that these samples revealed NO environmental contaminants, although this particular deposit sat out in the field for several hours before it was collected.

Here is the link to the new report:

<http://www.bltresearch.com/robbert/2009whitepowder.php>

Questions and/or comments are welcome.

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Re: Kenneth Arnold

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2010 17:26:19 -0600
Archived: Sun, 25 Jul 2010 20:56:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 17 Jul 2010 12:39:07 +0100
>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>...anyone interested in a fresh study of the seminal
>1947 Arnold incident can go to

><http://www.martinshough.com/aerialphenomena/Arnold%20analysis2.pdf>

>where 'The Singular Adventure of Mr Kenneth Arnold' is available
>as a 147 page PDF document (4.54MB download) of 11 Sections and
>4 Appendices.

Martin,

As noted earlier, you've produced a very thorough, well-researched analysis that makes very compelling points. An admirable example of serious investigation done right, among others to be found at your site:

<http://www.martinshough.com/aerialphenomena/Arnold%20analysis2.pdf>

I've downloaded your version 2, but haven't done a detailed comparison to the original. I believe the comments to follow still apply to the newer version, but please flag or disregard those that do not. I'm ignoring minor editorial and typographic issues (e.g., Tahoma vs. Tacoma) that I'm sure you'll weed out in time.

For any Listers that might want to bail out early, this will be a fairly long-winded dissection of a dissection of a historical case. Best suited, I suppose, for the 'Old Guard/geezers' who are lately being encouraged to retire. [Has anyone actually encountered a 'retired ufologist'?]

Thanks to Brad Sparks for informative discussion off-List. He has a different take than Martin and myself on several aspects of this case, but I won't speak for him here. Hopefully he will chime in, on or offline.

In rough order of treatment in your study:

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Section 4, Pg. 1 [Re Chicago Tribune June 26 1947, and the Behind-Rainier issue]:

This Chicago Tribune article is quite the burr in the saddle.

You identify it as "the earliest substantial written narrative purporting to be a quotation from Arnold", and it may well derive from the first in-depth interview conducted after the sighting (acknowledging the prior but rather superficial interview with the East Oregonian, who quickly arranged to re-interview Arnold more extensively when they realized how huge the story had become).

The quoted phrase "I counted nine of them as they disappeared behind the peak of Mt. Rainier" is quite stark and unambiguous. In conjunction with the bizarre instrument panel clock vs. pocket watch conflict, it suggests not just paraphrasing, but outright fabrication - to no obvious end - on the reporter's part.

If indeed Arnold's first in-depth interview is the only one in which he flatly states that the objects flew behind Rainier, one could be forgiven some anxiety that he may have altered his story in subsequent interviews after realizing that the behind-Rainier scenario introduced some critical flaw, even if it's not clear what that might be. It does leave him without any direct method to bracket the objects' range during the interval in which he could discern their shapes, potentially implying (even more) outlandish speeds/sizes.

[To those (e.g., Jerry Clark) who knew Arnold personally and have attested to his integrity, please don't take offense at my venture into the hoax realm. As I'm sure you realize (and as discussed later), there's a great deal at stake in this particular case... there can be no mercy in its examination.]

Nevertheless, my inclination is to consider the Tribune story an anomaly of journalistic license and/or incompetence, and I might have disregarded it outright, had there been no other examples of 'evolution' in Arnold's narrative.

With regard to your reconstruction of Arnold's flight path in general, and your identification of Glacier Island (vs. Little Tahoma Peak, et al) as the "jagged peak" that temporarily eclipses the objects, I find it plausible but still unresolved. I must agree that Little Tahoma Peak doesn't fit well with Arnold's reported flightpath. On the other hand, Glacier Island would seem to be rather inconspicuous from Arnold's viewpoint, and it essentially requires purposeful intent on the part of the objects to hug the narrow saddle presented.

Section 10.ii [Re atmospheric optical effects]:

A point you're no doubt aware of that isn't explicitly mentioned: with regard to refractive anomalies possibly inducing the erratic motion of the objects, note that Arnold clearly associates these irregular displacements with flashes of reflected sunlight (they "flipped and flashed along"), which implies an actual physical displacement and/or rotation of the objects themselves, unless some comparable refractive anomaly existed between the objects and their line of sight to the sun, which would be extraordinary indeed.

Section 11, Pg. 4 [Re Corroboration]:

As you note, in somewhat subdued fashion, none of the alleged corroborative sightings are 'clean', in that they are all submitted after Arnold's account became publicly available. Fred Johnson, whose account is probably the most intriguing of the lot, says outright that he came forward as a result of seeing a newspaper story about Arnold's sighting.

The issue of copycats is crucial to the significance and credibility of the Arnold case, and the UFO phenomenon in general. I don't necessarily agree with your claim that "copycats are presumably motivated by desire for notoriety or at least publicity", although some undoubtedly are. I think many, even most, simply crave to be part of, or 'in on', the latest cultural 'thing', even if the attendant notoriety, if any, extends no further than their immediate acquaintances.

I submit, without solid evidence, but with confidence, that the majority, perhaps the vast majority, of the near-term flurry of post-Arnold sightings (most of them probably never reported to any 'authority' or agency) are simply copycat noise. Hence the 'flap' effect, which, unfortunately, is also consistent with widespread emergence of a genuine anomaly.

Section 11, Footnote 297 [Re lack of sonic booms]:

You direct the reader here to "see also Appendix 3", but I do not find any discussion of sonic booms there. The lack of shock waves from (apparently) supersonic objects is, in my opinion, rather under-appreciated by ufology in general. The only discussion of it of any depth that I've encountered is by Hill (Unconventional Flying Objects), whose thoughts on this I have some trouble swallowing. Probably a topic for a dedicated thread.

Appendix 4.b (repeated in 4.e) [Re the "bat-shaped" controversy]:

While you have made a valiant effort to admit some rather exotic alternative interpretations of "bat-shaped", e.g. 'bat-as-implement', I would have to say bluntly that they are not very compelling, and probably not worth the lengthy discussion devoted to them. "Bat-shaped", in association with a flying object, would be almost universally parsed as a resemblance to the flying mammal, as Arnold would surely have realized.

Arnold's phrase "somewhat bat-shaped" in the 26 Jun 1947 East Oregonian, in conjunction with the undeniably bat-like (at least relative to iconic/popular images of such) figure he draws for Palmer and/or the FBI (~5 to ~9 weeks later, respectively), indicate to me that there is an arguably continuous, if tenuous, thread connecting the later bat/crescent forms to the early accounts.

However, there is no dispute that his early testimony is dominated by saucer-like, discoid imagery, and later attempts (even by Arnold himself) to claim that these only referred to the objects' motion are plainly absurd. This complete reversal, from early bare mention to eventual complete dominance of the bat/crescent meme, is inexplicable and, frankly, damaging to the case.

Comments on the Arnold case in general:

They say you shouldn't learn too much about your heroes, and this is a good example of why. Prior to reading your study I must admit I had only modest familiarity with the Arnold case, but in the course of this review I've pretty thoroughly examined the details, and am coming away feeling distinctly uneasy. Not necessarily due to new insights presented in your study (of which, I hasten to say, there are several), but to basic aspects of the case (e.g., 'evolution' of the objects' characteristics over time) that I was not previously aware of.

More disturbing to me personally, but hardly mentioned in the study (although it resurfaces briefly in your recent exchange with Jerry Clark), is that Arnold claims to have had other sightings of such objects on multiple occasions thereafter.

Your Appendix 4 timeline notes Arnold's claim (in The Coming of the Saucers) of seeing ten brass-like disks on 29 July 1947, about 1 month after the initial sighting. In the transcript of the 07 Apr 1950 Edward R. Murrow phone interview (see Project 1947 website), Murrow states that Arnold "has reported seeing these same strange objects in the sky on three other occasions". By 1975 (17 Oct Oregon Journal), it has become FIVE additional sightings.

I am not at all prepared (yet) to entertain contactee or Chosen Ones scenarios. My default presumption is that the likelihood of having a notable UFO sighting is roughly uniform across the population, although I might give pilots a slight edge. I can say with confidence that there are a vast number of pilots, with a lot more flying hours than Arnold had, that have had exactly zero notable UFO sightings. Put more bluntly, if somebody wins the lottery five times in a thirty year period, I suspect fraud. With good reason.

Of course, UFO history is littered with fraud, but the Arnold case is uniquely situated in that history. As you (and others) have pointed out, this really did mark the beginning of the 'flying saucer' era as we know it. If it is shown to be a hoax

or misidentification or hallucination, then the entire wave of 'saucer' sightings to follow could arguably, even convincingly, be attributed to copycat or other 'psychosocial' origins, notwithstanding photos, multiple witnesses, radar returns, etc. Put another way, what is the likelihood that Arnold presciently hoaxed or mistakenly characterized a phenomenon that soon thereafter became widely manifest as an actual physical anomaly?

In consideration of the above, I'm not prepared to dismiss the Arnold case outright, although had it happened midway through the modern saucer era I think it would be receiving little or no attention at this point (single verifiable witness, no photo or radar, no physical traces, evolving narrative, multiple other sightings by same witness, etc).

In the case that his original account is genuine and accurate, I can only speculate that the sighting itself, as well as the almost surreal activity to follow (involvement with Ray Palmer, Maury Island, etc), was a profoundly transformative period for him, and not an entirely beneficial one for the credibility of the case as a whole.

My commendations again on your study, which I consider the best single synopsis of the case available.

Regards

Mike

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Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

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>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
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>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2010 11:56:38 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>Paul, I don't think anyone would deny that simple 'crop circles'
>of flattened wheat or barley have occurred probably since these
>crops were first cultivated, and that they are caused by
>meteorological conditions. One famous example of these are the
>'Whippingham Ground Effect' which was discussed at length in
>Flying Saucer Review in 1968 (vol. 14, no. 3, by coincidence
>the very first issue of FSR I ever read). Most of the instances
>in the references you quote (for which I thank you) appear
>to be of this nature.

Is there a link to that report per chance? Would like to read it.

>Robert Plot's descriptions are interesting, and certainly seem
>to describe something close to what we now regard as 'crop
>circles'. The illustrations shown are small and stylised, and I
>am puzzled by the one showing a spiral shape. This seems to
>cover an area of several square miles and goes through a wooded
>are in front of a large county mansion. I think at this distance
>in time it would be difficult to draw any conclusions from them,
>but I agree they are very interesting.

The spiral one can't be that big I don't think, as it is a stylized drawing, and Robert indicates that these formations ranged in size from about 2 yards (6 feet) to nearly 50 yards (150 feet).

>The report from 'Nature', quoted here:

><http://www.cccrn.ca/cccrn/cropcircles101.html>

>seems to be very much on the lines of the 'Whippingham' case,
>and represents a form of roughly circular crop damage which
>bears little resemblance to the elaborate designs that we are
>discussing.

Perhaps, although the description of a few standing stalks in the centre, the downed stalks flattened evenly around them and the surrounding wall of untouched stalks is similar to that seen in some circles today as well. More specifically, a typical crop circle description, although sometimes with the centre standing stalks and sometimes not.

>As far as the 1932 Canadian case is concerned, we really need
>to have more details before we can determine if it anything more
>than meteorological crop damage - bearing in mind that these
>were reported sixty years after the event.

I downloaded the Toronto Star article (PDF); here is an excerpt relating to the 1932 report:

"Achen's interest in crop circles dates back to 1932, when he found a series of the puzzling rings near his parents' farm in Halbrite, Sask. "Me and my brother came across this place about a mile and a half from home," he says. "And in the middle of a

field there were these circles - three or four of them." Achen couldn't figure out what caused them, until he saw a whirlwind twisting above a dusty field a few months later. "The thing came down, kicked up the dust, y'know, went up again then came down a third time," he says waving his hands up and down to simulate the hovering whirlwind. "Well, I said to my brother, now we've got the explanation for those three circles... I just put two and two together - heck, it's common sense." Achen says crop circles appeared in fields during the 1930s, only people didn't call the National Enquirer with an exclusive from Oxbow when they found the rings. They just ran their threshers over them without a second thought. "There were no UFOs in those days. It's only nowadays you hear all this talk about UFOs," he says with a twinkle. "At my age, when you've seen what I've seen, things today seem a bit loopy."

Unfortunately Achen was 88 in 1991, so don't think he's available for further questions...! Just to note, he assumes whirlwinds made them, although there's no evidence to connect the kind of whirlwinds he saw with making the earlier circles. I wish there was more of a description of the three circles, but right now that's all I have.

>I notice that in the BLT piece there is a reference to
>photographs of crop circles in the early 1900s. Are these
>available for examination on the Internet? Are they available
in >any public archive in Britain or elsewhere?

Not sure offhand, but I can inquire about that, for my own interest too! The earliest Canadian photos I have right now are from the 70s, but there are quite a few other reports, from various sources, of simpler circles and rings in the 70s, 60s, 50s, 40s, 30s and 20s. And again, similar ones from other countries as well.

>I am not claiming that these early reports are hoaxes, as most
>of them seem to fit in with the simple natural phenomenon
>explanation. It is possible that some of the very early reports
>(16th or 17th century) are of man-made origin, and have been
>done for reasons which are obscure at this distance in time. T

Which is what makes the idea of a natural phenomenon, which has been around a long time, a lot more appealing to me now. But I'm doubtful about simple whirlwinds doing these; I'm still interested in the idea of plasma discharges or vortexes, which could explain some of the other physical anomalies as well. But there are still other aspects of the phenomenon which don't seem to quite fit the natural hypothesis idea, but suggest something involving human consciousness, relating to experiences that some people have had, including myself to some degree.

>The one thing which has convinced me more than anything that
>crop circles are a modern (post 1970s) man-made phenomenon, is
>the total absence of any reports from Warminster in the 1960s
>and early 1970s. The town of Warminster is now at the centre of
>the English crop circle region, yet at the height of the
>Warminster UFO flap, with literally hundreds of keen
ufologists, >earth mystery researchers and general mystery-
mongers swarming >over the neighbourhood there is no - OK, one
vague - reports of >a crop circle. If there was, you can be sure
it would have been >leapt on by Arthur Shuttlewood or one of his
circle - sorry! - >as evidence of extraterrestrial visitation.
There wasn't, so I >am convinced that crop circles, as we know
and love them, are a >post-Warminster invention.

OK, but there are earlier reports from other areas in England. Wiltshire and Hampshire in particular have become the favourite haunting grounds of the known hoax teams these days although this year so far, for whatever reason, most reports have been from areas away from the more specific "hot spots" in that country.

For interest, there also these reports, courtesy of researcher Andreas Muller in Germany, of early circles in Sweden, Germany and even Africa (?):

<http://www.kornkreise-forschung.de/textSweden.htm>

<http://www.kornkreise-forschung.de/textDDR.htm#01>

<http://www.kornkreise-forschung.de/textCredoMutwa.htm>

Again, there are more, these are just some of the more publicized ones. I would also still recommend the book "The Secret History of Crop Circles" to everyone who is interested in this.

Paul

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>Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2010 08:48:15 -0300
>>Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

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>Western (and some Chinese) media and commentators have made a
>lot of mistaken connections and conclusions about this case.
>Ultimately it may not be possible to come to a firm conclusion,
>unless there is a lot more cooperation from authorities.

>I have had access to a lot of Chinese sites and the commentary
>and debate has been huge. Chinese sites indicate over 12 million
>internet searches.

>I believe the Chinese groups are in the best position to get
>further information and I'm sure they will share that
>information. How reliable that information and conclusions will
>be is dependent on how transparent and reliable the authorities
>are.

Bill,

Despite the hilarious skepticism we see about this case - always
coming from the same kind of people, always with the same rush
to 'explain' everything right away - I see a great opportunity
in this series of cases from China.

These occurrences could very well create a better atmosphere in
China for the new reflourishment of Chinese Ufology. The country
has given clear signs of a new generation of researchers, and
these cases could help to consolidate their enthusiasm to pursue
and embrace Ufology in a more proactive way.

Can you imagine how many fantastic UFO cases would come from
China if we had a strong UFO community there? And perhaps a
relatively 'free' UFO community?

Cheers to you and to all our friend 'down-under'.

A. J.

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FYI - UltraEdit

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
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Over the years I've been asked, off-List, if I use a specific program in formatting List-Posts. I've responded, privately, to those queries.

Perhaps its now time to recommend to subscribers & readers a wonderful piece of coding: UltraEdit by IDM Computer Solutions' Ian D. Mead.

UltraEdit is astonishingly versatile and is way more than the average user might need, but nonetheless a well worthwhile investment, especially for many on this List. It gives you the ability to copy from E-Mail, Word, Acrobat and format, check spelling, set line lengths, write HTML, compare files for dupes, set macros, save in many formats, etc., etc. ... For more of its features see:

<http://tinyurl.com/2bw2a6j>

UltraEdit is available for a free trial at:

http://www.ultraedit.com/downloads/ultraedit_download.html

I've used UltraEdit since the mid-nineties and without it I would have gone totally bananas trying to make List-posts consistent...

I know many will find UltraEdit useful,

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Re: Monotremes

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>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
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>Subject: Re: Monotremes

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2010 15:35:20 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Monotremes

>>>>(2) No, it doesn't "bother" me that "we might be sharing the
>>>planet" with another earth-based intelligence. It doesn't
>>>"bother" me because I deem the chances so close to zero that I'd
>>>probably be better advised to worry that a falling meteorite
>>>will kill me next time I
>>>step outside the door.

>>Yes, I understand, but for the sake of discussion, how would you
>>feel if monotremes were found to be the answer to our UFO
>>problem. Would you be comfortable with that truth.

>Are these questions? I see no question marks. Let me ask you a
>question, and I'll put a question mark after it to be sure there
>are no, er, questions about my meaning.

>Why, exactly, is the adjective "frightening" in this discussion?
>Is it your belief that these imaginary creatures are hostile?

Jerry,

I don't know their intentions. They don't seem to be overtly
hostile, but abductions are not pleasant events for most folks.
My point was that an official disclosure by our government that
we share the planet with another mammalian species, sixty
million years more advanced than humans, who abducted folks at
will, could cause severe social and economic disruption and
fright. I was asking that you imagine your reactions if you knew
that scenario were true. The majority of the UFO community is
convinced that ETH is the solution to this ongoing mystery. Most
seem to be convinced that they can handle disclosure, but
they're betting on ETH. I doubt they or you would feel the same
about monotremes. Something made Podesta change his mind. "You
can't tell the people"

>>I guess we'll just have to disagree. I thought it was a
>>wonderful, serious, and delightfully written UFO book. It had
>>great notes and footnotes, an index and an appendix section. I
>>thought the discussion of vortices and the part they might play
>>disappearing ships and airplanes was brilliant. For a UFO book
>>written in 1970, it was a masterpiece. It certainly wasn't
>>silly.

