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As We See It. From the Editor's Desk

We ask all of our readers to contribute to SKYLOOK, and we are truly sorry when a report comes in which we fail to use. We do appreciate your taking the time and effort to write us, or to mail a news clipping.

Your article may not have reached us in time to make the current issue; so wait until next month before you decide we aren't going to use your story. Or--the sighting which just recently had come to your attention may have been sent in earlier by another reader and you missed reading it. We DO try to be first. Or--your article may not be the kind we are looking for--altho it may be exactly what some other UFO publication is hunting for.

It may be a good idea to give you a general idea of our wants--as well as our no-no's.

We want UFO sightings from anywhere on the globe, but especially those from the midwest, as this is an area that has been neglected by the majority of the magazines home-based on the east or west coasts. We feel SKYLOOK can do a real service by helping to fill in the Big Gap in the over-all picture.

We want NEW and NOW sightings. Send us the UFO story that appears in your local newspaper TODAY. But we do use older sightings when they have something of interest to add to the records. Many good sightings continue to come to light from ^{those} who were formerly unwilling to report because of fear of ridicule.

When you send a newspaper clipping, be sure to add the name of the newspaper and date of publication so we can give credit in using the story. This is VERY important. We will return your clipping or your written report IF you make the request. Otherwise, we'll keep it--for the simple reason that every extra postage stamp adds to the cost of keeping this show on the road.

We aren't too interested in a re-hash of old material. This has its place in study and comparison, but we feel that much of this consists of dogmatic statements from "instant experts" (to borrow John Schuessler's term) and we know we have readers who prefer to do their own thinking. We shy away from tales of contactees who receive "messages" and those who claim to have taken saucer rides into outer space. We still take a dim view of those Men In Black--and admit we may be wrong here, and we don't have a closed mind on the subject--we just prefer to leave it to others better qualified to deal with the sinister connivers. There is always an exception to the rule--and we are not really laying down hard and fast rules--just giving you the general idea. Get the picture?

Now, grab your clippin' scissors and your pen or pencil and help us to "separate fact from fantasy" in our endeavor to tell it as it is.

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Did UFO Destroy Hunters' Tent?

(Editor's Note: Mr. "Smith" is not his real name, and the location of the sighting is not given. Ted Phillips, who made the investigation, has facts in his files and he saw the photographs. For the past year he has made a number of attempts to persuade Mr. Smith to release the photographs and other evidence, but Smith does not want the publicity.)

When a man goes hunting, he is never sure just what he'll run across but one thing certain is that Mr. Smith and his companions never expected to encounter a strange flying object which apparently had been on its own "hunt" and had selected their camp site for its prey.

It was a brisk, fall morning in the Missouri Ozarks, and Mr. Smith and several of his companions had been away from their camp about an hour. On the return route Smith met one of the men who had just left the camp, then in its normal condition. As Smith neared the site a half hour later, around 10 o'clock, he noticed a faint column of smoke rising from the area. Hurrying on, he found the tent and its equipment had burned to the ground. The tent was still smoldering, and a pair of leather shoes and some records were smoking. The aluminum poles of the 12 by 18 ft. tent were still standing, although marked by the fire. The aluminum cots which had been inside had melted. Two trees shading the spot where the tent had stood were not burned at all, but the top of a dead tree 15 feet away was burning.

Smith was checking the remains of the fire when a low humming sound caught his attention and he looked about to see an object rising from a valley just beyond the camp site. He grabbed his camera and photographed the object just above the horizon and took a second one about five seconds later as the object began to climb. The humming became more intense as the object gained speed in climbing. When last seen it was moving to the northwest and was some 40 degrees above the horizon. Smith estimated the sighting had lasted about 20 seconds.

In describing the object, Smith judged it to be about 25 feet in diameter and 8 feet thick. Its aluminum-color reflected the sun light and there was a dark belt around it, and it had antenna (very apparent in the photographs). During its flight, it held to a steady course and not wobble or waver at any time.