>Sanderson's fantasy about "vile vortices" was disposed of by
>Larry Kusche as long ago as 1975. Kusche had some pointed
>observations, too, to make about the level of Sanderson's
>scholarship. They weren't flattering.

Kusche has his critics as well:

http://www.bermuda-triangle.org/html/skepticism_the_triangle.html

<snip>

>>I'm friends with someone who knew Sanderson well and worked with
>>him for several years and loved every minute of it. He said that
>>Sanderson was willing to take intellectual chances and wrestle
>>with unusual ideas that frightened others, and he was really a
>>good guy. I guess it all depends on perspective.

>Again, that strangely inappropriate word "frightened." At least
>in this context, translated, the meaning is clear enough:
>"unusual ideas that others found unconvincing, insufficiently
>documented, and wildly speculative."

I admit that an ancient monotreme civilization is speculative,
but certainly no more than ETH or time travel or parallel
universes. There's not any science that would prohibit monotreme
tool making evolution. If evolutionary circumstances led
civilized primates to invent computers, those same
circumstances, through convergent evolution, could have shaped
monotreme tool making as well.

All I'm asking is that researchers and other UFO aficionados
consider this possibility.

Ed

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>majority, perhaps the vast majority, of the near-term flurry of
>post-Arnold sightings (most of them probably never reported to
>any 'authority' or agency) are simply copycat noise. Hence the
>'flap' effect...

Michael, this is just hand waving. It's based on nothing except
your own half-cooked speculation. You don't know this, and you
have no evidence of any kind, much less "solid" evidence, to
support it.

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>More disturbing to me personally, but hardly mentioned in the
>study (although it resurfaces briefly in your recent exchange
>with Jerry Clark), is that Arnold claims to have had other
>sightings of such objects on multiple occasions thereafter.

>Your Appendix 4 timeline notes Arnold's claim (in The Coming of
>the Saucers) of seeing ten brass-like disks on 29 July 1947,
>about 1 month after the initial sighting. In the transcript of
>the 07 Apr 1950 Edward R. Murrow phone interview (see Project
>1947 website), Murrow states that Arnold "has reported seeing
>these same strange objects in the sky on three other occasions".
>By 1975 (17 Oct Oregon Journal), it has become FIVE additional
>sightings.

So what?

>I am not at all prepared (yet) to entertain contactee or Chosen
>Ones scenarios.

"(Yet"?)

>My default presumption is that the likelihood of
>having a notable UFO sighting is roughly uniform across the
>population, although I might give pilots a slight edge. I can
>say with confidence that there are a vast number of pilots, with
>a lot more flying hours than Arnold had, that have had exactly
>_zero_ notable UFO sightings. Put more bluntly, if somebody wins
>the lottery five times in a thirty year period, I suspect fraud.

>With good reason.

Accounts of multiple lottery winners - untainted by suspicions of fraud - are a not infrequent focus of popular and scholarly attention. This is a meaningless analogy. And lottery oddities are known phenomena.

Many years ago, Allen Hynek invented the notion that a "repeater" witness is automatically to be discarded. Even he abandoned the idea in later years. The fact of the matter is that there are so many variables in who gets to see UFOs (or what are taken for UFOs) and who doesn't that no sweeping pronouncement on the subject has any meaning the rest of us need take seriously. If there is no other negative evidence bearing on the issue, one cannot justifiably reject testimony simply on the grounds that the witness had another sighting or sightings. In Arnold's case no such negative evidence exists.

All we know is that Arnold, who was an honest man, had what he believed to be other sightings. He may or may not have been mistaken, but since these other sightings have never been the subject of the sort of in-depth investigation his first sighting has, they have no relevance. What matters is the first because it has been so well studied. As for the others, agnosticism is the only justifiable response.

>In the case that his original account is genuine and accurate, I >can only speculate that the sighting itself, as well as the >almost surreal activity to follow (involvement with Ray Palmer, >Maury Island, etc), was a profoundly transformative period for >him, and not an entirely beneficial one for the credibility of >the case as a whole.

If Arnold's subsequent activity is irrelevant to his original sighting, it does underscore, perhaps, both the man's lack of imagination and his fundamental assumption that others speak truthfully just as he did. This was, after all, a conservative Westerner who grew up in a culture in which, as the saying went, a man's word is his bond. Consequently, he was unprepared for the likes of Fred Crisman and, to some degree, Ray Palmer.

Because of his unsought fame, Arnold was drawn into the early UFO saga but was unequipped to deal (as so many others would be) with its infinite complexities. His choices were not always good ones - nor are, for that matter, anybody's in any area of life - and (arguably, though we don't know this) he became hypersensitive to the point that he jumped to conclusions on other occasions when he spotted some aerial phenomenon he couldn't immediately identify. On the other hand, he may well have encountered genuine UFOs on several occasions. We simply don't know.

Still, there were lines he wouldn't cross, as anybody who knows of his interactions with proto-contactee S. E. Thompson will know. Arnold may have been naive in some ways, but he was not ordinarily a fool, and he certainly was not a charlatan.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Magnesium Carbonate And Agriglyphs

From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 15:59:41 +0200
Archived: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 10:31:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Magnesium Carbonate And Agriglyphs

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 00:14:41 +0100
>Subject: Magnesium Carbonate And Agriglyphs

>Latest from Nancy Talbott

>Dave Haith

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>From: Nancy Talbott
>To: List Suppressed
>Date: Sunday, July 25, 2010 11:22 PM
>Subject: White Powder Found To Be 99.99% Pure MgCO3

<snip>

>Last fall quite a large amount of the white powder appeared
>again, this time inside a new small circle which had had been
>added to an already-existing formation made up of large rings.
>As in the past, the material was gathered up and samples sent to
>BLT for analysis.

>On each previous occasion BLT's consulting analytical chemist,
>Phyllis Budinger, had determined by FT-IR that the material was
>magnesium carbonate. She felt certain it was quite pure, but
>infra-red spectroscopy cannot ascertain purity level with
>precision. So, in this case we decided to also obtain an
>analysis by ICP-MS (inductively-coupled plasma mass
>spectroscopy) which can determine purity at the parts per
>million level.

>The ICP-MS results establish that the material is at least
>99.99% pure magnesium carbonate. MgCO3 refined to this level of
>purity is both very expensive and not commonly available,
>usually used only in specialized laboratory experiments. How it
>came to be present in the middle of this field in October 2009--
>or in the many previous instances inside Robbert's home--or in
>many other crop circles is unknown. Even more mysterious is
>the fact that these samples revealed NO environmental
>contaminants, although this particular deposit sat out in the
>field for several hours before it was collected.

>Here is the link to the new report:

><http://www.bltresearch.com/robbert/2009whitepowder.php>

>Questions and/or comments are welcome.

Taking this a step further...

Nancy and Team,

Assuming someone/thing is depositing Magnesium Carbonate on
purpose in these fields, what could it mean? I.E., is this
chemical of any use to anyone for any reason (other than a fire

retardant)? Is it laid down as a hint of some sort (like for cleaning up oil spills, use as a weapon or building material, or a fuel?)

Or if it's there by accident, e.g., is it a by-product of some other chemical process (like burning fuel, building something, etc?)

In other words, you have a 'trace' - but of what?

Also, following the scientific method, have you done any experiments yet to lay down deposits like this in some way or another?

Diana

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<http://tinyurl.com/3ak2lus>

When does the Exodus begin? Will we now have Spanish Planets and Whites Only Planets and Democrats Only Planets?

This galaxy just took a big step in a bad direction.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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Re: Peculiar & Dramatic Sightings During July

From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 09:34:17 -0500
Archived: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 10:47:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Peculiar & Dramatic Sightings During July

>From: Kelly Freman <khfsufo.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2010 10:07:31 -0400
>Subject: Re: Peculiar & Dramatic Sightings During July

>>From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2010 13:26:48 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Peculiar & Dramatic Sightings During July

>>Can you verify the direction of the orbs and check that against
>>the wind direction for that night in which they saw the orbs?

>Sorry for the delayed response. As for verification of the orbs'
>direction, the witnesses only wanted to make a quick, verbal
>report and I can only go by what they originally told me, that
>the orbs moved west over the Gulf.

>However, they did say that if they saw them again they would
>call me back. If they do, I'll try to get additional info.

>>If they were moving in the same direction as the wind then I
>>would suspect Chinese Lanterns unless you find some additional
>>details to argue against that.

>Can't really argue against that since details are lacking. But I
>wouldn't make an argument for it, either. :)

>>If they were clearly not moving in the direction of the wind
>>then that probably eliminates lanterns. Check wind directions

>>from ground up to 1500'.

>You can check out wind activity for that area at this link:

><http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/stations/72210.shtml?text>

>Keep in mind that the sighting took place around 11:40 p.m.

>Looks like this is just going to be another unknown to reflect
>on later and ask, "I wonder what those were?"

Hi Kelly,

Thanks for the update. Keep up the good work. Based on what
you've said, it probably should be categorized as "insufficient
data" rather than "unknown UAV" in the MUFON system.

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Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 08:04:50 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 11:58:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Monotremes

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2010 10:37:02 -0700
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is pretty frightening.

As for 'economic disruption', I would immediately put all my
money into Snickers bars and canned food.

Yours, quivering under the bed hiding from the one-holed
monotremes,

John Rimmer

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Re: Monotremes

From: Bill Chalker <bill_c.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2010 01:15:57 +1000
Archived: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 12:01:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Monotremes

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2010 10:37:02 -0700
>Subject: Re: Monotremes

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2010 09:00:36 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Monotremes

>>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2010 15:35:20 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Monotremes

>>>>(2) No, it doesn't "bother" me that "we might be sharing the
>>>>planet" with another earth-based intelligence. It doesn't
>>>>"bother" me because I deem the chances so close to zero that I'd
>>>>probably be better advised to worry that a falling meteorite
>>>>will kill me next time I
>>>>step outside the door.

>>>>Yes, I understand, but for the sake of discussion, how would you
>>>>feel if monotremes were found to be the answer to our UFO
>>>>problem. Would you be comfortable with that truth.

>>Are these questions? I see no question marks. Let me ask you a
>>question, and I'll put a question mark after it to be sure there
>>are no, er, questions about my meaning.

>>Why, exactly, is the adjective "frightening" in this discussion?
>>Is it your belief that these imaginary creatures are hostile?

>Jerry,

>I don't know their intentions. They don't seem to be overtly
>hostile, but abductions are not pleasant events for most folks.
>My point was that an official disclosure by our government that
>we share the planet with another mammalian species, sixty
>million years more advanced than humans, who abducted folks at
>will, could cause severe social and economic disruption and
>fright. I was asking that you imagine your reactions if you knew
>that scenario were true. The majority of the UFO community is
>convinced that ETH is the solution to this ongoing mystery. Most
>seem to be convinced that they can handle disclosure, but
>they're betting on ETH. I doubt they or you would feel the same
>about monotremes. Something made Podesta change his mind. "You
>can't tell the people"

>>>I guess we'll just have to disagree. I thought it was a
>>>wonderful, serious, and delightfully written UFO book. It had
>>>great notes and footnotes, an index and an appendix section. I
>>>thought the discussion of vortices and the part they might play
>>>disappearing ships and airplanes was brilliant. For a UFO book
>>>written in 1970, it was a masterpiece. It certainly wasn't
>>>silly.

>>Sanderson's fantasy about "vile vortices" was disposed of by
>>Larry Kusche as long ago as 1975. Kusche had some pointed

>>observations, too, to make about the level of Sanderson's
>>scholarship. They weren't flattering.

>Kusche has his critics as well:

>http://www.bermuda-triangle.org/html/skepticism_the_triangle.html

><snip>

>>>I'm friends with someone who knew Sanderson well and worked with
>>>him for several years and loved every minute of it. He said that
>>>Sanderson was willing to take intellectual chances and wrestle
>>>with unusual ideas that frightened others, and he was really a
>>>good guy. I guess it all depends on perspective.

>>Again, that strangely inappropriate word "frightened." At least
>>in this context, translated, the meaning is clear enough:
>>"unusual ideas that others found unconvincing, insufficiently
>>documented, and wildly speculative."

>I admit that an ancient monotreme civilization is speculative,
>but certainly no more than ETH or time travel or parallel
>universes. There's not any science that would prohibit monotreme
>tool making evolution. If evolutionary circumstances led
>civilized primates to invent computers, those same
>circumstances, through convergent evolution, could have shaped
>monotreme tool making as well.

>All I'm asking is that researchers and other UFO aficionados
>consider this possibility.

Maybe I missed something in this discussion but what informs
this speculation about "alien monotremes." I thought monotremes
were unique to "down under" and I don't see any of them flying
about in UFOs and abducting us. Do I assume you are talking
about "monotreme-like" creatures based on an extrapolation from
some of Ivan T. Sanderson's speculations via "Invisible
Residents"?

The Playpus and the Echidna are aggrieved and are seeking
justice not alienation.

Regards,

Bill ("Down Under")

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Actually, Fox News did not do their homework on this one.

Dimitar Sasselov jumped the gun.

NASA scientists have come out and indicated that there are 140
"potential" planets that could be Earth sized and that it is too
early to draw any conclusions. They need to do their
verification work.

Nonetheless, I suspect that they will find a lot of Earth sized
planets out there, but we will need to wait and see.

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Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 15:34:39 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 12:11:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 00:27:42 -0700
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

Paul, thank you for your detailed response to my remarks. Rather than getting into endless cut and paste, I will make a few comments on some salient points.

Whippingham: As far as I know, there is no on-line reference to the Whippingham report from Flying Saucer Review. Plots' drawings: The difference in scale between the sketches and the written descriptions shows the difficulty of drawing any conclusions from an event which happened so long ago. If they are small designs I see no difficulty in accepting that they are man-made - for what reason we can only guess.

Report in Nature: As I originally stated I see no reason to assume that this is anything more than the sort of circular crop damage that could easily be caused by meteorological phenomena. There is a superficial resemblance to later 'crop circles', but of course the first crop circle 'hoaxers' based their work on just such phenomena

Canadian reports: These have the problem that the report is not contemporary with the event, in fact is sixty years later. Memory is not an exact record. Are there any contemporary records? But again, they fall easily into the 'whirlwind' context. Surely it is not these simple circles that we are really discussing here. I doubt there is much argument about them.

Early photographs: I think we need to actual photographs from the 1960s and earlier before being able to discuss this further, but I'm sure if there were any, we'd have seen them by now.

Plasma vortex: This theory was first put forward by Terence Meaden until the increasing complexity of the designs forced him to abandon it. It was also my favourite explanation, until the whole phenomenon just got too silly!

I think you are right when you "suggest something involving human consciousness", but I think it is the consciousness of the very clever and incredibly skilled people who plan and construct these designs. Remember that by now some artists have had over thirty years experience of making them!

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From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
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Archived: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 12:13:02 -0400
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>To: [post.nul](#)
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>monotremes,

John said it so I don't have to.

Personally, though, I'd take dark Milky Way bars, not Snickers,
into the bunker. I find that they're better at fending off fear
of monotremes.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Kenneth Arnold

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Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 17:11:21 +0100
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>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2010 17:26:19 -0600
>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 17 Jul 2010 12:39:07 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>As noted earlier, you've produced a very thorough, well-
>researched analysis that makes very compelling points. An
>admirable example of serious investigation done right, among
>others to be found at your site:

><http://www.martinshough.com/aerialphenomena/Arnold%20analysis2.pdf>

Hi Mike

Thanks very much for taking the time to study it and for making
a number of interesting points

>I've downloaded your version 2, but haven't done a detailed
>comparison to the original. I believe the comments to follow
>still apply to the newer version, but please flag or disregard
>those that do not. I'm ignoring minor editorial and typographic
>issues (e.g., Tahoma vs. Tacoma) that I'm sure you'll weed out
>in time.

Thanks. That confusion occurred in several places in v.1 but has
been corrected in v.2 (except where quoting others).

>For any Listers that might want to bail out early, this will be
>a fairly long-winded dissection of a dissection of a historical
>case. Best suited, I suppose, for the 'Old Guard/geezers' who
>are lately being encouraged to retire. [Has anyone actually
>encountered a 'retired ufologist'?]

>Thanks to Brad Sparks for informative discussion off-List. He
>has a different take than Martin and myself on several aspects
>of this case, but I won't speak for him here. Hopefully he will
>chime in, on or offline.

>In rough order of treatment in your study:
>Section 4, Pg. 1 [Re Chicago Tribune June 26 1947, and the
>Behind-Rainier issue]:

>This Chicago Tribune article is quite the burr in the saddle.

>You identify it as "the earliest substantial written narrative
>purporting to be a quotation from Arnold", and it may well
>derive from the first in-depth interview conducted after the
>sighting (acknowledging the prior but rather superficial
>interview with the East Oregonian, who quickly arranged to re-
>interview Arnold more extensively when they realized how huge
>the story had become).

>The quoted phrase "I counted nine of them as they disappeared
>behind the peak of Mt. Rainier" is quite stark and unambiguous.

Well, I wouldn't say it was unambiguous. As I mentioned I think this could very easily be a misquote of "a peak of Mt Rainier", or if we feel we must insist on a perfectly verbatim quote "the peak" could reference the specific peak identified by Arnold to the journalist elsewhere in the conversation.

>In conjunction with the bizarre instrument panel clock vs.
>pocket watch conflict, it suggests not just paraphrasing, but
>outright fabrication - to no obvious end - on the reporter's
>part.

This account would have been recovered from a mixture of the reporter's memory and shorthand taken during a pretty informal 'phone conversation. It seems much simpler to me to accept that the reporter made a mistake.

>If indeed Arnold's first in-depth interview is the only one in
>which he flatly states that the objects flew behind Rainier,

I don't know of any reason to think it was more "in-depth" than Bequette's 2-hour interview the previous afternoon. The point about the Tribune article is that it puts quotes around whole paragraphs of what purports to be a connected narrative from Arnold. Bequette's article on the same day quotes Arnold too, but only in isolated phrases. Bequette wrote:

"He said he could estimate the distance of the objects better because an intervening peak once blocked his view of them. He found the peak was 25 miles away, he related. The Boise flyer said they flew on the west sides of Rainier and Adams."

This is consistent with what Arnold said in all other known sources and Bequette had 2 hours on the spot with Arnold. The Tribune story, as mentioned, was probably assembled from shorthand notes after a much shorter 'phone conversation.

>one could be forgiven some anxiety that he may have altered his
>story in subsequent interviews after realizing that the behind-
>Rainier scenario introduced some critical flaw, even if it's not
>clear what that might be. It does leave him without any direct
>method to bracket the objects' range during the interval in
>which he could discern their shapes, potentially implying (even
>more) outlandish speeds/sizes.

True, but this scenario doesn't easily fit the timeline. This hypothetical "hoax" mistake of sending the objects behind Rainier would have been committed after Arnold had already told his story at least once to Bequette and Skiff at the East Oregonian about noon on June 25, and very likely after he had been interviewed a second time by Bequette that afternoon. There was no way for the Tribune to get the story quicker than via Bequette's lunchtime AP wire, and then someone had to locate Arnold at his Pendleton hotel and phone him. After lunch Bequette himself was with Arnold most of that afternoon doing his own interview. So the most favourable possible timeline has the Tribune talking to Arnold almost simultaneously with Bequette or (much more likely) later that night, after Bequette had left to write up his own story, or even the next morning. Bear in mind that on the same afternoon as he was talking to Bequette, Arnold was already on radio KWRC saying "I could see them against the snow, of course, on Mt. Rainier . . . [they were] going at a terrific speed across the face of Mt. Rainier" etc.

So these early accounts that the objects flew on the west side of Rainier could hardly have been a "subsequent alteration", no matter how agile Arnold's mind.

>[To those (e.g., Jerry Clark) who knew Arnold personally and
>have attested to his integrity, please don't take offense at my
>venture into the hoax realm. As I'm sure you realize (and as
>discussed later), there's a great deal at stake in this
>particular case... there can be no mercy in its examination.]

>Nevertheless, my inclination is to consider the Tribune story an
>anomaly of journalistic license and/or incompetence, and I might
>have disregarded it outright, had there been no other examples of
>'evolution' in Arnold's narrative.

I agree.

>With regard to your reconstruction of Arnold's flight path in
>general, and your identification of Glacier Island (vs. Little
>Tahoma Peak, et al) as the "jagged peak" that temporarily
>eclipses the objects, I find it plausible but still unresolved.

I agree. I'm sure it will always remain unresolved. Plausible is as good as it gets.

>I must agree that Little Tahoma Peak doesn't fit well with
>Arnold's reported flightpath.

I'd put it much more strongly. It doesn't fit at all with the reported (and/or projected) flightpath. I don't think it fits even marginally with any half-plausible extension or adaptation of that flightpath.

>On the other hand, Glacier Island
>would seem to be rather inconspicuous from Arnold's viewpoint,

Yes, I think you're right, and I suspect that this may be why Arnold never identified it. His did, in discussion with McDonald, "think" that it might have been nearby Pyramid Peak, which is only about a mile away. But Pyramid is lower. The saddle is only about 5600ft which is getting low or at least marginal for snow cover in June even in 1947 and this saddle is not glaciated. The Glacier Island saddle, however, is in the middle of the Tahoma Glacier as well as being about 1700ft higher and would have been in the middle of permanent ice and snow. It fits Arnold's description of a "snow-based cleft" well. And its altitude also fits the terrestrial horizon level better.

>and it essentially requires purposeful intent on the part of
>the
>objects to hug the narrow saddle presented.

I understand. The clearances would have been only a few hundred feet. You wouldn't wander in there by accident in a plane. But the same might well be said of the saddles behind Pyramid Pk, or Crystal or Iron Mts. It was an excellent flying day, and Arnold had himself been flying low around the canyons searching for the Marine C-46. But he had a purpose. I imagine a passing military formation (for example) flying VFR would steer well clear of possible mountain turbulence unless they had a very good reason.

>Section 10.ii [Re atmospheric optical effects]:

>A point you're no doubt aware of that isn't explicitly
>mentioned: with regard to refractive anomalies possibly inducing
>the erratic motion of the objects, note that Arnold clearly
>associates these irregular displacements with flashes of
>reflected sunlight (they "flipped and flashed along"), which
>implies an actual physical displacement and/or rotation of the
>objects themselves, unless some comparable refractive anomaly
>existed between the objects and their line of sight to the sun,
>which would be extraordinary indeed.

Yes, that's true.

>Section 11, Pg. 4 [Re Corroboration]:

>As you note, in somewhat subdued fashion, none of the alleged
>corroborative sightings are 'clean', in that they are all
>submitted after Arnold's account became publicly available.
>Fred Johnson, whose account is probably the most intriguing of
>the lot, says outright that he came forward as a result of
>seeing a newspaper story about Arnold's sighting.

>The issue of copycats is crucial to the significance and
>credibility of the Arnold case, and the UFO phenomenon in
>general. I don't necessarily agree with your claim that
>"copycats are presumably motivated by desire for notoriety or at
>least publicity", although some undoubtedly are. I think many,
>even most, simply crave to be part of, or 'in on', the latest
>cultural 'thing', even if the attendant notoriety, if any,
>extends no further than their immediate acquaintances.

You may be right, I'm not sure of the statistics. Nevertheless, publicity-seeking by Johnosn would undoubtedly have been regarded as suggestive of a "copycat" had it occurred. It didn't. So my point was limited to noting that "such evidence as

there is" does not support a copycat, in the context of Nickell's claim that Johnson "may well have been a publicity-seeking false claimant". Clearly, whatever he was, he was not that.

>I submit, without solid evidence, but with confidence, that the >majority, perhaps the vast majority, of the near-term flurry of >post-Arnold sightings (most of them probably never reported to >any 'authority' or agency) are simply copycat noise. Hence the >'flap' effect, which, unfortunately, is also consistent with >widespread emergence of a genuine anomaly.

I tend to agree. There is no definite answer to this question, but you would have to expect a scatter of trivial IFOs to fall out after such a big story, no matter what Arnold saw.

>Section 11, Footnote 297 [Re lack of sonic booms]:

>You direct the reader here to "see also Appendix 3", but I do >not find any discussion of sonic booms there.

You're right. I just forgot to add a comment on it!

>The lack of shock >waves from (apparently) supersonic objects is, in my opinion, >rather under-appreciated by ufology in general. The only >discussion of it of any depth that I've encountered is by Hill >(Unconventional Flying Objects), whose thoughts on this I have >some trouble swallowing. Probably a topic for a dedicated >thread.

I agree.

>Appendix 4.b (repeated in 4.e) [Re the "bat-shaped" >controversy]:

>While you have made a valiant effort to admit some rather exotic >alternative interpretations of "bat-shaped", e.g. 'bat-as- >implement', I would have to say bluntly that they are not very >compelling, and probably not worth the lengthy discussion >devoted to them.

Well, I would have to respond that one doesn't know whether lengthy discussion is worthwhile until it has been had. And as far as I'm aware this sort of possibility had never even been considered in 60 years. I judged it worth broaching, and it is in my nature, having once broached, to follow up as far as possible rather than hope someone else might

>"Bat-shaped", in association with a flying >object, would be almost universally parsed as a resemblance to >the flying mammal, as Arnold would surely have realized.

>Arnold's phrase "somewhat bat-shaped" in the 26 Jun 1947 East >Oregonian, in conjunction with the undeniably bat-like (at least >relative to iconic/popular images of such) figure he draws for >Palmer and/or the FBI (~5 to ~9 weeks later, respectively),

Not for Palmer, but for the FBI, yes. Having looked into this further and specifically having now discussed it with Pierre Lagrange I can report that, as I predicted, no crescent drawing was found among Palmer's papers. Arnold's FBI drawing dated about Aug 19 or a little before is the earliest known representation.

>indicate to me that there is an arguably continuous, if tenuous, >thread connecting the later bat/crescent forms to the early >accounts.

No, this is a misunderstanding and I may be partly responsible. I realise this section was a bit unclear and the issue needs revisiting. Having had fresh info and reflection I am now clearer in my own mind.

On July 31 Arnold was exposed by Brown and Davidson to the Rhodes photo object only via descriptions and drawings done by Capt Davidson. He did not see the photos (but was invited to go see them at Hamilton Field if he wanted to). At that same meeting Lt Brown (as Arnold told the FBI later) characterised the object as "a flying wing", evidently based on the projection seen in the second Rhodes photo. According to Arnold (speaking to the FBI) Brown was under the impression that Rhodes had

photographed two different objects. Arnold said that one of them made him think immediately of Dahl's Maury Island object (hole in the middle), but it was Brown's "flying wing" that he thought was nearly identical to one of the objects he had seen, as he indicated soon afterwards by a drawing and explicit caption in his own handwriting on a copy of his AAF letter that the FBI agent took away with him.

Now it's vital to remember that Arnolds told us that prior to meeting Brown and Davidson he had scarcely even consciously acknowledged that one of the objects had differed, and he tried to excuse the fact that he had never told a soul about it. It was such an uncertain impression, he explained, that he hadn't mentioned it "even to my wife". Only when Lt Brown authoritatively led him to believe that the AAF thought this "flying wing" was "genuine" was Arnold motivated to remember that he'd seen something very similar. We may make of that what we will (and you know my own strong suspicion), but clearly this means that when, way back on June 25, Bequette had quoted him as saying "they were somewhat bat-shaped", he had not been referring to one object that differed. Whatever the simile "somewhat bat-shaped" meant, it was intended to refer collectively ("they") to all of the objects.

Now this doesn't necessarily mean that my suggestion of aircraft-marshalling bat is correct, although it is consistent. It could mean that Arnold vaguely associated the shape of his taper-tailed "big flat discs" with imagery that had been made popular at the time by for example Batman comic merchandise, and which was often far from naturalistic, as Barry Greenwood has perceptively pointed out (private email).

Howsoever, the phrase does not apply to the crescent-shaped odd-man-out object ike refers to, although I recognise that without tracking the dates of all these documents and drawings carefully it is easy to form that mistaken impression.

>However, there is no dispute that his early testimony is >dominated by saucer-like, discoid imagery, and later attempts >(even by Arnold himself) to claim that these only referred to >the objects' motion are plainly absurd. This complete reversal, >from early bare mention to eventual complete dominance of the >bat/crescent meme, is inexplicable and, frankly, damaging to >the case.

Not the "bat meme" as used or intended by Arnold (vide supra). But the crescent meme as used by Arnold and others (others often mistakenly onflating their own "bat" impressions with it) did come to dominate. Personally I'm not sure this is as damaging as you suggest, because, as I have remarked to others privately, we cannot assume that the observing instrument (Arnold) is a constant baseline before and after the sighting. I think that the instrument has to be recalibrated at June 24 1947 because it was altered by its own act of observation and by the cultural phenomenon his report engendered. Almost anyone ought to expect to be massively altered by this experience, and it is my judgment (though it's too much to go into right here) that Arnold actually handled himself rather well, and that the results of his activities as a saucer hunter, as he described them (it seems to me) very fully and frankly, tend to redound to hgis credit as an observer and reporter. But as I said that;'s a bigger discussion (I have something in hand which I hope will find a forum quite soon).

>Comments on the Arnold case in general:

>They say you shouldn't learn too much about your heroes, and >this is a good example of why. Prior to reading your study I >must admit I had only modest familiarity with the Arnold case, >but in the course of this review I've pretty thoroughly examined >the details, and am coming away feeling distinctly uneasy. Not >necessarily due to new insights presented in your study (of >which, I hasten to say, there are several), but to basic aspects >of the case (e.g., 'evolution' of the objects' characteristics >over time) that I was not previously aware of.

>More disturbing to me personally, but hardly mentioned in the >study (although it resurfaces briefly in your recent exchange >with Jerry Clark), is that Arnold claims to have had other >sightings of such objects on multiple occasions thereafter.

>Your Appendix 4 timeline notes Arnold's claim (in The Coming of
>the Saucers) of seeing ten brass-like disks on 29 July 1947,
>about 1 month after the initial sighting. In the transcript of
>the 07 Apr 1950 Edward R. Murrow phone interview (see Project
>1947 website), Murrow states that Arnold "has reported seeing
>these same strange objects in the sky on three other occasions".
>By 1975 (17 Oct Oregon Journal), it has become FIVE additional
>sightings.

Well, as I tried to indicate in that exchange, whilst I had to stop somewhere with the report I agree with you that there are issues here that can be very usefully explored and that do help to illuminate and callibrate Arnold's state as an observing instrument. I do plan to come back to this in detail very shortly...

>I am not at all prepared (yet) to entertain contactee or Chosen
>Ones scenarios. My default presumption is that the likelihood of
>having a notable UFO sighting is roughly uniform across the
>population, although I might give pilots a slight edge. I can
>say with confidence that there are a vast number of pilots, with
>a lot more flying hours than Arnold had, that have had exactly
>_zero_ notable UFO sightings. Put more bluntly, if somebody wins
>the lottery five times in a thirty year period, I suspect fraud.
>With good reason.

I think this is the wrong way of looking at it. If you have just seen an amazing thing that has made you a focus of international notoriety and controversy, and if you subsequently fly tens of thousands of hours with camera at the ready _trying_ to repeat the experience to prove it, then by golly you are desperately "unobservant" if you don't see _something_. In fact Arnold did fly a heck of a lot of miles for over a month without seeing or filming anything at all. But over the course of years Arnold did see several somethings, and filmed two or three of them, but none of them is strikingly interesting and several are fairly easily explainable on the basis of Arnold's surprisingly cautious and understated descriptions.

Your "little brass discs" are an excellent example: Notwithstanding Arnold's opinion that they were extraordinary - based on an understandable and openly expressed hope/expectation of seeing more saucers - the actual explicit and latent information he gives us is remarkably close in all respects to an airborne encounter with a flock of birds. I am far from the first sceptic to point this out. But I find it perverse that it is so often held to be evidence of an unreliable observer. In my opinion it is the opposite, and is of value in callibrating our instrument at June 24 1947.

<snip>

>My commendations again on your study, which I consider the best
>single synopsis of the case available.

Much appreciated, Mike, and thanks for the detailed feed back.

Regards

Martin

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India Daily
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io9
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>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2010 14:03:48 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Re: Monotremes

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2010 15:47:55 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Monotremes

>Friends, Romans, Countrymen...

>>UFO are flown by intelligent beings who are creatures from some
>>type of advanced civilization who seem to have the need to
>>sample a human now and then.

>
>Well, I suppose if you work from that assumption, you will
>eventually come to some such silly idea as 'monotremes'. If you
>choose to take a more nuanced view of the UFO question you might
>come across something a little more complex, but rather less
>silly.

John,

What assumptions do you work from? The monotreme idea is very complex. Maybe that's why you're having such a hard time with it. And what makes the idea so "silly"? Do you think it's scientifically or technically impossible? It is an unusual hypothesis and might seem "far out" but it is not "silly". What I find "silly" and "unscientific" is the belief that humans or their machines will ever travel at the speed of light.

>>There are only a few possibilities to explain their origin: time
>>travel, parallel universes, faster than light travel, or ancient
>>earthly civilizations. Which one do you favor?
>I don't 'favor' it, but what about the good ol' ETH?

The ETH comes under the heading of "faster than light travel". I don't think that it's possible and a red herring, underwritten by the intelligence community, to lead the ufologists away from the idea that UFO and the creatures who fly them are home grown.

>>The first three have a mystical quality that has always bothered
>>me. I see the UFO as a nuts and bolts issue, but there is
>>something very foreboding about the thought of sharing our
>>planet with other mammals we can't communicate with well, and
>>who are able to abduct us at will.

>Just one question. Where do they live? In holes in the ground,
>or under the ice? Or are they all around us, in our cities, in
>our streets, just like us but subtly different.

Monotremes were very ancient, and began evolving two- hundred million years ago. From everything that we've seen, UFO have some very advanced technology so if they are Monotremes, they could live under the ocean, in domed communities, or under the Arctic or Antarctic ice or in mother ships. Since they could be as much as sixty million years advanced, I suppose they could live where ever their technology allows.

>Maybe we should round them all up, mark them in some way, and
>put them in trains going to... er, well somewhere...

Yes, of course, that's the answer.

>>Ed Gehrman

>PS.: I notice that the word 'monotreme' come from the Greek,
>meaning 'one hole'. Gives you some idea where the people
>spouting these ideas are talking from!

Another perfect example of a Rimmerism.

Ed

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>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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<snip>

>I admit that an ancient monotreme civilization is speculative,
>but certainly no more than ETH or time travel or parallel
>universes. There's not any science that would prohibit monotreme
>tool making evolution. If evolutionary circumstances led
>civilized primates to invent computers, those same
>circumstances, through convergent evolution, could have shaped
>monotreme tool making as well.

>All I'm asking is that researchers and other UFO aficionados
>consider this possibility.

>Ed

Ed, I would like to know what evidence you have that warrants
special attention to monotremoids versus say, space-marsupials?

Perhaps you could explain why you feel the monotremoid
hypothesis is on par with the ETH?

Jason Gammon

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What I'm interested in regarding this new NASA telescope is for
them to finally tell us if and what kind of planets are in our
own neighborhood. What's circling the Alpha Centauri star
system? Did they finally train this telescope on the Zeta
Reticuli system?

How can we not know what's next door. Sure Zeta Reticuli is 30
or so light years away but that's dang near down the street
considering the size of the galaxy.

I'm about putting closure to some of the long standing and most
interesting UFO accounts. I'm also in for just telling people
the truth.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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Re: Monotremes

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 10:00:26 -0700
Archived: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 15:21:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Monotremes

>From: Bill Chalker <bill_c.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2010 01:15:57 +1000
>Subject: Re: Monotremes

>>All I'm asking is that researchers and other UFO aficionados
>>consider this possibility.

>Maybe I missed something in this discussion but what informs
>this speculation about "alien monotremes." I thought monotremes
>were unique to "down under" and I don't see any of them flying
>about in UFOs and abducting us. Do I assume you are talking
>about "monotreme-like" creatures based on an extrapolation from
>some of Ivan T. Sanderson's speculations via "Invisible
>Residents"?

>The Playpus and the Echidna are aggrieved and are seeking
>justice not alienation.

Hi Bill,

While I enjoyed Invisible Residents, Sanderson didn't mention
monotremes as a possibility. His contribution to my thinking was
that it would be entirely possible for another ancient
civilization to live on earth without humans being aware of the
situation.

The Monotreme idea is entirely mine and is a result of my
investigation of the Alien Autopsy. I believe the creature being
dissected is an evolved monotreme: one hole, no teeth, no
secondary sexual features, and (from the debris) the ability to
send and receive electrical impulses.

Judging from Kevin's AA survey, the vast majority of folks find
these ideas ridiculous, so a discussion of is almost impossible.

Ed

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Re: UFO Researchers In China?