After it disappeared, Smith paced off the distance from the point of observation to where the object was seen at the nearest point--- about 300 feet.

About 15 minutes later, two jet interceptors flew over at very low altitude, making just one pass toward the southeast. Within the half hour a propeller driven aircraft flew over the area from the northeast, heading southwest.

Strange Clouds Explained

Remember those "crackling clouds" at Jacksonville, Fla? (See March SKYLOOK). Dr. Robert H. Simpson, director of the National Hurricane Center at Miami, says it was "a temporary inversion of sound" reflected from 10,000 to 20,000 feet above the surface of the Gulf.
Credit: Rod B. Dyke, Editor "The UFO Journal" 3521 S.W.104, Seattle.

St. Louis Workman Sees UFO

Cliff Hasamear, of Mehlville, Mo., maintenance man at the Sigma Chemical Co., Potomac and Dekalb Sts., St. Louis, Mo., observed an unidentified flying object while at work, March 3, 1969.

It was a clear and sunny day and Mr. Hasamear was assisting in erecting some iron work at 3 P.M. He was supporting the end of a beam being hoisted and was gazing upward, facing east, when he saw a round, silver object moving south. It was ball shaped, he said, and was the size of a twenty-five cent piece held at arm's length. The object hovered briefly, then disappeared at a high rate of speed. Total duration of the sighting was approximately 15 to 20 seconds. Mr. Hasamear estimated the object to be about two miles distant when first sighted.

The area in which the sighting was made is highly industrial.

Arnold, Mo., Family Watches UFO

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Lindwedel, their son, Carl, 19, and daughter Carol, 18, live on Route 1, near Arnold, Missouri, and ten miles south of St. Louis. Their home is 400 yards off the highway near the intersection of Highway 67 and VV, and within a mile and a half of the Union Electric power plant on the Meramec River.

The night of March 19, 1969, was clear and star lit when Carol went to the living room picture window at ten o'clock to watch for some expected guests. The house is situated so that she was looking north up a sloped hill towards the highway where traffic can be seen. She was surprised to see a large object above the horizon at about 45 degrees elevation. The curved bottom of the object was visible and there were two bright lights on the top and two more on the bottom. Between these lights a string of horizontal lights were going on and off in sequence, from right to left. Carol called to her mother, but the object had disappeared below the horizon by the time she reached the window. Carol said all the lights were white and the object was in sight about ten seconds.

The following night, March 20th, Mr. Lindwedel and Carl were driving home from St. Louis on I-55 under clear skies. They were on a stretch of straight highway, going downhill toward the Meramec river when both saw erratic lights, moving up and down in a jerky motion, and at times standing still. Carl, being the passenger, rolled the window down to see if he could hear any noise but could not. Red, white and blue lights appeared to be revolving on the top of the object and they seemed to be set at an angle, aimed up at about 30 degrees. The object, in sight about two minutes, suddenly took off with rocket-like speed and disappeared from view.

Credit: Art Epstein, Affton, Mo., Member UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis.

Editor's Note: Mr. Epstein interviewed the observers in both of the above articles. The details given is an example of good reporting.

UFO Slows Car

A housewife, who does not want her name used, had a frightening experience the morning of March 10, 1969 when a beam of light from an unidentified flying object slowed the speed of her car from 50 miles per hour to less than ten.

Mrs. "X" was traveling east from Glenwood, Mo., on Highway 202. It was about 10:30, and her dog was lying quietly in the back seat. Mrs. "X" suddenly noticed a bright beam of light on the highway ahead. Looking for its source, she saw a charcoal gray disc with a dome of the same color at an altitude estimated to be 1000 to 2000 feet. The very bright beam of light was coming from the bottom of the object, narrow at its source, but nearly the width of the highway as it focused on the road.

As Mrs. "X" came within the beam, her car slowed from 50 miles per hour to about 8, but as it passed through the beam, it began to function properly again. The young woman did not look up at the object as she was frightened and her only thought was to leave the area. The dog, in the meantime, had moved to the front seat, then cowered on the floor in a high state of agitation.

Mrs. "X" reported her eyes hurt for a couple days following the incident, presumably from looking at the bright light. She was interviewed by Robert Smulling, of Hamilton, Ill. Mr. Smulling is Chairman of the Illinois Section APRO, and sent us this report.

Sighting Near Stover, Mo.

Mr. Reed Blackman, a retired mail carrier, of Stover, Mo., told your editor of a strange flying object he observed in late August seven or eight years ago. He isn't sure of the year.

He had stopped at a mail box about a mile west of Stover on Route 1 when he observed a huge, oval-shaped object approaching from the west, apparently following the highway. It was gray in color, with no visible appurtenances or openings except for a slight bulge along the bottom. It was about 400 feet above the road, and he guessed its length to be 25 feet. Mr. Blackman's first thought was it might be a balloon advertising the State Fair in Sedalia, but when the object appeared over the junction of Highways 52 and 135 and lowered to within 50 feet of the road, it was close enough to Mr. Blackman that he was certain it was not a balloon--or any other type of vehicle he had ever seen.

Farmers were baling hay in a field nearby and Mr. Blackman honked his automobile horn repeatedly in an attempt to call their attention to the object, but they could not hear him because of the noise of the machinery and for the same reason, Mr. Blackman was unable to determine if any sound was coming from the flying object --but it was reported that children on the Harry Monseess farm saw the object and heard a humming noise as it passed over them a short time later as it moved to the northeast.

There was no wind and the time was about 11:30 in the morning.

Bright Light Moves Over Sedalia, Mo.

By Ted Phillips, Jr.

Mrs. X and her daughter were watching television about 1:00 A.M. March 22, 1969, when a bright light outside the window attracted their attention. Both went outside to watch the object, a bright white light, moving toward the house from the northwest. It moved along at tree top level and did not change brightness or color, and there was no sound.

The object, when at the nearest point to the observers, appeared to be a round ball with the bright lights underneath. As a car crested a hill nearby, the lights suddenly went off and the object was not seen again.

Arkansas Reports UFO's

John Meiser and two sons, 1818 Taylor Ave., Springdale, Ark., told police they observed a bright orange light in the southwestern sky about 8 p.m. Feb. 9, 1969. They watched it for a short period before leaving on a drive to Fayetteville.

At 9 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Tom Walker, 1819 Taylor, observed what they described as twin lights in the west. They were pink in color and moved to the north. They were joined in their watch by Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Sullivan. A few minutes later Walker spotted another set of lights following the same path. They too vanished to the north.

Meiser, upon returning to his home from Fayetteville, reported seeing another bright orange light to the northwest, moving east. Both he and two other couples reported the lights seemed to have a rotating action. All were supposedly at high elevations.

On Feb. 11th the "Springdale News" which had reported the sightings, explained (?) all the sightings with two solutions. An anonymous telephone call to a newsman said the UFOs were plastic balloons with lighted candles. Another man (also unidentified) reported he shot off some old military flares from an airplane.

Credit: Lou Farish.

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10 Report UFO Sightings in Michigan

About 10 persons in the Holland, Michigan, area reported sighting a bright, unidentified object which took about half an hour to cross the sky, from south to north, before dawn March 13, 1969.

In this, the first of a series of monthly articles, I shall attempt to briefly review some of the UFO publications and newsstand magazine articles that have come my way. The contents of this column may not reflect the total amount of UFO literature available to the public, but I will comment upon those writings which seem particularly interesting and significant to me.

The April, 1969, issue of "Scientific American" contains a book review of the "Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects", more commonly known to UFO researchers as the "Condon Report." The review, by Philip Morrison, is exactly what one might expect from a "scientific" magazine. Had the Condon Committee sought a public relations man, they could have done no better than Mr. Morrison! To him, the Report is "diffuse, cheerful, catholic, discursively instructive and marvelously illustrated." One reads "the work of able men, led by a wise physicist of high repute" and "comes away edified, amused, admiring and well satisfied." Is it possible that Mr. Morrison read a different version of the Report than the one on my desk? Perhaps not, but those aren't exactly the words I normally use to describe the Report!