From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 14:53:10 -0300
Archived: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 15:22:47 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

>From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2010 15:21:47 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

<snip>

>A scientist develops a hypothesis to try and explain a set of
>observations and facts. In the case of Hangzhou, China, the
>observations and facts are not known. A good scientist will not
>even attempt to make a hypothesis without concrete observations
>and facts.

We know some reasonable facts about the Hangzhou case, Robert. We know the date, approximate hour, that something was almost certainly seen and that the Airport was indeed closed. We know the orientation of the landing strips, we may know some meteorological data. We know some things about the night sky, we know about precedent cases involving the closure of Airports due to UFOs, e.g., Barnaul Airport in 2001. Caused by Venus, as far as we know.

Also, we do know that all the photos and videos circulated associated with the case are no UFOs, and almost all of them, except perhaps one, have nothing to do with it.

It's not like we know absolutely nothing about the case. And I emphasize my disagreement: raising ideas, hypothesis, giving reasonable justification for them, should not be attacked. Oberg suggested Venus, perhaps. Maccabee suggested perhaps a confusion with helicopters. Both of them made it clear those were just initial thoughts. As they aired these ideas, there came some arguments against them. This is how things should work, by the free exchange of ideas, the critical evaluation of them based on rational arguments, not a priori dismissal.

We now have people criticizing those who come with "explanations"! Oh, those terrible "explainers". Even possible, suggested explanations are condemned unless they are definite. Well, no explanation will be definite until it's properly evaluated. As far as I know, before many were even asking questions, Oberg and Maccabee, among others, had already realized what the photos were, and were already considering the right questions, knowing -- and expressing -- full well the problem with the evidence in this case.

There's a serious problem with people all too comfortable with mysteries, and all too uncomfortable with what we should be doing: seeking explanations. Shough just did a wonderful job on the Kenneth Arnold case. Well, that case is based almost solely on a single witness testimony. Perhaps some others, but no physical evidence nonetheless. Should we abstain from raising any hypothesis due to this limitation? No! As long as we justify our hypothesis, even though we may never reach a definite conclusion, it's more than worth analyzing possibilities, weighing conclusions to the evidence. But no, pelicans, Venus, and such prosaic ideas are dismissed by most out-of-hand. Fortunately, Shough produced another example of fine ufology by not dismissing it, but instead, analyzing it critically.

Ufologists should explain, identify UFOs. Withholding judgement is not the same as withholding consideration or even discussion of possible explanations. I understand the problem with those that jump into conclusions, this is indeed a problem, but jumping into possibilities is not a problem, it is, or can be, part of the solution.

Sincere regards,

Kentaro

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Re: NASA Announces Host Of Earthlike Planets

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 11:08:20 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 15:25:17 -0400
Subject: Re: NASA Announces Host Of Earthlike Planets

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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Greg,

Thanks for bringing this to our attention. A better link to this preliminary news is, I think:

<http://tinyurl.com/2aatnrd>

and especially the video talk by astronomer Dimitar Sasselov, whose Russian accent is very pleasant.

Although we must wait a few months for confirmatory analyses, it seems that indeed several hundred planets, at least, of generally earthlike size and in earthlike orbits around their parent stars have indeed been discovered. The link in Greg's email makes it seem like the consensual expectation had been that the giant-gas planets like Jupiter would be in the majority, even though it was well known that their discovery would likely come first merely because their giant size made the earliest modes of discovery feasible. Sasselov shows that the smaller planets are now in the majority.

The results from the Kepler telescope will be a boon for the ETH, I feel, and not a bad thing. However I'm of course awaiting answers to some simple questions, like how can the temporary slight dimming of a star's intensity be differentiated from the rotation of a cluster of "sun" spots about its surface? Or, how can a lengthy dimming period associated with a planet's crossing of a star's midsection be distinguished from a similar dimming period from a planet orbiting slowly much farther out but crossing the stellar disk at a high latitude? We may have to wait five years, say, for a particular dimming period of a particular star to have been repeated regularly several times to be certain it's due to a planet in a certain orbit. Presently the conclusions can only be of a statistical nature.

In not too many years it will likely be known that some small fraction of these earthlike planets possess water vapor and oxygen, and likely harbor life, possibly even a monotreme (hence a monotreme could be an ET, Ed). Perhaps then the thought will occur to astronomers that the science of ETs millions of years more advanced than ours could have enabled them to engage in

intergalactic travel, bypassing restrictions of rocketry and relativity. Then they may be able to muster the courage to look into the UFO phenomenon and confirm their worst fear: Our science is indeed only in its infancy.

Jim Deardorff

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Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 11:11:49 -0700
Archived: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 15:26:23 -0400
Subject: Re: NASA Announces Host Of Earthlike Planets

>From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 10:23:30 -0500
>Subject: Re: NASA Announces Host Of Earthlike Planets
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>Actually, Fox News did not do their homework on this one.
>
>Dimitar Sasselov jumped the gun.
>
>NASA scientists have come out and indicated that there are 140
>"potential" planets that could be Earth sized and that it is too
>early to draw any conclusions. They need to do their
>verification work.

>Nonetheless, I suspect that they will find a lot of Earth sized
>planets out there, but we will need to wait and see.

Yes, Fox News and some other media did exaggerate things a bit, but Dimitar Sasselov himself didn't jump the gun. He is one of the scientists involved, a co-investigator for the Kepler mission. He indicated himself that these are still candidates, needing to be confirmed. At least some may be false positives, but the statistical information obtained so far, still very early in the mission, seems to show that the smaller planets like Earth will be more common than the larger gas giant types.

Here is the video of his actual talk at TEDGlobal in Oxford earlier this month:

<http://tinyurl.com/28z6wjt>

A quote:

"What the new telescope Kepler has been able to tell us in the past few weeks - and lo and behold - we are back to the harmony and to fulfilling the dreams of Copernicus. You can see here [Chart] - small planets dominate the picture. The planets which are marked "like Earth" - definitely more than any of the other planets that we see. Now for the first time we can say that. There is a lot more work we need to do with this. Most of these are candidates and in the next few years - we will confirm them - but the statistical result is loud and clear - and the statistical result is that planets like our own Earth are out there. [Chart] Our Milky Way galaxy is rich in this kind of planet. So the question is what do we do next? Well we can study them now. We know where they are. And we can find those that we call "habitable" meaning that they have similar conditions to what experience here on Earth and where a lot of complex chemistry can happen..."

See also here:

<http://www.spaceref.com/news/viewnews.html?id=1415>

Paul

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Re: Magnesium Carbonate And Agriglyphs

From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 14:28:23 -0400
Archived: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 15:29:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Magnesium Carbonate And Agriglyphs

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 00:14:41 +0100
>Subject: Magnesium Carbonate And Agriglyphs

>Latest from Nancy Talbott

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>Date: Sunday, July 25, 2010 11:22 PM
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<snip>

Hello Dave, Nancy and List,

You say at least 99.99%.

You don't specify the type of magnesium carbonate.

Magnesium carbonate comes in many different forms, depending on
its amount of hydration:

MgCO3, MgCO3.2H2O, MgCO3.3H2O, MgCO3.5H2O

At:

<http://www.americanelements.com/mgcb.html>

We learn that American Elements sells 99.999% Magnesium
carbonate.

At:

www.americanelements.com/Ultra_high_purity_metals&powders.htm

We learn that American Elements specializes in selling compounds with a level of purity reaching, in some cases, 99.9999%

I suppose they do have the equipment to verify the purity of their products.

I also suppose that if any one can establish the nature and the degree of purity of your sample, it's them.

They probably could say if they have made your sample and/or who else could have made it.

Imagine the possibilities...

Regards,

Vincent Boudreau

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 16:34:31 -0300
Archived: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 15:48:43 -0400
Subject: Re: NASA Announces Host Of Earthlike Planets

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 12:42:26 EDT
>Subject: Re: NASA Announces Host Of Earthlike Planets

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 13:22:53 -0300
>>Subject: Re: NASA Announces Host Of Earthlike Planets

>>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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>>above the level of knuckle dragging. The Springer rejects -the
>>people too stupid to make it on the Jerry Springer show-came out
>>in droves.

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>own neighborhood. What's circling the Alpha Centauri star
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>the truth.

What truth would that be?

The Earth sized planets is exciting news. But I wouldn't write
off larger or smaller planets. The "Just Right" theory as is the
case for Earth might not hold true for some other species,
whether they made it into space or not.

As far as I know nothing is circling Alpha Centauri. I've never
heard of anything and it should have been easy to determine.

Don Ledger

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From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 15:55:20 -0400
Archived: Tue, 27 Jul 2010 07:46:48 -0400
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>Greg

Could be the opening move in a government project to create a
false "UFO invasion," as has been speculated by a number of
commentators. Laying a foundation for plausibility, in other
words.

Yes, John Rimmer, I do discuss speculation. Lots of people do. I
see nothing wrong in doing so as long as I don't label guesswork
as fact. Even "worse," I actually (gasp!) speculate myself at
times. :-)

Eleanor White

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Re: News Links - 25-07-10

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 16:07:08 -0400
Archived: Tue, 27 Jul 2010 07:47:55 -0400
Subject: Re: News Links - 25-07-10

>NASA Spacecraft Camera Yields Most Accurate Mars Map
><http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2010/07/100723112310.htm>

That article led to this one:

<http://tinyurl.com/y8tkk8h>

It's about NASA's taking requests from the public for photographing areas on the Mars surface. Interestingly, no one requested the Martian 'face' or 'Cydonia.'

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<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2008/03/080307121613.htm>

<http://www.wired.com/wiredscience/2008/03/looking-for-pla>

<http://tinyurl.com/381yaep>

There are currently three projects looking for planets orbiting
Alpha Centauri (last paragraph):

<http://tinyurl.com/yf3fjtq>

Alpha Centauri is also said to be a "Tier 1" target for the
upcoming (launch date still to be set) SIM Lite Astrometric
Observatory space telescope:

<http://planetquest.jpl.nasa.gov/SIM/index.cfm>

Being a triple star system, with the two main stars being a
binary pair, complicates planet formation and detectability (so
not easy to determine), but the newest models suggest that
smaller rocky planets are more likely than larger gas giants. We
shall see...

Paul

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>www.americanelements.com/Ultra_high_purity_metals&powders.htm

>We learn that American Elements specializes in selling compounds
>with a level of purity reaching, in some cases, 99.9999%

>I suppose they do have the equipment to verify the purity of
>their products.

>I also suppose that if any one can establish the nature and the
>degree of purity of your sample, it's them.

>They probably could say if they have made your sample and/or who
>else could have made it.

>Imagine the possibilities...

By coincidence I have just written to that very company with
Nancy's data asking some of these questions. I will let the List
know what response I get, if anything.

Nancy accepts that they should "really try to get the test re-
done down to the parts per billion level."

But she adds: "I don't have the money to pay for this test to be
done again."

If I can use this reply also to cover Nancy's response to Diana
Cammack's question:

>Also, following the scientific method, have you done any
>experiments yet to lay down deposits like this in some way or
>another?

Nancy responds: "We don't have the money to buy this material
ourselves to play around with in the fields...and, as I said in
the report, what we know is that the material has been highly
refined, but we know of no purpose for it to be so when it is
plopped into the middle of a field in a crop circle."

Nancy adds "A new scientist has just volunteered his
expertise so the next test we're going to do on the material
is XRD. (X Ray Diffraction) We'll see if we can get any more
info."

Dave Haith

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Re: Magnesium Carbonate And Agriglyphs

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 17:14:43 -0700
Archived: Tue, 27 Jul 2010 07:53:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Magnesium Carbonate And Agriglyphs

>From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 15:59:41 +0200
>Subject: Re: Magnesium Carbonate And Agriglyphs

>Taking this a step further...

>Nancy and Team,

>Assuming someone/thing is depositing Magnesium Carbonate on
>purpose in these fields, what could it mean? I.E., is this
>chemical of any use to anyone for any reason (other than a fire
>retardant)? Is it laid down as a hint of some sort (like for
>cleaning up oil spills, use as a weapon or building material, or
>a fuel?)

>Or if it's there by accident, e.g., is it a by-product of some
>other chemical process (like burning fuel, building something,
>etc?)

>In other words, you have a 'trace' - but of what?

>Also, following the scientific method, have you done any
>experiments yet to lay down deposits like this in some way or
>another?

Apart from some of the other incidents since 1997, these
deposits have been found specifically within some of the crop
circle formations, so it hardly seems accidental, at least in
those cases.

What's interesting is that this is not "ordinary" Magnesium
Carbonate, like common chalk, but MgCO₃ of very high purity and
very expensive, as Nancy had mentioned...

Paul

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Re: UFO Researchers In China?

From: Bill Chalker <bill_c.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2010 13:18:41 +1000
Archived: Tue, 27 Jul 2010 07:55:51 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 08:05:38 -0300
>Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

>>From: Bill Chalker <bill_c.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2010 01:46:53 +1000
>>Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

>>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2010 08:48:15 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: UFO Researchers In China?

><snip>

>>Western (and some Chinese) media and commentators have made a
>>lot of mistaken connections and conclusions about this case.
>>Ultimately it may not be possible to come to a firm conclusion,
>>unless there is a lot more cooperation from authorities.

>>I have had access to a lot of Chinese sites and the commentary
>>and debate has been huge. Chinese sites indicate over 12 million
>>internet searches.

>>I believe the Chinese groups are in the best position to get
>>further information and I'm sure they will share that
>>information. How reliable that information and conclusions will
>>be is dependent on how transparent and reliable the authorities
>>are.

>Despite the hilarious skepticism we see about this case - always
>coming from the same kind of people, always with the same rush
>to 'explain' everything right away - I see a great opportunity
>in this series of cases from China.

>These occurrences could very well create a better atmosphere in
>China for the new reflowerishment of Chinese Ufology. The country
>has given clear signs of a new generation of researchers, and
>these cases could help to consolidate their enthusiasm to pursue
>and embrace Ufology in a more proactive way.

>Can you imagine how many fantastic UFO cases would come from
>China if we had a strong UFO community there? And perhaps a
>relatively 'free' UFO community?

>Cheers to you and to all our friend 'down-under'.

Hi A.J.

The Chinese UFO scene is already very well established with
extensive group setups in many major cities. They have
investigated many fascinating cases, but the results are
somewhat "lost in translation." I went there in 2002, 2005, and
2006 to try to a better measure of the situation there. I made
many friends and developed a lot of contacts, and learned a lot

about the Chinese scene, but given the scale I still feel I've got a long way to go. I have been researching the Chinese scene for more than a decade in fairly intensive detail. Not an easy process but one that is very rewarding, if you have patience and persistence.

We need to continue to develop good connections with Chinese researchers as they have much to contribute to our understanding of the worldwide UFO experience.

While the Hangzhou airport case may not play out as a real "UFO" story it has already assisted in getting a small part of the Chinese UFO story onto a wider stage. While the Chinese ufology scene is big its internet presence is bigger, much bigger. While it shows all shades from the very good right through to the not so good it is a dynamic presence.

I posted on my blog yesterday some information from Chinese researchers on the preliminary conclusions on the Hangzhou incident:

<http://theozfiles.blogspot.com/>

Saturday, July 24, 2010: Chinese Airport UFO Incident Is Not An "Alien Flying Saucer" According To Combined Beijing Shanghai UFO Investigation Team

Best wishes to you A.J. and the team from Brazil.

Bill

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Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 21:59:12 -0700
Archived: Tue, 27 Jul 2010 07:57:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 15:34:39 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>Whippingham: As far as I know, there is no on-line reference to
>the Whippingham report from Flying Saucer Review.

Ok, thanks.

>Report in Nature: As I originally stated I see no reason to
>assume that this is anything more than the sort of circular crop
>damage that could easily be caused by meteorological phenomena.
>There is a superficial resemblance to later 'crop circles', but
>of course the first crop circle 'hoaxers' based their work on
>just such phenomena

>Canadian reports: These have the problem that the report is not
>contemporary with the event, in fact is sixty years later.
>Memory is not an exact record. Are there any contemporary
>records? But again, they fall easily into the 'whirlwind'
>context. Surely it is not these simple circles that we are
>really discussing here. I doubt there is much argument about
>them.

I still see the whirlwind explanation for simpler circles and
rings as falling short. Whirlwinds might produce something
roughly circular sometimes as you say, but the result would be
very haphazard. By far most wind damage is chaotic, messy and
completely random. The ruptured nodes also still haven't been
explained yet, and as I've mentioned before, I've seen and have
samples of very pronounced ones in cattle corn even. Lengthened
and ruptured nodes have sometimes been found in random, wind-
damaged areas of crop, as well as some simple circles and more
complex patterns. So, it could be argued that any manner of
flattening crop can produce them, yet tests so far of manually
flattening crops, as in good 'ol planking,
doesn't seem to produce them very well. Never a simple answer...

>Plasma vortex: This theory was first put forward by Terence
>Meaden until the increasing complexity of the designs forced him
>to abandon it. It was also my favourite explanation, until the
>whole phenomenon just got too silly!

I'm well aware of that of course.

>I think you are right when you "suggest something involving
>human consciousness", but I think it is the consciousness of the
>very clever and incredibly skilled people who plan and construct
>these designs. Remember that by now some artists have had over
>thirty years experience of making them!

Well, I meant people wishing for or meditating on a specific
pattern, then it appears very close by or soon afterward, or
both. There have been a number of reports like that over the
years. Myself, on a couple occasions, have had precognitive type
dreams of a similar nature. Also non-crop circle related dreams
of things or events, down to specific detail, before they
happened or I had any conscious knowledge of them. I don't know

how to explain them, but can they happen? Yes.

I think the bottom line is that while I agree that hoaxing has become common and widespread, I still think that (at least some of) the earlier simpler circles and rings, and maybe some of the more complex patterns, based on case-by-case ground examination, represent a genuine phenomenon which is different from ordinary whirlwind or other wind damage. I would find a previously unrecognized atmospheric phenomenon that can produce these quite fascinating on its own. Anything more than that even more so. And yes, nature can produce very interesting atmospheric effects, just look at the amazing hexagon-shaped area of wind turbulence that surrounds Saturn's north pole and now fully documented by Cassini.

Paul

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Official Xiaoshan UFO Report Sloppy

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2010 03:27:44 EDT
Archived: Tue, 27 Jul 2010 07:59:51 -0400
Subject: Official Xiaoshan UFO Report Sloppy

This report gave me a headache:

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90782/7080675.html>

It might be due to the translation so I don't know. Anyhow you all can figure it out, I'm ready to just go outside and howl at the Moon.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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Re: Monotremes

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2010 09:23:48 EDT
Archived: Tue, 27 Jul 2010 09:31:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Monotremes

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 10:00:26 -0700
>Subject: Re: Monotremes

>>From: Bill Chalker <bill_c.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2010 01:15:57 +1000
>>Subject: Re: Monotremes

>>>All I'm asking is that researchers and other UFO aficionados
>>>consider this possibility.