Everyone has doubtless heard of West Virginia's enigmatic "Mothman," but do you realize that such "flying man" reports have been around for many years? A short, but excellent, resume of such reports is in the May 4th issue of "National Enquirer's" regular "Strange Happenings" column. Although author credit is not given, it was written by Charles F. Flood of Albany, Oregon. "Chuck" has done a magnificent job of exhuming the complete accounts of UFOs and Fortean phenomena which were cited by Fort in his four books. In addition, he has uncovered a great deal of original, unpublicized material. This issue of the "Enquirer" also contains a very good article detailing a UFO landing and "burn" case near Sao Paulo, Brazil, on February 7, 1969.

The May issue of "Saga" contains an article by Otto Binder on the UFO Symposium which took place in Washington, D. C. on July 29, 1968. Binder presents excerpts from the statements of the scientists who testified before the Committee. An interesting summary of the events of that meeting, especially for any persons who have not read the complete transcript.

For a fascinating glimpse at our own space activities, see the article, "Sky Spies: Nobody Has a Secret Anymore" in the April 21st issue of "Newsweek."

Editor's Note: We are proud to announce Mr. Farish has consented to do "In Others' Words" as a regular feature in SKYLOOK.

The planet Mercury will be visible as a dim object in the very low western sky during the month. It can be seen just after sunset for less than two hours.

Venus, which has dominated the western sky for several months, will now be the morning star, rising just before the sun during the month.

The planet Mars will be rising shortly after sunset by the end of May and will be quite bright as it nears the earth. It will rise in the southwest and will remain in the southern sky during the evening.

Jupiter, the largest of the planets, is visible during the entire evening this month and is the brightest object visible other than the Moon.

Saturn, the ringed planet, is now too near the sun to be visible.

The Lyrid meteor shower reached its maximum on April 22nd.

The Planet Mars (Part I)

As the planet Mars nears the earth, we will take a look at some of the facts and mysteries surrounding it. The fourth planet from the sun, it is considerably smaller than the earth, having a diameter of some 4,215 miles. Its average distance from the sun is 141,000,000 miles. The revolution period around the sun is slightly less than two earth years. The earth overtakes the red planet every two years and two months. At this time it is in opposition to the earth: that is, Mars, the earth and the sun are in a straight line, with Mars rising at sunset and passing directly overhead at midnight. The current opposition will occur on June 9, 1969, with the planet at a distance of only 44,600,000 miles from earth. At this time even a small telescope (4 inches in diameter or larger) will show the ice caps, dark areas and sometimes even the formation of clouds over the planet.

The rotation period of Mars is quite close to that of earth--24 hours and 37 minutes. The period of the southern summer on Mars is 160 days, the northern spring; 199 days and the northern autumn some 146 days with northern summer lasting 182 days. The southern winter is longest and coldest with the temperature falling to over 100 degrees below zero. As spring comes to the planet, the ice caps begin to shrink or melt; the dark areas begin to take on a blue-green color and continue to darken during the Martian summer. It has been noted that the dark areas are generally about 16 degrees warmer than the near-reddish areas. The high temperature at the polar regions is about 32 degrees with the temperature at the equator warming to about 85 degrees maximum.

Next Month: Part II. The Martian Atmosphere and the Story of Two Unusual Moons.

Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of articles on the planets by Mr. Phillips.

Scientists Find Water on Mars After Five Years Study

Dr. Ronald Schorn of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, California, reports "definite and conclusive evidence of water in the martian atmosphere." Dr. Schorn states that there is enough water to fill a lake a mile wide, a mile deep and a mile long. He and another scientist, Dr. Steven Little, used the 86 inch telescope at McDonald observatory at Fort Davis, Texas. They photographed the spectrum of the planet's atmosphere with infrared film.