>>Maybe I missed something in this discussion but what informs
>>this speculation about "alien monotremes." I thought monotremes
>>were unique to "down under" and I don't see any of them flying
>>about in UFOs and abducting us. Do I assume you are talking
>>about "monotreme-like" creatures based on an extrapolation from
>>some of Ivan T. Sanderson's speculations via "Invisible
>>Residents"?

>>The Playpus and the Echidna are aggrieved and are seeking
>>justice not alienation.

>Hi Bill,

>While I enjoyed Invisible Residents, Sanderson didn't mention
>monotremes as a possibility. His contribution to my thinking was
>that it would be entirely possible for another ancient
>civilization to live on earth without humans being aware of the
>situation.

>The Monotreme idea is entirely mine and is a result of my
>investigation of the Alien Autopsy. I believe the creature being
>dissected is an evolved monotreme: one hole, no teeth, no
>secondary sexual features, and (from the debris) the ability to
>send and receive electrical impulses.

>Judging from Kevin's AA survey, the vast majority of folks find
>these ideas ridiculous, so a discussion of is almost impossible.

Ed, List, All -

My survey found no such thing, which might give us some insight
into your thought processes. The survey showed that the majority
of the respondents believe the alien autopsy to be a hoax, not
that your ideas are ridiculous. I'd need another survey for us
to draw that conclusion.

I will point out here that the science was not scientific and
the respondents were all self-selected. Although there is a
mechanism to prevent multiple votes, that is easily defeated by
those with an average knowledge of the computer.

I was surprised that so many still believed there was something
of importance in the Alien Autopsy now that nearly everyone
involved in it said that it was faked.

KRandle

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Re: Monotremes

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2010 09:48:38 -0700
Archived: Wed, 28 Jul 2010 10:16:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Monotremes

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2010 09:23:48 EDT
>Subject: Re: Monotremes

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 10:00:26 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Monotremes

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>of the respondents believe the alien autopsy to be a hoax, not
>that your ideas are ridiculous. I'd need another survey for us
>to draw that conclusion.

Hi Kevin,

My mistake. I had intended to say: "the vast majority of folks
will find these ideas ridiculous". I only wanted to show
readers that I understand the strong opposition to using the AA
as proof of anything and that to draw conclusions from a hoax
might seem ridiculous. I don't need a survey to measure reaction
to the Monotreme hypothesis.

>I will point out here that the science was not scientific and
>the respondents were all self-selected. Although there is a
>mechanism to prevent multiple votes, that is easily defeated by
>those with an average knowledge of the computer.

I doubt anyone would take the time to try and rig this vote.
I think your survey accurately reflects the views of the vast
majority of UFO researchers.

>I was surprised that so many still believed there was something
>of importance in the Alien Autopsy now that nearly everyone
>involved in it said that it was faked.

Ray and crew said they "restored" the footage by using the
original footage to exactly recreate the settings and the
creature, and then combining the two into one. I don't believe
this story. There is another person, Spyros Melaris, who has
come forward and has insisted (without much evidence) that he
masterminded the entire footage from scratch.

The validity of his claims are still being investigated by a
small List moderated by Mark Center.

The best overall summary of the basic facts of the AA can be read here:

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/Cases/CaseSubarticle.asp?ID=810>

Ed

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Crabwood Drawings On-Line

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2010 13:15:48 -0400
Archived: Wed, 28 Jul 2010 10:19:14 -0400
Subject: Crabwood Drawings On-Line

Crabwood drawings are on-line. They are at these three links:

crabwood.png - Pringle photo with raster line numbers:

<http://tinyurl.com/2autumn>

crabwoodf.png - Rectangular area only:

<http://tinyurl.com/25dnkd6>

crabdisk.png - Disk area only:

<http://tinyurl.com/2cgxsom>

These are rather large in terms of pixels, so that if printed on to large paper, the image will have a reasonably sharp resolution. ("Fit to page" must be chosen in the printer setup menu.)

To view the full size image in your browser, click "Open" on the google screen.

Eleanor White

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Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2010 17:53:57 +0000
Archived: Wed, 28 Jul 2010 10:28:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2010 15:41:30 -0400
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

<snip>

>I'm not looking at all at the question of who did the glyphs, I
>just want to know how long a large, complex glyph would take to
>fake at original quality level.

Anybody else seen the new Wendy's restaurant ad on TV?

It takes two people on a tractor the length of time to do a
commercial to create a very complex Wendy's ad in a field of
lettuce.

BTW: the female is the navigator who tells the driver when to
turn and which direction.

KK

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Re: FYI - UltraEdit

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2010 18:04:27 +0000
Archived: Wed, 28 Jul 2010 10:30:47 -0400
Subject: Re: FYI - UltraEdit

>From: post.nul
>To: ufo-updates-list.nul
>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 10:23:49 -0400
>Subject: UFO UpDate: FYI - UltraEdit

>Over the years I've been asked, off-List, if I use a specific
>program in formatting List-Posts. I've responded, privately, to
>those queries.

>Perhaps its now time to recommend to subscribers & readers a
>wonderful piece of coding: UltraEdit by IDM Computer Solutions'
>Ian D. Mead.

>UltraEdit is astonishingly versatile and is way more than the
>average user might need, but nonetheless a well worthwhile
>investment, especially for many on this List. It gives you the
>ability to copy from E-Mail, Word, Acrobat and format, check
>spelling, set line lengths, write HTML, compare files for dupes,
>set macros,save in many formats, etc., etc. ... For more of its
>features see:

><http://tinyurl.com/2bw2a6j>

>UltraEdit is available for a free trial at:

>http://www.ultraedit.com/downloads/ultraedit_download.html

>I've used UltraEdit since the mid-nineties and without it I
>would have gone totally bananas trying to make List-posts
>consistent...

>I know many will find UltraEdit useful,

>ebk

Errol:

I read the specs page - the intro to the product. My problem is
that I am a Mac user.

The system is not designed for a Mac. Or, at least, there is
nothing in the intro suggesting the program is compatible with a
Mac.

KK

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Re: Kenneth Arnold

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2010 20:32:30 +0100
Archived: Wed, 28 Jul 2010 10:31:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 17:11:21 +0100
>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2010 17:26:19 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 17 Jul 2010 12:39:07 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

I wrote:

>Bear in mind that on the same afternoon as he was talking to
>Bequette, Arnold was already on radio KWRC saying "I could see
>them against the snow, of course, on Mt. Rainier . . . [they
>were] going at a terrific speed across the face of Mt. Rainier"
>etc.

This is a mistake. The Ted Smith interview was the next
afternoon, June 26 not 25. Apologies.

Martin

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>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 17:14:43 -0700
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Just so we can put a real number on the term "very expensive"...

A kiligram of MgCO₃ at 99% or better purity can be shipped to
your address for a total cost of ~\$75.00 (including shipping).
Note that the actual cost of just the Magnesium Carbonate is
only \$5.15 per kilo!

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Are UFOs Just a CIA Con-Trick?

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Archived: Wed, 28 Jul 2010 11:18:30 -0400
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Are UFOs Just A CIA Con-Trick?: Mirage Men
By Mark Pilkington
(Constable =A38.99)

By Harry Ritchie

Ufology is a faith that includes many beliefs, from the oddly popular one about Nazi aliens who live under the ground to David Icke's contention that the Duke of Edinburgh is in fact a shape-changing, blood-sucking alien lizard.

But here's the core of the faith - that some UFO sightings and encounters are real, the U.S. government knows all about these extraterrestrial visitations, and they've mounted a huge conspiracy to keep the aliens secret and us in the dark.

This book threatens to demolish that faith. Because here Mark Pilkington sets out to prove that the U.S. government really has been conducting a top-secret UFO conspiracy - only one designed not to hide UFOs but publicise them, fuelling and even creating the major UFO myths. Flying saucers, alien abductions, crash-landed spacecraft, secret underground bases in New Mexico - they were all created by the U.S. government.

As Mark Pilkington immediately acknowledges, that might sound only marginally less ridiculous and emptily melodramatic than claiming that the Royal Family are actually alien reptiles. But he begins to build a pretty convincing case that U.S. agencies really have been conducting just such a long-running disinformation campaign to promote UFOs. And it does make sense.

UFOs make the perfect cover story to hide experimental aircraft from prying Russian eyes as well as those of their own citizens. Ufologists are a particular pest to U.S. Air Force security, for ever trying to root around their secret projects and hack into their systems - they need to be led up various extraterrestrial garden paths and far away from finding out about actual highly-classified experiments in weaponry or aircraft.

Pilkington's theory would certainly explain why so many of the key UFO sightings and events happen near U.S. Air Force bases - such as Roswell, home of the famous 'incident' when an alien craft was supposed to have crash-landed, with a couple of aliens aboard.

And why so many extraterrestrial spaceships seem to behave like the pilotless drones and stealth aircraft developed by the U.S. Air Force. And why flying saucers should first turn up at the start of the Cold War, just when the U.S. Air Force was beginning to experiment with exotic new types of flight.

According to Pilkington, the campaign to promote the idea of UFOs was masterminded in the Fifties by the head of the CIA,

Allen Welsh Dulles. More recently, many of the leaked fake documents and bogus stories seem to have come from the U.S. Air Force's Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI).

One victim of fake UFO documents evidently supplied by the American government was Timothy Good, whose international bestseller about supposed contact with aliens, *Above Top Secret*, included completely bogus papers planted in the American National Archives.

Another is George Adamski, an early fan of flying saucers whose bestselling books in the Fifties described his meetings with a chap called Orthon from Venus and his own trips in flying saucers.

I came across one of Adamski's mad books in my local public library when I was a boy, and I remember being disturbed and perplexed - this was a book, a proper printed book, so all this stuff about going to Venus and meeting Venusians... it had to be real, didn't it? Now, it seems Adamski was an innocent, eager dupe and that Orthon and the spaceships weren't figments of his silly or venal imagination but real people and vehicles supplied by the CIA.

Fake spaceships, fake aliens, fake documents and even a fake underground alien base - it might all seem unduly elaborate and indeed expensive.

But the Americans certainly had the money for it, budgeting billions of dollars for the CIA's black arts.

The Pentagon already had a good bash at that themselves, sponsoring a recruitment film of the Seventies, which claimed that UFOs were real and which included footage of a flying saucer landing at a U.S. Air Force base and a couple of aliens disembarking.

And that, you might think, is the Pentagon bang to rights. But at this point in the book, things begin to get even more complicated.

An AFOSI agent takes Pilkington aside and confides the real 'truth' - yes, there is a huge government conspiracy to produce a smokescreen of nonsense about UFOs, of course; however, it's designed to hide not supersonic test-flights but... real UFOs.

Because, you see, by offering up a series of scary stories about UFO invasions and alien abductions, this will gradually desensitise the public to the eventual truth that the U.S. government really has been in contact with aliens.

Argh! Clearly, obviously, surely, this is more hokum, an attempt to exploit Pilkington with a slightly refined version of the same old stories - but he has previous as a Ufology believer and he can't quite shake off the thrill of thinking that maybe, just maybe, an alien spaceship did crash-land at Roswell. That's typical of a book that isn't quite the rigorous hard-hitting investigation it could and should have been.

Pilkington just about manages to hold on to his scepticism but ends with a spiel about nobody knowing for sure what the truth can be and Ufology being a murky, grey area.

No, no, no. There's nothing grey about it. Either we have been visited by aliens and the American government is covering this up or we haven't and it isn't.

Either that debris at Roswell was part of a crashed flying saucer or it came from a test-flight that went wrong or a knackered high-altitude weather balloon. Either the Duke of Edinburgh is a blood-sucking alien reptile seeded from a distant star system or he is a human from Greece. So. What do you reckon? Great credit to Pilkington, though, for revealing who Orthon really was/those aliens really are.

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Investigation: UFO Seen In Xiaoshan Airport Is Aircraft
People's Daily Online
<http://tinyurl.com/2fwq9wu>

Team Of Experts In China Release 'China UFO' Findings
Tucson Citizen

Pretoria's 'UFO' Sighting
iAfrica.com
<http://tinyurl.com/25w8ux5>

UFO Stuns Pretoria Residents
News24
<http://tinyurl.com/33dt4ff>

Photo Of UFO Taken By Passenger
Ghost Theory
<http://tinyurl.com/274xeup>

European Film Crew Coming To Needles, Seek Info On 2008 UFO
Crash
Mohave Valley News
<http://tinyurl.com/3ab4hra>

Cyprus =96 A UFO's Favourite Holiday Destination
Jet2.com
<http://tinyurl.com/3xa9e95>

The Alien Project: Extraterrestrial & UFO Memes: The Pervasive...
By Andre Heath
<http://tinyurl.com/26ftr5u>

Most Haunted Dr. Ciaran O'Keeffe And Ex-MOD UFO Investigator Nick Pope In=
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I-Newswire.com
<http://tinyurl.com/2cr7ovb>

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Florida Witness Reports 'Mysterious Helicopters' Leave Without
Trace Of Sound
Examiner.Com
<http://tinyurl.com/32owlxw>

Recently Reported British Columbia Sightings
UFO*BC
http://www.ufobc.ca/Sightings/recent_v2.htm

No Sighting Of Higgs, But Fermilab Physicists Say They May Be
Close
<http://tinyurl.com/23ascah>

Potentially Hazardous Asteroid Might Collide With The Earth In

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Alien Mind; The Thought & Behavior Of ETs

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Subject: Alien Mind; The Thought & Behavior Of ETs

New Paperback

Alien Mind; The Thought And Behavior Of Extraterrestrials
just released.

<http://www.alienmindbook.org/>

Based on years of research into US government programs that witnesses say involve aliens and alien technology, journalist George LoBuono's new paperback Alien Mind; The Thought and Behavior of Extraterrestrials (QC Press, 2010) expands the scope of direct witness and abductee / contactee research to include the following:

- Alien behavior, education, and social forms
- Allegedly direct alien statements about alien science and physics
- A new model of alien (and human) mind
- The alien science of remote sensing and telepathy
- A section on how to actually do remote sensing
- New distinctions regarding different alien populations
- Critical analysis of reportedly direct alien statements on a variety of subjects
- The politics of interactions between large, multi-planetary alien mega-populations and smaller populations
- Important, new alien reports about the universal energy ecology
- The first expanded discussion about older, hyper-advanced alien populations and their
"alternate-cycle physics"
- The politics of large-scale galaxy mergers and alien refugees of such mergers
- A new phenomenon known as "fractional hyper-dynamics" (a user-friendly approach to hyperspace)

The paperback edition of Alien Mind contains information not seen in earlier chapters posted free-to-read on the Internet. Science sections have been updated for easier reading. \$15.95 on Amazon, slightly less in Kindle form. *Featured on Coast to Coast and other radio shows.

"For the first time, an in-depth understanding of how the brightest beings in the universe think and interact with others using highly nuanced fractal logic, and how conversely, aliens may have infiltrated the highest levels of power on Earth."

Dennis Briefer, former board chairman of the John E. Mack Institute, Cambridge, MA.

"A very fascinating book. I never realized that reading a distressing story could lead to such radical spiritual growth!"
Mike Good, UFO Magazine

"Let me make a suggestion in the strongest possible terms: get hold of LoBuono's primer and read it, cover to cover... George raises issues we ALL need to think about, seriously." Alien sciences specialist quoted on Exopolitics Blogspot.

About George LoBuono

After doing graduate study concentrating on the underside of US history, George LoBuono reported for the Suttertown News in Sacramento, then covered the 1993 presidential elections in Indonesia for Pacifica radio network and investigated deep politics and black budget crimes. In 1995 he began to research aliens and alien-related programs in the US government. He lives near Sacramento, CA where he serves as a board member of a free legal clinic.

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'Spacequakes' Rumble Down To Earth

From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2010 15:49:56 +0100
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Subject: 'Spacequakes' Rumble Down To Earth

Researchers using NASA's THEMIS spacecraft have discovered a form of space weather that packs the punch of an earthquake and plays a key role in sparking bright Northern Lights.

They call it "the spacequake."

A spacequake is a temblor in Earth's magnetic field. It is felt most strongly in Earth orbit, but is not exclusive to space. The effects can reach all the way down to the surface of Earth itself.

<http://tiny.cc/y7ow7>

I'm not sure how this might relate to UFOs but this is certainly an interesting discovery.

It would be fascinating to discover if there was any correlation between UFO sightings and times of strong 'spacequakes'

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Archived: Wed, 28 Jul 2010 11:48:55 -0400
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Hi Bruce,

I think you'll find the price you quote here is for the cheap
stuff!

There seems to be a wide difference between 99% pure and 99.99%
pure or even 99.9999% pure.

So far Nancy has confirmed that the chemical she found was at
least 99.99% which she says retails at \$700 US per 100 grams.

I found similar prices when I looked on the web.

I note the below American company also sells the high purity
stuff and seems to cast doubt on some of the Chinese products
available which may be less pure than pure!

www.americanelements.com/Ultra_high_purity_metals&powders.htm

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From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2010 11:30:24 EDT
Archived: Wed, 28 Jul 2010 11:50:35 -0400
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<snip>

I'll be the first one in line for this book.

I've said it on this List even I can't recall how many times
that the intelligence agencies or other powers in the U.S.
pushed the ETH and I recall reading newspaper clips 1947 to
prove it.

It sure would explain the glaring outpoints in the data streams
that seem to never come to a conclusive end but just like
Sisyphus of old, that bolder just keeps rolling down that hill
no matter how many times it gets propped on it.

Wanna scare your enemies? Tell them you have something they
don't. Then act like you don't want them to know about it.

It's been a good game.

Best,

Greg
<http://www.ufomafia.com/blog>

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Colin Andrews Blogs From England

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Subject: Colin Andrews Blogs From England

Crop circle researcher Colin Andrews is currently in England. In his latest blog entry here:

<http://tiny.cc/ff500>

he reports on visits to crop formations and a meeting with cattle mutilation researcher Phil Hoyle plus interviews with witnesses of UFO sightings

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Secrecy News - 07/28/10

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Secrecy News Blog:

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** Can The Secrecy System Be Fixed?
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CAN THE SECRECY SYSTEM BE FIXED?

The release of some 90,000 classified records on the Afghanistan War by Wikileaks is the largest single unauthorized disclosure of currently classified records that has ever taken place, and it naturally raises many questions about information security, the politics of disclosure, and the possible impact on the future conduct of the war in Afghanistan.