Mariner 7 Is Launched Towards Mars

At 4:22 p.m., March 27, 1969, the second U. S. Mars probe left earth about one month behind Mariner 6. The 901 pound craft was launched atop an Atlas-Centaur rocket some 47 minutes behind schedule because of last minute problems. The probe which will photograph the southern ice cap area of the red planet will end its 193,000,000 mile journey on August 5. The probe is expected to pass over the planet's south polar region at an altitude of 2,000 miles at about midnight.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek Speaks in Kansas City By Ted Phillips, Jr.

I attended a most interesting talk on the general UFO situation by Dr. J. Allen Hynek on the evening of April 15, 1969. Dr. Hynek addressed a group of several hundred people at the Jewish Community Center in Kansas City.

His talk covered a wide range of subjects related to the UFO problem and was very well received. In my opinion Dr. Hynek is the top authority on the subject of unidentified flying objects and is sincere in his investigation.

I would appeal to all those interested in a scientific answer to the UFO problem to give Dr. Hynek their full support. The UFO situation will not be resolved by one group making charges against another group, as we have seen many times in the past. I can say that Dr. Hynek has my full support and I hope he will have yours.

Kansas Man Says UFO Killed Motor of His Car

Edwin H. Bohl, Jr. of Logan, Kansas, sighted a UFO on U. S. 24, five miles east of Hill City, Kansas, and gave a signed statement to a Hill City policeman: "We saw an object with different colored lights that came down over the highway five miles east of Hill City. It came about 75 feet from the ground and it killed the motor of the car. We then sat and watched it for about three minutes.

"It was stopped in the air at a 45-degree angle from the car. It didn't make any sound. The object then started moving slowly and without any noise, going east and following the highway toward Stockton." (Source--"The Kansas City Star", April 20, 1969)

Strange Flying Object Seen In Iowa

Mrs. Ada Vanderpluijm had gone to the kitchen to get ice cream Sunday night when she looked out the east window toward the barn and noticed a most unusual object low in the east--about over the Kent road, she surmised. She called her hired man, Lester Wilson, and both observed what she described as an object all lighted up like a little aluminum Christmas tree.

In an attempt to describe the object further, Mrs. V. says it looked like a bunch of tinker toys put together. It appeared to have spokes running upward and downward from a center and two or three of the downward spokes appeared red. Lights on the others were the color of ordinary electric lights. There appeared to be more downward spokes than upward ones, she reports.

The object moved very slowly and by two or three hours later had reached a point where it appeared high in the sky, somewhat to the south of the Vanderpluijm home. The home is located at the Lone Star Corner, on the east side of the Clearfield road where it meets highway 34.

Because of the severe cold and the fact that they could no longer see the object from the house, Mrs. V. and Wilson gave up watching. But they are still wondering what the unusual object could have been.

Source: "Creston News Advertiser" (Creston, Iowa) March 10, 1969.
Credit, Lou Farish.

UFO's Over Oklahoma

City police and others in the Perry, Okla., area peered upward at two unidentified flying objects in a cloudy sky Monday night, March 10th.

Johnny Robbins and Larry Wheeler first reported seeing an unidentified flying object in the area of the Perry Lanes bowling alley about 8:30 p.m. Police Chief Zeke Walker and other officers went to the scene immediately and they also saw something below the clouds.

No motor sound could be heard from the slow-moving objects. Walker described the UFOs as having a red rotating light similar to those on police cars. The first object seemed to hover in the area of the bowling alley, then moved slowly west. An hour later at 9:30 p.m. the second object hovered in the area, then moved slowly to the south. Walker says as the objects departed, they seemed to go straight, then in a half circle and then straight again.

A public information officer at Vance Air Force base, Enid, said there were low-flying civilian aircraft in this area (Perry) about the time the UFOs were sighted. The officer also said a check showed no Vance planes were in the area. Billings area residents also reported UFOs last Tuesday night. Thus far, neither the Perry nor Billings objects have been explained.

Source: "Perry Journal" (Okla.) 3/11/69--Credit, Lou Farish.

Michigan Has Unidentified Objects in March

The "Muskegon Chronicle" on March 3rd reported that residents in the vicinity of Wolf Lake were still uncertain as to what they observed in the sky Saturday night (March 1) but they were sure it was not an airplane or a helicopter.