But among those questions is this: Can the national security classification system be fixed before it breaks down altogether in a frenzy of uncontrolled leaks, renewed barriers against information dissemination, and a growing loss of confidence in the integrity of the system?

That the classification system needs fixing is beyond any doubt.

"I agree with you, sir," Gen. James R. Clapper, Jr., told Sen. Ron Wyden at his DNI confirmation hearing last week, "we do overclassify."

That makes it more or less unanimous. What has always been less clear is just what to do about the problem.

In what may be the last opportunity to systematically correct classification policy and to place it on a sound footing, the Obama Administration has ordered all classifying agencies to perform a Fundamental Classification Guidance Review. The purpose of the Review is to evaluate current classification policies based on "the broadest possible range of perspectives" and to eliminate obsolete or unnecessary classification requirements. Executive Order 13526, section 1.9 directed that such reviews must be completed within the next two years.

"There is an executive order that we, the [intelligence] community, are in the process of gearing up on how to respond to this, because this is going to be a more systematized process, and a lot more discipline to it," Gen. Clapper said.

"Having been involved in this, I will tell you my general philosophy is that we can be a lot more liberal, I think, about declassifying, and we should be," Gen. Clapper said.

It is unclear at this point whether the Fundamental Review will be faithfully implemented by executive branch agencies, whether

it will have the intended effect of sharply reducing the scope of the national security classification system, or whether the system itself is already beyond repair.

Can Whistleblowers Be Protected?

There are probably many reasons why people may become motivated to break ranks, to violate their non-disclosure agreements, and to disclose classified information to unauthorized persons. One of the most compelling reasons for doing so is to expose perceived wrongdoing, i.e. to "blow the whistle."

It obviously follows that the government has an interest in providing safe, secure and meaningful channels for government employees (and contractors) to report misconduct without feeling that they need to go outside the system to get a fair hearing for their concerns. Unfortunately, would-be whistleblowers today cannot have much confidence in those official channels.

To the contrary, "most employees who reported disclosing wrongdoing or filing a grievance believe that they experienced negative repercussions for doing so," according to a recent report to the President from the Merit Systems Protection Board. See "Prohibited Personnel Practices=E2=80=94A Study Retrospective," June 2010 (at page 16):

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/eprint/prohibited.pdf>

"Morale, organizational performance, and (ultimately) the public suffer unnecessarily when employees are reluctant to disclose wrongdoing or to seek redress for inequities in the workplace," said the MSPB report, which did not specifically address whistleblowing involving classified information.

"Work remains to be done in creating a workplace where employees can raise concerns about organizational priorities, work processes, and personnel policies and decisions without fear of retaliation, and where managers can respond to such concerns openly and constructively," the Board report said.

See, relatedly, "Whistleblowers have nowhere to turn to challenge retaliatory suspensions" by Mike McGraw, the Kansas City Star, July 24:

<http://tinyurl.com/29rwo3h>

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Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2010 13:16:43 -0300
Archived: Wed, 28 Jul 2010 12:55:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2010 15:41:30 -0400
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>I'm looking for the time it would take to replicate the
>Crabwood glyph, with particular attention to quality.

>The shading provided by "raster lines" of varying width, in
>particular. And of course, none of the crop stomped down
>accidentally.

>Over the years we've heard how easy it is to make these glyphs
>using boards and string, well, what better way to show us that
>doing so can easily fit into a single
>nighttime?

You folks do know that just days after the Crabwood alien disk -
which got all the attention due to the disk message, but I think
was far more relevant due to its innovative "raster lines"
construction method - the Circlemakers team created not one but
a series of marketing formations for Orange using the same basic
technique:

<http://www.circlemakers.org/orange.html>

And also for a TV show?

<http://www.circlemakers.org/richardjudy.html>

As far as I know they have not taken credit for the Crabwood
alien face formation, but what are the chances they would be
able to reproduce an "alien" (or whatever it is) technique in a
matter of a few days? Isn't it more obvious they made a proof of
concept with the Crabwood formation and then went on to apply it
in works for pay?

Those formations have been on display on the Circlemakers
website since 2002, but they are seldom mentioned when people
discuss the Crabwood alien face.

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>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2010 20:32:30 +0100
>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>I wrote:

>>Bear in mind that on the same afternoon as he was talking to
>>Bequette, Arnold was already on radio KWRC saying "I could see
>>them against the snow, of course, on Mt. Rainier . . . [they
>>were] going at a terrific speed across the face of Mt. Rainier"
>>etc.

>This is a mistake. The Ted Smith interview was the next
>afternoon, June 26 not 25. Apologies.

Hi Martin,

The "...across the face of Mt. Rainier..." claim makes sense if Arnold meant words to the affect that the objects were behind "a" peak of Mt. Rainier rather than behind "the" peak of Mt. Rainier. He might very well have said "a" as in "ahh" (north American venacular) rather than "the" (not 'thee' sounding) and the reporter substituted "the" for "a".

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Greg

I doesn't surprise me that Mark Pilkington is drawn to this idea of deception.

It's been right up his street for some years as one of the team that makes crop circles with which they delight in fooling a fair percentage of the population.

See <http://www.lasthours.org.uk/interviews/mark-pilkington/>

I can go along with the idea of the CIA using UFOs as a convenient cover for secret government projects.

But to suggest there is no 'real' phenomena and they created the whole shebang in the first place, which is how most folk will interpret this book, is sheer nonsense.

In the review quoted, the author is taken aside by an AFOSI agent who tells him there are 'real' UFOs, so Pilkington keeps his options open - a stance considered "hokum" by the reviewer.

Incidentally I gather Mirage Men is a new documentary by one of Mark's circlemaking buddies John Lundberg:

<http://www.miragemen.com/>

More about John and his circlemaking here:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Lundberg

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>Michael, this is just hand waving. It's based on nothing except
>your own half-cooked speculation. You don't know this, and you
>have no evidence of any kind, much less "solid" evidence, to
>support it.

There is a widely-recognized social phenomenon of copycats, so I
presume you acknowledge the mechanism, if not its extent. Note as
well, the tail-end of my cruelly-snipped sentence: "...also
consistent with widespread emergence of a genuine anomaly."

A commendable admonishment about hand-waving and speculation,
from an author of books on UFOs, extraterrestrials, and various
other curiosities! No speculation in there, I'll wager... or if
any, I'm sure it's properly cooked.

>--

>>More disturbing to me personally, but hardly mentioned in the
>>study (although it resurfaces briefly in your recent exchange
>>with Jerry Clark), is that Arnold claims to have had other
>>sightings of such objects on multiple occasions thereafter.

>>Your Appendix 4 timeline notes Arnold's claim (in The Coming of
>>the Saucers) of seeing ten brass-like disks on 29 July 1947,
>>about 1 month after the initial sighting. In the transcript of
>>the 07 Apr 1950 Edward R. Murrow phone interview (see Project
>>1947 website), Murrow states that Arnold "has reported seeing
>>these same strange objects in the sky on three other occasions".
>>By 1975 (17 Oct Oregon Journal), it has become FIVE additional
>>sightings.

>So what?

Guess you got me there, Jerry. Maybe if I just got out more
often, or better yet had my own airplane, I'd probably have five
sightings of my own by now. And if I only had some books to my
name, I could probably hold sway in debate with flaccid
rejoinders like "so what?".

>>My default presumption is that the likelihood of
>>having a notable UFO sighting is roughly uniform across the
>>population, although I might give pilots a slight edge. I can
>>say with confidence that there are a vast number of pilots, with

>>a lot more flying hours than Arnold had, that have had exactly
>>_zero_ notable UFO sightings. Put more bluntly, if somebody wins
>>the lottery five times in a thirty year period, I suspect fraud.
>>With good reason.

>Accounts of multiple lottery winners - untainted by suspicions
>of fraud - are a not infrequent focus of popular popular and
>scholarly attention. This is a meaningless analogy. And lottery
>odds are _known_ phenomena.

>Many years ago, Allen Hynek invented the notion that a
>"repeater" witness is automatically to be discarded. Even he
>abandoned the idea in later years. The fact of the matter is
>that there are so many variables in who gets to see UFOs (or
>what are taken for UFOs) and who doesn't that no sweeping
>pronouncement on the subject has any meaning the rest of us need
>take seriously. If there is no other negative evidence bearing
>on the issue, one cannot justifiably reject testimony simply on
>the grounds that the witness had another sighting or sightings.
>In Arnold's case no such negative evidence exists.

See above regarding hand-waving.

Hynek didn't 'invent' any notion at all. He understood, as you perhaps don't, that the likelihood of multiple independent events all occurring is given by the product of their individual probabilities, which converges rapidly to an asymptote of complete impossibility if they are individually rare. A "sweeping pronouncement", yes, and one that you can take seriously or not, but if you're disputing it, you're just embarrassing both of us.

This isn't a question of "who 'gets' to see UFOs and who doesn't". On the premise that UFOs are objective, physical phenomena, and not making deliberate appearances to a chosen few, then individual sightings, by any class of observers, should be statistically independent (over sufficient space/timescales... i.e., multiple sightings of the same object, at the same general location, over the course of, say, an hour, would be considered a single sighting in this context).

As such, regardless of how you define your class of observers (e.g., pilots who don't wear eyeglasses and used to play football), if individual sightings are unusual, then multiple sightings are much more so. Even supposing that you could contrive a class of observers for whom the probability of a notable UFO sighting in their lifetime was a remarkable 25%, the likelihood of five sightings by any one of them would be less than one in a thousand. Did I mention that Arnold's also happened to be the first among the entire set of sightings?

So, what are we to make of Arnold's remarkable streak? There would seem to be a limited number of conclusions:

(a) UFO sightings are not independent, i.e., an observer with at least one encounter has an enhanced likelihood of having another. This leads to one or both of: [a.1] the contactee/Chosen Ones scenario (which I reject, perhaps you do not), or [a.2] the notion that a sighting substantially enhances the observer's powers of perception or otherwise "attunes" them to future manifestations; or,

(b) The whole thing is a crock, i.e., UFOs are not an objective, physical phenomenon; or,

(c) Arnold was exaggerating, mistaken, delusional, or lying about most (but not necessarily all) of his sightings.

Notwithstanding your personal testament to Arnold's character, which indeed I am not questioning (specifically, I sincerely doubt that Arnold was lying at any point), I nevertheless lean toward (c), noting that it is entirely consistent with his first (and conceivably a second) sighting being an entirely genuine and accurately reported observation of a true anomaly.

As I interpret his reply, Martin also seems to lean toward (c), in the sense that he distinguishes between Arnold's pre- and post-sighting states of "calibration" as an "observing instrument", which is eminently sensible, and which is implicit in the close of my original post: the initial incident (presuming it's genuine), and its aftermath, could well have had

a substantial psychological effect on Arnold (as it could on anyone), and his subsequent 'sightings' must be considered in that context.

I also acknowledge and agree with (again, my interpretation of) Martin's point that, relative to the original sighting and UFO evidence in general, Arnold's subsequent sightings were singularly unimpressive, plausibly derived from prosaic phenomena, and arguably enhanced, if not outright induced, by his original experience. From my perspective, that is good news for the credibility of the case as a whole... I'm prepared to accept that he simply became overzealous.

Mike

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As recounted here, it amounts to deconstructing an enormous
conspiracy theory in order to debunk another enormous conspiracy
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(maybe most of all) non-conspiratorial analysis of what the U.S.
government -- or at least a classified group within it -- may
have done with the most evidential UFO reports, see the relevant
chapter (23: "Government Cover-up: Policy or Myth?") of Leslie
Kean's important forthcoming book UFOs: Generals, Pilots and
Government Officials Go on the Record, due out in a couple of
weeks from Harmony/Random House.

If the CIA-conspiracy book is as groan-worthy as the inflated
rhetoric would lead us to suspect, one can only expect that the
JFK-assassination conspiracy will be in there somewhere, since
you can't have a grand conspiracy theory without picking that
mouldy fig. Perhaps in this one, Sinister Elements in the
Gummint silence the President to keep him from exposing the
secret CIA conspiracy to get us to believe in UFOs from outer
space (an effort I guess I must have missed, even though I've
always liked to think I'm a decently informed historian of the
UFO controversy).

On the other hand, we can always hope that Pilkington's book is
more measured, less ideologically driven -- which is to say more
evidence-based and less conspiracy-minded -- than the
promotional polemical excess that invites this sort of fun-
poking would lead us to believe. Hope, after all, is always out
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Well said Jason.

Sure the article is full of errors. Many looks at the UFO phenomena are. That's why we have Lists like this so that others can chime in and add their data to get things clarified. We do that in civil manner with real solid data.

However, this article and new book are just another look, another viewpoint that is just as valid and should be examined and gleaned for whatever useful data there is regardless if it goes against the grain of the standard ideologies.

Best,

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ufomafia.com

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>presume you acknowledge the mechanism, if not its extent. Note as
>well, the tail-end of my cruelly-snipped sentence: "...also
>consistent with widespread emergence of a genuine anomaly."

All one has to do, I gather, is to observe that the copycat
phenomenon exists. After that, no more evidence to sustain the
allegation that "the vast majority, of the near-term flurry of
post-Arnold sightings, ...are simply copycat noise" is necessary
for it to pass as reasonable possibility (aka actual argument)
and for skeptics like me to be denounced as uninformed dunces.

Not being very bright, I guess I fail to understand how
empirical claims work in Tarbellia. Silly me, I would have
thought that after more than six decades, the likelihood that
those early sightings signaled the "widespread emergence of a
genuine anomaly" - I note you conveniently snip your adverb
"unfortunately" used originally to characterize that unhappy
prospect - would be judged rather more likely to be the correct
interpretation. Or maybe, the new default position, it's all a
CIA conspiracy.

>A commendable admonishment about hand-waving and speculation,
>from an author of books on UFOs, extraterrestrials, and various
>other curiosities! No speculation in there, I'll wager... or if
>any, I'm sure it's properly cooked.

Is this supposed to mean something - other, I mean, that some
content-free insult? Have you actually read any of my books?

As those who have actually read my books are well aware (those
readers can skip the next paragraph since it won't tell them
anything they don't already know):

I make a point to keep speculation to a minimum and always try to tie that remaining minimal speculation to demonstrable evidence and to reasonable (aka arguably empirically supportable) possibility. As all Listfolk but you know, I am critical of those who go beyond those limitations. As a general principle, though I am convinced that genuine experiential and other anomalies are a part of human life, I am mostly agnostic about their nature and significance for many reasons I judge sound, beginning with our ignorance. In other words, the speculation remains properly cooked. Or to switch metaphors, my hands don't wave as freely as yours do.

>>>Your Appendix 4 timeline notes Arnold's claim (in The Coming of >>>the Saucers) of seeing ten brass-like disks on 29 July 1947, >>>about 1 month after the initial sighting. In the transcript of >>>the 07 Apr 1950 Edward R. Murrow phone interview (see Project >>>1947 website), Murrow states that Arnold "has reported seeing >>>these same strange objects in the sky on three other occasions". >>>By 1975 (17 Oct Oregon Journal), it has become FIVE additional >>>sightings.

>>So what?

>Guess you got me there, Jerry. Maybe if I just got out more >often, or better yet had my own airplane, I'd probably have five >sightings of my own by now. And if I only had some books to my >name, I could probably hold sway in debate with flaccid >rejoinders like "so what?".

I'm sure you believe you could.

>>Many years ago, Allen Hynek invented the notion that a >>"repeater" witness is automatically to be discarded. Even he >>abandoned the idea in later years. The fact of the matter is >>that there are so many variables in who gets to see UFOs (or >>what are taken for UFOs) and who doesn't that no sweeping >>pronouncement on the subject has any meaning the rest of us need >>take seriously. If there is no other negative evidence bearing >>on the issue, one cannot justifiably reject testimony simply on >>the grounds that the witness had another sighting or sightings. >>In Arnold's case no such negative evidence exists.

>See above regarding hand-waving.

Again, I guess that's supposed to mean something.

>Hynek didn't 'invent' any notion at all. He understood, as you >perhaps don't, that the likelihood of multiple independent >events all occurring is given by the product of their >individual probabilities, which converges rapidly to an >asymptote of complete impossibility if they are individually >rare. A "sweeping pronouncement", yes, and one that you can >take seriously or not, but if you're disputing it, you're just >embarrassing both of us.

As Hynek himself came to realize - the reason he retired the "repeater" trope - we have no clear idea of what the probabilities are of having more than one UFO experience. By "we", in case there be any misunderstanding on this score, I include you. The variables are many, and one can state as much even if one believes - something we can only infer without full confidence - that the distribution of sightings among witnesses has nothing to do with an intentionality (however define) of which we know nothing at the moment, that it depends solely upon the accidental circumstance of one's being in the right place to observe a passing UFO. Some relevant variables, for example: where one lives, how much time one spends outdoors, how many minutes or hours one devotes to looking at the sky, and how often one is outside at night.

I know you do go on (curious Listfolk can go to your original; I've snipped it here in the interest of reducing content repetition), with what strikes me as ever increasing temperature, ever decreasing light. You have your mind made up, obviously. In any event, my original points stand, and Listfolk will judge for themselves who has the more sensible argument.

It is worth noting, by the way, that polling - by the Gallup organization, for example - determines that anomalous experiences are hardly uncommon and that as many as a fifth of

the American population reports it has had them on more than one occasion. (This would include me. Yes, I am a dreaded repeater.) What this ultimately means, we don't know of course. It does tell us, however, that the common presumption that heterodox experiences are so rare as to be singular is empirically unfounded.

Perhaps one day we'll understand the variables, and then we can pursue the discussion more perceptively and meaningfully than we are able to do now. That day, alas, does not appear any closer.

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Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2010 19:22:38 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Thu, 29 Jul 2010 07:56:56 -0400
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>To: <post.nul>
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Re: Magnesium Carbonate And Agriglyphs

From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2010 15:46:50 -0400
Archived: Thu, 29 Jul 2010 07:58:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Magnesium Carbonate And Agriglyphs

>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2010 18:06:23 -0400
>Subject: Re: Magnesium Carbonate And Agriglyphs

>>From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 17:14:43 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Magnesium Carbonate And Agriglyphs

>>What's interesting is that this is not "ordinary" Magnesium
>>Carbonate, like common chalk, but MgCO₃ of very high purity and
>>very expensive, as Nancy had mentioned...

>Just so we can put a real number on the term "very expensive"...

>A kiligram of MgCO₃ at 99% or better purity can be shipped to
>your address for a total cost of ~\$75.00 (including shipping).
>Note that the actual cost of just the Magnesium Carbonate is
>only \$5.15 per kilo!

>You can place your order here:
><http://tinyurl.com/29ug2dw>

>For larger quantities, I suspect the net price/kilo would be a
>bit lower.

Hello Bruce, Paul, Dave and List.

The following describes the nature of the white powder found in
crop circles in Bosschenhoofd, Holland.

<http://www.bltresearch.com/eyewitness/eyewitness8a.php#part2>

The chemical composition is:

Mg₅ (CO₃)₄ (OH)₂ . 4 H₂O, called hydromagnesite.

A good link about hydromagnesite is:

<http://www.mindat.org/min-1979.html>

This is not exactly magnesium carbonate but more precisely
hydrated magneate.

Your link

<http://tinyurl.com/29ug2dw>

doesn't make the distinction as it advertises "magnesium
carbonate" with the formula xMgCO₃yMgOH₂zH₂O.

All magnesium carbonates aren't created equal. Hydromagnesite is
not the same as Magnesium carbonate hydroxide pentahydrate
99.99% [(MgCO₃)₄=B7Mg(OH)₂=B75H₂O] which sells for \$121. for 5g at:

<http://tiny.cc/xdfv9>

And it is not the same as Magnesium carbonate hydrate

Re: Magnesium Carbonate And Agriglyphs

[MgCO3=95Mg(OH)2=953H2O] 99.996%, sold for \$50 for 5g and \$655 for 100g at:

<http://www.alfa.com/en/GP100w.pgm?DSSTK=3D010796>

In the present case it is necessary to determine the exact chemical composition of the sample, its purity, and who sells the stuff.

Regards,

Vincent Boudreau

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From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2010 15:35:37 -0400
Archived: Thu, 29 Jul 2010 08:01:30 -0400
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Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2010 16:01:07 -0400
Archived: Thu, 29 Jul 2010 08:02:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2010 17:53:57 +0000
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles - Back To The Past

<snip>

>Anybody else seen the new Wendy's restaurant ad on TV?

>It takes two people on a tractor the length of time to do a
>commercial to create a very complex Wendy's ad in a field of
>lettuce.

>BTW: the female is the navigator who tells the driver when to
>turn and which direction.

I don't doubt that a tractor with suitably controlled implements
can make complex patterns when carefully set up and rehearsed.
Of course, crop glyphs are not done with a tractor. If they
were, you'd have extraneous wheel tracks all over the place.

Eleanor White

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From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
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Archived: Thu, 29 Jul 2010 08:29:01 -0400
Subject: UFO MAtRix Launches Friday July 30th

Just a reminder that our new 100 page magazine UFO MATRIX hits the high street in the UK on Friday July 30th. Full details via:

www.healingsofatlantis.com

Regards,

Philip Mantle
Editor
UFO Matrix Magazine
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Date: Thu, 29 Jul 2010 07:08:14 -0500
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Fairy Nuff. Splenetic outburst withdrawn. My views:

<http://pelicanist.blogspot.com/2010/07/mirages-and-mirrors.html>

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Archived: Fri, 30 Jul 2010 06:37:11 -0400
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>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
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The premise of the book The Mirage Men strikes me as absurd. We are asked to believe that from the very beginning and perhaps before that one country's intelligence community, the novice in intelligence services, BTW, used it's non-existent intelligence aircraft to impress, for example one lone flyer, Ken Arnold, so that he might just report them then the press just might pick up

on it and run with it and voila the CIA has it's dodge for the Soviets to ponder. Really??

Pilkington it seems is relying on the ingrained ignorance of the lay public (mirroring his own it seems), that of a large portion of the scientific community which may or may not read the book.

Don't forget that at the war's end there were only two countries responsible for the development of the jet engine, Germany and England. The US relied upon its tremendous production of conventional aircraft - and spin-offs thereof -) to carry the day while sinking most of its R&D money into the development of the atomic bomb. As a result they lagged behind for several years in sophisticated jet aircraft development.

England gave their Whittle jet technology to both the United States and the Soviet Union then at war's end both of the latter benefitted from Germany's engines. Both of these jets would have been developed much earlier had it not been for short-sighted government interference. Fortunately for the Allies this foot dragging and lack of faith in jet engines was as bad - or perhaps worse - in Germany as it was in England.

The United States used a rocket powered aircraft to break the sound barrier five months after Arnold's sighting. But even that feat was doomed to failure when the Bell X-1s elevators kept locking up at speeds approaching the transonic.

The British had overcome this problem by using the 'all-flying tailplane' or the stabilator (combo of stabilizer and elevator) as it is called now, and they offered it to the American Air Force. Once this was mated to the X-1, they were able to achieve transonic in level and climbing flight as opposed to the British method of attempting to exceed the speed of sound by diving their aircraft which were underpowered by the then 'conventional' jet engine and in conventional aircraft airframes.

So we have a country with no technology in their supposed duplication of what were supposed to be unconventional aircraft that could hover soundlessly, make impossible right angle turns, fly at multiple Mach numbers and out fly anything else in the American or any other country's flying arsenal. Other than dash speed in the 1962-64 of the Oxcart (A-2) later SR-71 which was made in limited numbers as well as the U-2, another culprit that was supposed to generate multiple UFO reports by its very presence at 70 thousands of feet where the CIA wanted it; and hoped it would go un-noticed, BTW.

Limited numbers is a key word here as well. By the 1960s there were hundreds of thousands of UFO reports around the globe but the CIA makes its absurd claim that their tiny spy plane air force is supposed to account for all of these. This is the same reasoning that is put forward in the present when a combination of 69 (sixty-nine) B-2b bombers and F-117As stealth aircraft are supposed to explain away the millions of UFO sightings since the late 1980s.

So in the end after now having read two reviews of this book, for myself to read this book would be akin to reading another book by either the Flat Earth or Hollow Earth societies. The premise of this book is too lightweight in nature for me.

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Re: Are UFOs Just a CIA Con-Trick?

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Thu, 29 Jul 2010 10:25:45 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Fri, 30 Jul 2010 06:40:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Are UFOs Just a CIA Con-Trick?

What have we got here? Yet another rehash of a stupid skeptical theory that depends on magical thinking. Somehow, strictly through the power of suggestion, these advanced technological aircraft we call UFOs have been created to fool the other side and your own public and the con has been carried out for decades. The other side, be it the U.S., Russia, China, Britain, France, or whatever, never figures out they are being conned.

Just a few newspaper articles and the evil but gullible other side is somehow led to believe strange things are traveling at thousands of miles an hour on their radars, flying circles around their jet interceptors and missiles, penetrating military bases and missile silos at will, stalling vehicles, knocking out power grids, leaving trace evidence on the ground, leading police on merry old chases, leaving images on film & video, scaring animals, harming people, creating official, often secret studies of multiple governments, all of this generating thousands of pages of documents in dozens of countries, etc., etc. And this is all due to counterintelligence pranksters in the CIA or KGB planting a few stories in the media or creating documents that remain secret for decades?

James Oberg in the past has been a leading purveyor of this idiotic theory. A variation was tried by CIA historian Gerald Haines in his official CIA UFO history. And now ex-MUFON head James Carrion is pushing another slight variation. Allegedly UFOs are nothing but a disinformation ploy to cover up secret government projects or confuse the other side or out their moles.

As I recently wrote over on Kevin Randle's blog:

"What's at least one big hole with this logic? Disinformation only works if the target audience buys into it. In this case, whoever you are trying to convince that UFOs are real must believe it, otherwise their usefulness as cover stories for secret projects is zero.

Thus nobody would attempt to convince the Russians that UFOs were Santa Claus and his flying reindeer or Dumbo the flying elephant, because they weren't going to believe it. And vice versa for the Russians.

But if there is nothing to UFOs, they are merely inventions of counterintelligence, then why should the Russian or U.S. intelligence agencies buy the fantasy for any length of time? What exactly was appearing on radar, hovering over missile silos, being chased by jet interceptors, appearing on gun camera film, knocking out electrical systems, leaving behind trace evidence such as burnt foliage and landing impressions, activating radiation monitors, etc., etc.?

These theories must be able to account for how both sides were somehow able to fool each other for decades that UFOs were real exotic craft. That's one helluva long con!

But in the real world, the militaries and intelligence agencies of both sides would quickly determine the physical reality to

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UFOs through the many means at their disposal (radar, jet interceptors, etc.). Nobody could con the other side for very long.

The irony here is that UFOs can only work as occasional effective covers for your own projects if UFOs are indeed real and the other side knows it."

I have challenged James Oberg in discussion forums in the past to respond to this, and he never has. That's because there is no sensible response. Anybody with an ounce of sense knows that it would be impossible to create all manifestations of the UFO phenomenon on a planetary scale. Sorry Lehmborgian CSICOPian SkeptoBunkers, but that's just Reality 101.

David Rudiak

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Is Public Turning Against UFO Mockers?

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
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Archived: Fri, 30 Jul 2010 08:59:09 -0400
Subject: News Links - 29-07-10

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UFO Sightings Could Be Chinese Lanterns [sic]
Galloway Today
<http://tinyurl.com/34xtgh5>

Gov't Should Investigate All UFO Sightings
Malaysia Kini
<http://tinyurl.com/2e5alvn>

Travis Walton To Speak At Midwest UFO Conference
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/2we35ec>

Unidentified Flying Object
<http://tinyurl.com/2b467rh>

=46rom Frank Warren's UFO Chronicles:

England: A Hayes Sighting -- May 2004
<http://tinyurl.com/3yjsdse>

Hangzhou UFO 'Not Alien'
<http://tinyurl.com/36geo47>

Witness Recounts UFOs Near Doyle, California
<http://tinyurl.com/39dczjx>

=46rom Roswell To Aztec, Witnesses & Researchers Speak Out - Video
<http://tinyurl.com/3azuz3o>

=46rom Scott Corrales' Inexplicata:

The Verb "Abducir" Now Official In Spain
<http://tinyurl.com/3y7tjtz>

Possible UFO Argentine Landing?
<http://tinyurl.com/39o48j7>

The Argentice Lagoon Creature
<http://tinyurl.com/28qvwjk>

=46rom Dave Haith:

Is Your Facebook Friend An International UFO Spy?
<http://www.starpod.org/news/1007291.htm>

=46rom George Filer's Filer's Files:

<http://www.starpod.org/news/1007291.htm>

=46rom 'The Norm':

UFO Or Blimp?

UFO Mystic

<http://tinyurl.com/28938tf>

V-Shaped Bright UFO Over Huntington Beach California - Video

<http://tinyurl.com/2ffpnwq>

Arguing With Non-Skeptics, Part 1 of 2 - Podcast

Scientific American

<http://tinyurl.com/2d9f68e>

This Day In Paranormal History: Washington Flap UFO Wave Of 1952

<http://tinyurl.com/3ag7dqv>

Millions of Earths? Talk Causes A Stir - Plus Video

<http://tinyurl.com/334kr9>

Big Bang Investigators Want New Atom Smasher

<http://tinyurl.com/37qydk4>

Feeding Your Research Into The Policy Debate

<http://tinyurl.com/26kfjwc>

Marveling at Wonders Out of This World

<http://tinyurl.com/28jq4no>

Model Describes Universe With No Big Bang, No Beginning, And No End

<http://tinyurl.com/33ls7tn>

What Your Phone App Doesn't Say: It's Watching

<http://tinyurl.com/344krss>

Not as Web Savvy as You Think? Young People Give Google, Other Top Brand Search Results Too Much Credibility, Study Finds

<http://tinyurl.com/2cktafg>

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Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2010 12:07:10 -0300
Archived: Sat, 31 Jul 2010 08:52:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Public Turning Against UFO Mockers?

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
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James Oberg weighed in on the comments section taking exception
to the Astronauts/UFO sightings:

"So how do we get our own copies of this book - like, who's the
publisher? I've researched spaceflight-related UFO lore for
decades (our "heroic astronauts", it turns out, have not
encountered UFOs in space, despite what you may have seen on
cable channels) and found the pro-UFO treatment of it to be
sloppy, highly imaginative, and poorly connected to reality.

I look forward to seeing Kean's treatment of such topics and
will be happy to offer a critique."

--Posted by: Jim Oberg | July 29, 2010 at 01:25 PM

Apparently Oberg doesn't know how to find Amazon dot com and
punch in the title. You would think and ex-NASA engineer would
know how to do this. The least he could do is click on the title
in the article which is hyper-linked.

Anyway, Dave is right. And these reporters should be charged with plagerism for using the same basic story over and over again. It remains the same while only the only the reporter's name and the media is different.

Don Ledger

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Re: The Mirage Men [was: Are UFOs Just A CIA

From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2010 17:08:35 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Sat, 31 Jul 2010 08:54:56 -0400
Subject: Re: The Mirage Men [was: Are UFOs Just A CIA

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 29 Jul 2010 13:54:44 -0300
>Subject: Re: Are UFOs Just A CIA Con-Trick?

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>for myself to read this book would be akin to reading another
>book by either the Flat Earth or Hollow Earth societies. The
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Is this something like Stan Friedman's 'Rules for Debunkers':

1. What the readers don't know, I don't want to know either.
2. Don't bother me with the book, my mind is made up.
3. If you can't attack the book, attach the reviews
4. Do your reviews by proclamation - reading the book is too much trouble, and nobody will notice the difference anyway.

Mark Pilkington is a British writer and journalist who has been in the UFO field for many years. He has done the leg-work and spoken to people involved. He's not claiming that the UFO mystery was dreamed up and created by the CIA or NSA, he is saying that government agencies have, from time to time, used it for their own agendas.

You might not agree with the book, but it is not lightweight, and is not promoting 'Flat Earth' ideas. Reading some of the comments on UpDates, largely from people like yourself who have only read the reviews, that there's an element of "How dare these Limeys write about *our* UFOs!"

--
John Rimmer

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Re: Kenneth Arnold

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2010 11:17:04 -0600
Archived: Sat, 31 Jul 2010 08:57:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2010 13:59:00 -0500
>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2010 11:10:16 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 08:28:40 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>>>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>>>To: post.nul
>>>>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2010 17:26:19 -0600
>>>>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>Not being very bright, I guess I fail to understand how
>empirical claims work in Tarbellia. Silly me, I would have
>thought that after more than six decades, the likelihood that
>those early sightings signaled the "widespread emergence of a
>genuine anomaly" - I note you conveniently snip your adverb
>"unfortunately" used originally to characterize that unhappy
>prospect - would be judged rather more likely to be the correct
>interpretation. Or maybe, the new default position, it's all a
>CIA conspiracy.

Another strawman gets sodomized, this one sporting a cute CIA
ribbon. What "unhappy" prospect? The term "unfortunately" meant
(and would be so parsed anywhere except in Clarksville) that
"unfortunately" there is no straightforward way to distinguish
between "the widespread emergence of a genuine anomaly" and an
outburst of copycats responding to a minority of sightings that
may be genuine. What phantom are you arguing with?

>>>>Your Appendix 4 timeline notes Arnold's claim (in The Coming of
>>>>the Saucers) of seeing ten brass-like disks on 29 July 1947,
>>>>about 1 month after the initial sighting. In the transcript of
>>>>the 07 Apr 1950 Edward R. Murrow phone interview (see Project
>>>>1947 website), Murrow states that Arnold "has reported seeing
>>>>these same strange objects in the sky on three other occasions".
>>>>By 1975 (17 Oct Oregon Journal), it has become FIVE additional
>>>>sightings.

>>>So what?

>>Guess you got me there, Jerry. Maybe if I just got out more
>>often, or better yet had my own airplane, I'd probably have five
>>sightings of my own by now. And if I only had some books to my
>>name, I could probably hold sway in debate with flaccid
>>rejoinders like "so what?".

>I'm sure you believe you could.

Well of course I do. It looks simple enough... if somebody calls
you on it, just make an appeal to your own authority.

>>Hynek didn't 'invent' any notion at all. He understood, as you
>>perhaps don't, that the likelihood of multiple independent
>>events all occurring is given by the product of their
>>individual probabilities, which converges rapidly to an
>>asymptote of complete impossibility if they are individually
>>rare. A "sweeping pronouncement", yes, and one that you can
>>take seriously or not, but if you're disputing it, you're just
>>embarrassing both of us.

>As Hynek himself came to realize - the reason he retired the
>"repeater" trope - we have no clear idea of what the
>probabilities are of having more than one UFO experience. By
>"we", in case there be any misunderstanding on this score, I
>include you.

I'm flattered, but the point is, in the case that individual
encounters are independent, we don't need a particularly clear
idea of what the probabilities are. Multiple (like, say, five)
sightings will be very rare unless individual sightings are
relatively common, as per the numerical example provided
earlier.

>The variables are many, and one can state as much
>even if one believes - something we can only infer without full
>confidence - that the distribution of sightings among witnesses
>has nothing to do with an intentionality...

We cannot infer this with any confidence. We may assume
it, and it is implicit in the assumption of statistical
independence. Prolific 'repeaters' lead us to infer quite the
opposite, which was the whole source of my heartburn.

>...that it depends solely upon the accidental circumstance of
>one's being in the right place to observe a passing UFO. Some
>relevant variables, for example: where one lives, how much time
>time one spends outdoors, how many minutes or hours one devotes
>to looking at the sky, and how often one is outside at night.

Already been through that. Construct any class of observers,
with as many variables and constraints as you like (pilots with
X+ hrs of flight time, amateur astronomers in the southern
hemisphere, Mongolian yakherders, whatever). There's no dispute
that their likelihood of a sighting will differ from that of the
general population. The question is, is there any plausible (and
non-circular) set of variables/constraints that will yield a set
of observers among which a notable (Arnold-like) UFO encounter
would not be unusual, and if so, does Arnold satisfy those
constraints? If not, his string of sightings is problematic.

>I know you do go on (curious Listfolk can go to your original;
>I've snipped it here in the interest of reducing content
>repetition), with what strikes me as ever increasing
>temperature, ever decreasing light. You have your mind made up,
>obviously. In any event, my original points stand, and Listfolk
>will judge for themselves who has the more sensible argument.

Indeed. Whatever you suppose my mind is made up about, I simply
reiterate that, under very general assumptions, Arnold's string
of sightings is cause for concern, in the sense that: (1) if
they are all genuine, I'm forced to question the independence of
sightings, thus introducing "intentionality", or other
unpalatable notions; (2) if they are not all genuine, I'm forced
to reconsider Arnold's reliability as an objective,
dispassionate observer (not his personal character) in at
least some of the sightings.