The object, round in shape, had flashing green and white lights and appeared to be stationary for several minutes before it moved away. One observer telephoned the sheriff but the object disappeared before she was able to complete the call. The object was said to emit a low steady hum.

A dozen persons or more reported seeing a flying object with green, yellow and red lights in the Port Huron, Michigan, area the night of March 12, but officers at the nearby Air Force base said there was no aircraft reported in the area.

Two little girls, riding their ponies north of Port Huron about 9:20 p.m. reported to St. Clair County sheriff's deputies something seemed to be following them. Charles Karl, the father of one of the girls, told deputies he watched the object through field glasses as it hovered over his home. He described it as having "green, yellow and red lights." His daughter, Debbie, 13, said it had no noise at all.

Deputies David Doktor and William Ward told the "Pontiac Press" they could see the object from Karl's yard and followed it northwest to the tiny town of Jedd, where they lost it. They also said they called the Selfridge Air Force Base in Mount Clemens and an officer there said there were no aircraft in the area. The officer also reported that a similar object had been spotted in the Mt. Clemens area earlier in the evening.

Credit--Lou Farish.

NICAP Offers Adult Education Course--"UFO--Fact or Fiction"

Sherman A. Larsen, President, NICAP-Chicago Affiliate, writes SKYLOOK: "As you well may know, one of the tools used effectively against those who take a serious view of the UFO subject has been the tool of ridicule. We have determined an effective remedy to this weapon in the formulation and approval of our "UFO--Fact or Fiction" course which we have very successfully given to adult education classes.

"We have worked this course up to the point that we now are now distributing it nationally to those interested in presenting it, not for any profit for ourselves, but solely for our cost of materials and reproduction not including any cost for our writing time, and for the purpose of establishing the subject as a serious subject."

Space does not permit giving all the details of the course, but it has a lot to offer to study groups and seems worth looking into. If interested, write NICAP-Chicago Affiliate, 2926 Applegate Road, Glenview, Ill. 60025.

A Real Bargain Hunter!

In an article in the March 16, 1969 issue of PARADE, Philip J. Klass, author of "UFO's Identified" states he has a standing offer to pay \$10,000 to anyone who can produce the first incontrovertible evidence that even one UFO is an extraterrestrial spaceship.

How much do YOU think such "incontrovertible evidence"--like a landed spaceship--might be worth to bidders in an open market?

Think about that for a time. Keep on thinking--you've just barely scratched the surface of its potential.

And just to make sure his "bargain" is all profit, Mr. Klass says all you have to do to enter this race to be "first" is to pay him \$250 per year for each year until such evidence becomes available--but for no more than 20 years. But you have to be "first", remember, there are no second or third "prizes"--are you still thinking?

Mr. Klass boldly states he has yet to find a single "believer" who is willing to put his money where his mouth is. Let us suppose one hundred "believers" signed the contract--oh, yes, there IS a contract! Walt Andrus sent us a copy of the contract which he read and we are sure Mr. Klass would be only too happy to send one to you--but back to our hundred "believers", only one of them could be a winner--and he would be the biggest loser. No matter how long this contest would last, the one person who couldn't possibly "lose" would be Mr. Klass.

Can you think of any reason at all why you should contribute?

A Yardstick for the Universe

Paul Braczyk, of Webster, Mass., liked our "Comparison" in the April issue of SKYLOOK and sends us this one by R. Houwink of the Netherlands:

Representing the Earth by a diameter of 0.5 mm (0.02 inches) our planet would be separated

- from the Moon: by the thickness of a finger;
 - from the Sun: by the length of a limousine;
 - from the nearest star: by the length of the Rhine or Ohio River;
 - from the Milky way: by 200 times the circumference of the earth;
 - from the Andromeda Nebula: by 4,000 times the circumference of the Earth (the Andromeda Nebula is one of the Milky Way's nearest neighbors; others are millions of times more distant).
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1. The primary substances repeatedly found at alleged UFO landing sites over the past twenty years are silicon, aluminum and magnesium. Often all three substances have been found in combination. Silicon is a very common terrestrial material used in the manufacture of plastics and glass. Aluminum is not mined but is extracted from bauxite by an electrical process.

2. SLAG. Slag-like substances are frequently discovered at UFO sites. Common slag (volcanic and meteoric) consists of Iron silicate and is easily identifiable. Industrial slag, the waste product of the smelting process, consists of sophisticated combinations of several metals. UFO-related slag is always in the latter category.

3. "Space Grass." Small strands of aluminum frequently discharged from UFOs and/or found at UFO sites. Analysis has proven that this material is 99% aluminum with traces of magnesium.

4. Air Force CHAFF. Dispensed by AF planes to confuse radar. In size and color "chaff" closely resembles "space grass." However, "chaff" consists of strands of fiberglass or nylon covered with a thin coating of aluminum.

5. "ANGEL HAIR". Type #1. Thin strands of cellulose fibers resembling spun glass. No known terrestrial manufacturer. No known purpose for such substances. Type #2. Thin strands of spider-web-like substance which usually dissipate into the air or melt when touched. Frequently seen discharged from UFOs. No known terrestrial manufacturer or purpose.

Chemical composition: $H_4SiO_4 + HF$. Primarily a silicon base surrounded by unknown quantities of hydrogen fluoride and silicic acids. It self-destructs upon exposure to air or water. Produces acid odor. Can burn human skin. Damages (pits) glass. Sometimes leaves a greenish trace. An additional, undetermined chemical is probably involved.

6. UN-NAMED. Aluminum and/or magnesium are combined with sodium or silicic acid to produce a substance which flames when moistened and leaves a residue of silicon. Many samples found at UFO sites all over the world. Frequently found in the form of a greasy or oily gelatine which slowly melts away. No known manufacturer or purpose.

7. TEKTITES. Small, spherical bits of glass of unknown origin. Frequently given to "contactees" as "evidence."

8. POTASSIUM NITRATE (saltpeter). Used in gunpowder and fertilizers. Is very easily ionized. Has been found at several landing sites in small quantities.

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UFO Witness Gets the Point--By Brent Raynes, Hallowell, Maine

On Jan. 11, 1967, at about 8:45 p.m. Samuel S. Westfall, of Galesburg, Ill., observed a huge, round "orange-reddish" light that dropped out of the sky at an angle to a hovering position for about five minutes, about a half mile west of the Westfall home. Then the object "took off straight up in the air for about 150 to 200 feet." The red light went out and the object seemed to rotate, flashing red, yellow, greenish blue and white in sequence. After circling, the object departed in a southerly direction.

The next night Mr. Westfall and other witnesses observed another flying object about 8 p.m. It seemed to be at an altitude of about 150 feet and was rotating as it moved south at about 25 miles per hour. After a short interval, it stopped and hovered in the air, emitting a bright, yellow glow. Moments later the glow went out and the object began rotating again. It was observed for about a half hour.

The following day Mr. Westfall and a friend went to the spot where they believed the object had made a landing. Quoting from a letter dated March 9, 1969, Mr. Westfall wrote: "It was while we were looking, that I heard a report like a stick snapping when you break it. And also I felt a burning in my arm. I did not think too much about it at the time it happened because we were looking for the place where it (the object) landed. The next day my chest was very sore and I spit up green and I could hardly walk as my hip was very sore. My left hand where I wore a wrist watch was also sore and my right arm had a round spot that was three inches in diameter and was swelled and black and blue and in the center was a very dark spot. My wife got a needle and fished it out of my arm."

After removing the "dart", Mr. Westfall took it to the Sheriff's office, and it was forwarded to Knox College for analysis. Mr. Westfall said they could not identify the dart except that it was made of wood. "I tried to get it back," he said, "but they refused. You don't know what it is to be ridiculed and laughed at like I was nobody. Believe me, I was very sick. After a few months I had to quit work and I finally got a disability pension. I am just starting to get over it a little bit now. When I was the sickest, Dr. J. Allen Hynek wanted to interview me, but I refused him because I wanted to forget it, as I was about crazy with thinking about it. But now I feel much better and would welcome the chance to tell more about it."