If (2) applies, I cannot (and do not) thereby dismiss his
original sighting. But I also cannot accept the notion that
claims of multiple independent sightings are irrelevant to the
consideration of the case.

Having beaten this pretty well to death, I leave it to you to
conclude as you wish. It seems we both have something of a knack
for venom when it suits us, providing, I suppose, equal parts
entertainment and embarrassment for the Listers, but obscuring
much of the underlying substance of the discussion.

In appreciation of your contribution to ufology, whilst keeping
my powder dry,

Re: Kenneth Arnold

Best regards,

Mike

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>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2010 15:35:37 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Are UFOs Just A CIA Con-Trick?

>>This CIA tried to address this issue in 1997:

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>><http://tinyurl.com/2lq4es>

>>CIA's Role in the Study of UFOs, 1947-90
>>A Die-Hard Issue
>>Gerald K. Haines

>
>>An extraordinary 95 percent of all Americans have at least heard
>>or read something about Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), and
>>57 percent believe they are real. (1) Former US Presidents
>>Carter and Reagan claim to have seen a UFO. UFOlogists - a
>>neologism for UFO buffs - and private UFO organizations are
>>found throughout the United States. Many are convinced that the
>>US Government, and particularly CIA, are engaged in a massive
>>conspiracy and coverup of the issue. The idea that CIA has
>>secretly concealed its research into UFOs has been a major theme
>>of UFO buffs since the modern UFO phenomena emerged in the late
>>1940s. (2)

>>In late 1993, after being pressured by ufologists for the
>>release of additional CIA information on UFOs, (3) DCI R. James
>>Woolsey ordered another review of all Agency files on UFOs.
>>Using CIA records compiled from that review, this study traces
>>CIA interest and involvement in the UFO controversy from the
>>late 1940s to 1990. It chronologically examines the Agency's
>>efforts to solve the mystery of UFOs, its programs that had an
>>impact on UFO sightings, and its attempts to conceal CIA
>>involvement in the entire UFO issue. What emerges from this
>>examination is that, while Agency concern over UFOs was
>>substantial until the early 1950s, CIA has since paid only
>>limited and peripheral attention to the phenomena.

>>[continued on CIA web site]

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>>The problem with this report was that there were now records
>>released that showed the timing of test flights of experimental
>>craft, and there is little correlation to actual reported
>>sightings. This would seem to indicate that other forces were
>>at work here, but the CIA (like this latest author) seem to
>>minimize that factor. I haven't read the new book, of course,
>>so we'll have to see if there is more to this than smoke and
>>mirrors.

>The premise of the book The Mirage Men strikes me as absurd. We

>are asked to believe that from the very beginning and perhaps
>before that one country's intelligence community, the novice in
>intelligence services, BTW, used it's non-existent intelligence
>aircraft to impress, for example one lone flyer, Ken Arnold, so
>that he might just report them then the press just might pick up
>on it and run with it and voila the CIA has it's dodge for the
>Soviets to ponder. Really??

>Pilkington it seems is relying on the ingrained ignorance of the
>lay public (mirroring his own it seems), that of a large portion
>of the scientific community which may or may not read the book.

<snip>

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>premise of this book is too lightweight in nature for me.

You have got to be kidding. Nobody has read the book and yet
some people are ready to put forth their opinion.

No wonder the so-called ufo research community doesn't get any
respect from the mainstream press.

And, 10 comments to an on-line criticism of the book does not
reflect a change in public attitude. The List poster of that e-
mail was grabbing at straws.

I am beginning to understand Don's need to criticize mine or
anyone else's posts without really reading them. It is his way
of treating everybody who doesn't espouse the Word According to
Don.

KK

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Book Review - UFO Case Files Of Russia

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Book Review by Malcolm Robinson
Strange Phenomena Investigations

UFO Case Files Of Russia by Philip Mantle & Paul Stonehill

<http://tinyurl.com/27a4u3z>

To my knowledge there are very few books that have been written on UFO sightings over Russia from British authors so it was a great pleasure to be given this book to review. Like most British UFOlogists, I was aware as we all are that Russian too has been touched by the UFO presence and has probably seen more UFO sightings than any other country. This book dot's the I's and crosses the T's Big Style. It is an enormously researched book which comprises of all you need to know about UFO sightings over Russia from the very early day s right through to present day.

The authors have put a lot of work into this book segmenting their case work into specific easy to find chapters. Of course writing a book of this nature does rely heavily (for both authors) on the information coming through their Russian counterparts and both Philip and Paul have had to rely on their many Russian contacts in their little black diary. Sceptics may question the reliability of UFO information coming through from their Russian counterparts, is it reliable, could it not have been better researched, how do we know for sure that the information imparted is truly factual? Well I'll tell you this if even a tiny fraction of this book is real in the sense that all the reports happened as reported, then boy we really do have a UFO presence to ponder.

The authors themselves do accept the above, they also are well aware that quite a fair percent of these Russian UFO sightings may well be down to secret Russia Military rocket tests. However, there are enough meaty cases in this book which go way beyond what would appear to be any rocket tests that certainly made me sit up. For me though what makes this book a cracker is definitely the KGB Files of UFO & USO (Unidentifiable Submersible Objects) Then there are the specific regions of Russian which hold mysterious areas where strange things happen. Let us take a quick look at some of the interesting bits of the book that I come across whilst doing this review.

The Tunguska event of 1908 is carefully looked at and quite a diverse series of explanations are pondered over. Whatever it was, it surely was the biggest event of its kind in the world. But was it a flying saucer or something more mundane? As I say a wide variety of explanations are looked at. Leonid Kulik who was one of the main researchers who actually visited the Tunguska event and we learn about his expedition and the problems they faced. We also learn that in the autumn of 1944 a Soviet Yak-40 aircraft flew over the area of the Tunguska event where its instruments failed and the plane crashed. What could be an early example of animal mutilation occurred in the 1860's (reported in the 1950's) A man witnessed humanoid beings standing next to a cow which had its belly slit open. They seemed quite curious at

the stomach of the cow; could this be Russia's if not the world's first reported animal mutilation? Well if we believe in this report then maybe so.

The book moves onto the early years of UFO reports over Russia and we learn that under Stalin's brutal regime, the occult and paranormal related subjects were all banned (although surprisingly Stalin himself had an interest in such matters, so what was the crack there!) There was little if any material on UFOs and the paranormal during Stalin's reign, it wasn't until many years later that Russian citizens started to learn what was in their skies wasn't all their own technology!

A quite incredible tale of a chest which contained drawings of orbital stations, hangers for spaceships etc, was found in Kiev in 1953 what was going on here? Then there was the Petrozavodsk phenomenon of 1977 where a strange pulsating luminance fell on Karelia. Windows in houses melted, loads of UFO reports were reported in the area, all this and much more occurred in this Russian town. Most people will have heard about Chernobyl and the terrible nuclear accident that occurred there, what some people might not know is that this area has a high concentration of UFO reports.

Probably one of the more stranger things that I found in this book was what the authors refer to as anomalous zones where weird things happen. Take for instance the Dalnegorsk crash. Three years after the crash of a strange object in this area, we learn that insects avoided the place, people's bodies were affected in a whole manner of ways. The area also affected mechanical and electrical equipment. Again I ask, was it a UFO/Flying Saucer or something from the Russia Air force?

One of the biggest UFO cases that I was aware of coming from Russia was the Voronezh Incident where not only UFOs were sighted, but strange creatures as well! Yet another strange anomalous area where strange things happen, is the M Triangle and the authors go to great lengths to tell us all about it, believe me, this is really really bizarre.

There is so much info in this book that I seriously cannot get it all into this review. The authors look at strange explosions, UFO window areas, Buried UFOs (The Tallin Object) another BIG chapter is the one on UFOs over Soviet Nuclear Installations, wow what an amazing chapter that is. Triangular UFOs are also discussed as are Soviet Military encounters with UFOs. Again, what an important chapter that is. UFOs over Soviet battlefields are also discussed. MIG jets chasing UFOs are also looked at. God you're not short of some amazing UFO Incidents in this book.

Another belter of a chapter was the one on USO's (Unidentified submersible objects) this chapter contains some amazing cases most of whom were witnessed by high standing academic people. Then there were the Soviet nuclear submarines who encountered strange sounds which they couldn't account for. Soviet Naval observers of UFOs are mentioned and several tales by them are looked at.

Yet another classic chapter was the one on the KGB and its UFO Files, again, what can I say? This chapter really shows us that there clearly is something strange going on. As if the book couldn't get any better, IT DOES. Soviet Cosmonauts and 'their' UFO sightings are looked at, and just like the American astronauts, their Russian counterparts have also seen their fair share of UFOs. Russian astronomers and their UFO sightings are looked at, again these astronomers know their skies and yet what they have seen defies explanation. The authors put together a chapter on some of Russia's UFOlogists and we see how busy they have been over the years in trying to find out the truth as to what is in their skies.

At the end of the day, there is no denying that this book will be a classic in the annals of world UFOlogy, I say this because when you read this book you soon discover that it contains a mountain of research, the ground it covers is extensive. These are not willy nilly wee lights in the sky, the vast majority of these cases are complex, they are above nuclear installations, they have been followed by MIG jets and a whole lot more. Russia as we know is a massive country there are undoubtedly thousands of UFO reports that we will probably never know as they may not have been recorded. Thankfully UFOlogy in Russia has grown

extensively over the years, those Stalin years are well behind them and people are not frightened any more to report these strange aerial devices.

Yes a fair percent of these UFO reports may well be down to secret Russian Military/Air Force testing of prototype devices, that goes without saying, but when all is said and done, this wonderful book will show you that the sheer volume of UFO reports in Russia is simply incredible. One thing s for sure, when you finish this book your scepticism (if you had any in the first place) will surely have gone, such is the masterful research by both authors in providing us with a book that is destined to be a classic.

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Archived: Sat, 31 Jul 2010 10:33:39 -0400
Subject: NY 'UFO' Store?

Hello

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Thank you very much

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Re: Kenneth Arnold

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2010 08:41:34 -0500
Archived: Sat, 31 Jul 2010 10:35:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2010 11:17:04 -0600
>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2010 13:59:00 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2010 11:10:16 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>>>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2010 08:28:40 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>>>>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>>>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>>>>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2010 17:26:19 -0600
>>>>>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold

>>Not being very bright, I guess I fail to understand how
>>empirical claims work in Tarbellia. Silly me, I would have
>>thought that after more than six decades, the likelihood that
>>those early sightings signaled the "widespread emergence of a
>>genuine anomaly" - I note you conveniently snip your adverb
>>"unfortunately" used originally to characterize that unhappy
>prospect - would be judged rather more likely to be the correct
>>interpretation. Or maybe, the new default position, it's all a
>>CIA conspiracy.

>Another strawman gets sodomized, this one sporting a cute CIA
>ribbon. What "unhappy" prospect? The term "unfortunately" meant
>(and would be so parsed anywhere except in Clarksville) that
>"unfortunately" there is no straightforward way to distinguish
>between "the widespread emergence of a genuine anomaly" and an
>outburst of copycats responding to a minority of sightings that
>_may_ be genuine. What phantom are you arguing with?

In your original you posited that the "vast majority" of post-
Arnold reports are copycats. At least without wrenching
cognitive dissonance, you can't square a vast majority of
copycats - of course I don't doubt that here or there one could
find a few, albeit nothing like a "vast majority"; even with
their ubiquity wildly overstated in the present instance,
copycats, after all, do exist in the world - with "the
widespread emergence of a genuine anomaly."

As Martin Shough noted in this thread, it's conceivable that a
small number of trivial reports (notably including, let me
stress here, hoaxes focused on small recovered "saucers" made of
materials purchasable from hardware stores) were indeed
copycats. Reading the relevant literature, one does not get the
impression that the non-trivial reports were copycats; to the
contrary, many of the sightings seemed, and remain, impressive

and puzzling.

More than six decades of subsequent UFO history leads one to the conclusion that copycats were only an inconsequential sideshow in the summer of 1947 while indeed an extraordinary anomaly was coming into view, literally and figuratively. It wasn't even led by Arnold's June 24 sighting, even though that was the first to receive international attention.

<snip>

>>As Hynek himself came to realize - the reason he retired the >>"repeater" trope - we have no clear idea of what the >>probabilities are of having more than one UFO experience. By >>"we", in case there be any misunderstanding on this score, I >>include you.

>I'm flattered, but the point is, in the case that individual >encounters are independent, we don't need a particularly clear >idea of what the probabilities are. Multiple (like, say, five) >sightings will be very rare unless individual sightings are >relatively common, as per the numerical example provided >earlier.

<snip>

Five sightings of genuinely anomalous UFOs would doubtless be rare, which is not quite the same as nonexistent.

I have no quarrel, by the way, with Martin's observation that one of Arnold's sightings was almost certainly of ducks. Significantly, as Martin sagely remarks, Arnold's description was sufficiently accurate that it enabled proper identification of the true source. A neat way, he says, of calibrating Arnold's observational powers and arriving at a positive conclusion concerning them.

This underscores a point folklorist/behavioral scientist David Hufford makes in his valuable work on anomalous experience: that folk observation is often strikingly accurate; it's folk explanation that can be problematic. (Hufford, by the way, does not offer this observation to advance reductive approaches, of which - to the contrary - he is intensely critical.)

I believe each of us now has had more than one opportunity to express his view. Personally, I feel inclined to credit Listfolk with keen intelligence and shrewd analytical powers, from which I am satisfied they may judge on their own how persuasively we have made our respective cases.

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Re: The Mirage Men

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2010 09:10:39 -0500
Archived: Sat, 31 Jul 2010 10:38:31 -0400
Subject: Re: The Mirage Men

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2010 20:20:12 +0000
>Subject: Re: The Mirage Men

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 29 Jul 2010 13:54:44 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Are UFOs Just A CIA Con-Trick?

>>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2010 15:35:37 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Are UFOs Just A CIA Con-Trick?

>>This CIA tried to address this issue in 1997:

>>--

>You have got to be kidding. Nobody has read the book and yet
>some people are ready to put forth their opinion.

>No wonder the so-called UFO research community doesn't get any
>respect from the mainstream press.

Since I like you, Kathy, I am going to presume that this is sort of hyperbole is intended only for rhetorical effect, and not put forth as a serious charge. If you so desire, criticize those who haven't read a book and yet disparaged it (something un-mentioned by you, by the way: the mainstream press does that with UFO literature all the time); but really, to go beyond this and launch a proposition for which no evidence exists - at all - is something else.

Charges like yours presume that we ufologists have far more power and attract infinitely more scrutiny from elite sources than I have any reason to believe true from decades-long experience in this field, plus an immense amount of research in the social history and dynamics of the UFO controversy. (Oh, how I wish, though, that those claims of power and attention were true....)

In fact, elite media have practically no idea what goes on - good, bad, or indifferent - within ufology. All they "know" is that UFOs are nonsense and that therefore all who feel otherwise are crazy people. That's all they have to "know," and that's all they do "know." (The reason for scare quotes ought to be obvious.) Challenged, only a scattered and paltry few could name a single ufologist or cite the title of a single UFO book, much less read it. As far as they're concerned, since UFOs are illegitimate, one doesn't need actual information about them. Ignorance is strength.

A more sober, insightful analysis of why ufology, in common with the phenomenon generally, gets no respect can be found here:

"Sovereignty and the UFO," by Alexander Wendt (Ohio State University) and Raymond Duvall (University of Minnesota). Political Theory 36,4 (August 2008): 607-633.

See also the very interesting study in Chapter 27 of Leslie Kean's forthcoming UFOs: Generals, Pilots, and Government Officials Go on the Record (Harmony/Random House, to be issued in August).

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Thiago,

While there dozens of bookstores all over the metro area, check
out The Strand at 12th and Broadway, it is _the_ used bookstore
in the New York area.

Others will give you the name of other good ones, as for UFO
collectables and I hope someone can help you.

Give my regards to Broadway...

Carl

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Source: Fox News - Los Angeles, California, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/3ydt56h>

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Face On Mars Or Rocky Hill? New Photo Reveals Truth

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At left, the famous 1976 image from Viking that seems to show a face. On the right, a new image of the same rock surface. Taken from much closer and in higher resolution, the features completely disappear.

A new image just released by NASA confirms what the space agency has said all along: That's no face on Mars. It's just a rocky mesa.

In 1976, NASA's Viking space craft first captured the stunning picture of the area, showing what clearly looked like a face on the surface of Mars.

Conspiracy theorists went bonkers, describing the image as clear proof both that Martians existed and that NASA and the government were aware of their existence.

The new image comes from the High Resolution Imaging Science Experiment camera (HiRISE) on board the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, a multipurpose satellite designed to explore the Red planet from orbit. In 2007, the camera captured this new picture of the eroded mesa made famous by its similarity to a human face.

NASA finally release the new image on Wednesday.

Taken from much nearer to the planet and with a substantially higher resolution camera, the features so distinctive in the original image completely vanish in the new one. The original Viking Orbiter image had much lower spatial resolution and a different lighting geometry, factors that led to the optical illusion.

The face turns out to be a mesa -- a rocky outcropping -- in the Cydonia region that's a couple of miles long and a few hundred feet high.

Conspiracy theorists had long insisted that the face was an artifact from an ancient Martian civilization and the center of a NASA cover-up. Compared to the original Viking image, HiRISE shows incredible detail, even from its orbit 300 kilometers above the surface of the planet, and should put to rest all those conspiracy theories about Martian sculptors trying to sending us messages.

The HiRISE camera returns images of the Martian surface with higher resolution than ever seen before from an orbiter, allowing scientists to see extraordinary detail in all kinds of surface features on the red planet.

Large new HiRise image at JPL:

<http://tinyurl.com/2a37pyq>

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[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead...]

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From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2010 11:58:09 -0700
Archived: Sat, 31 Jul 2010 16:05:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Face On Mars Or Rocky Hill? New Photo

On 2010-07-31, at 9:57 AM, UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

>Source: Fox News - Los Angeles, California, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/3ydt56h>

>July 30, 2010

The media got this wrong... other articles have also said this is a new image. In this Fox News one at least, they do mention, correctly, that it was actually taken in 2007, but it wasn't just released now. It was published on the HiRISE web site at the time but has just been re-released again now as a "Spotlight Image":

<http://hirise.lpl.arizona.edu/nea.php>

http://hirise.lpl.arizona.edu/PSP_003234_2210

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From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2010 15:48:21 -0400
Archived: Sat, 31 Jul 2010 16:06:45 -0400
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If it's "taken from much closer," meaning the scale is much
different, how can anyone make a judgement?

In the "new" image I don't see anything that looks like a hill
of the same proportions as the original either.

Eleanor White

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