Editor's Note: Mr. Raynes, whose articles have appeared in a number of UFO magazines, evidently obtained this report through correspondence with Mr. Westfall. We would suggest that one of our Illinois investigators look into this case--interviews with the "other witnesses", the sheriff, Knox College etc could add further verification to Mr. Westfall's story, or. . . .

We are sure Mr. Raynes agrees with our premise that further investigation is called for and would welcome additional information. We thank him for sending us the report.

If any of our readers can throw more light on this case, we would like to hear from them.

Dr. Hynek Would Continue UFO Investigation

In addressing a Science Youth Day meeting at the Henry Ford Museum in Detroit, early in February, Dr. J. Allen Hynek said, in discussing the Condon Report, "The findings of the report itself furnish enough evidence that the investigation should be continued."

He suggested the work be carried on "by private individuals with a scientific interest who are not doing it for fanfare and shock value.

Dr. Hynek considers the Condon Report too limited, filled with irrelevant material, and "not a thorough job." He mentioned the Condon team studying only once case in which a UFO sighter reported his car would not start when the object was in sight, a report that has been made hundreds of times.

He said he will set forth all of his objections to the Condon report in an article in April's "Bulletin of Atomic Science."
(Source, Detroit Free Press, 2/14/69--Credit, Lou Farish)

Something "Haints" Prison Farm in Arkansas

Mysterious night visitors are shaking things up at the Tucker Prison Farm according to the "Pea Pickers Picayune" published at the Farm and quoted in the Feb. 25th issue of "The Arkansas Gazette."

Both guards and prisoners report that "haints are after 'em" and even the prison's blood-hounds cower together and roll their blood shot eyes at shadowy places and whimper in fright.

Officers lock their doors at night "and find them to be eerily unlocked comes dawn." Fire-glowing werewolves circle their gun towers at night and radios go mysteriously dead.

On one occasion, a guard opened fire on a "whirling-dervish wraith" and then resigned his guard post "steadfastly refusing to ever again mount his ivory spire a step, even at risk of being thrown in the hole."

The next night, the "Picayune" said, an inmate and an officer were together on guard duty when they "dissolved into uselessness after he and the officer were attacked by unearthly phenomena." Both men opened fire with high-powered rifles, the article said, and the apparition disappeared.

Acting Superintendent William Barker said he had not seen the article in the "Picayune" but that a month ago "we had some strange lights or something--nothing we could ever pin down." He disclaimed knowledge of the incidents involving his men.
(Credit--Lou Farish)

Editor's Note: Neither Lou nor Ye Ed are insisting a UFO is lurking in the above--but it is such a darn good story, we thought you would enjoy it too! And---who knows?

THE READER WRITES

ALLEN H. GREENFIELD, Editor of UFO SIGHTER, 2875 Sequoyah Drive, N. W., Atlanta, Ga., says: "With reference to the article 'Those Men in Black!' (SKYLOOK, March 1969) the 1968 Congress of Scientific UFOlogists in Cleveland, Ohio, included a rather lengthy discussion of the Men In Black cases during the closed sessions, plus a lecture on the subject at the public session by Robert Easley.

"It simply isn't a cut and dried matter. I think that we should keep our feet on the ground and recognize the considerable possibility that there is nothing objective to these cases, but it should also be recognized that there is a reasonable possibility that these cases do have a substantive base.

"Old cases including Bender and Maury Island have still not been solved to my satisfaction, while more recent cases such as that of a Cleveland UFOlogist and the incident involving two Texas policemen are also yet unsolved. The book is by no means closed, in my opinion.

"The telephone 'crank call' business is still another matter. It may be that 'breathing' calls fall into a totally different category from the monotone voice calls and the 'noise' calls. Of the latter two, I have had one of each, both having taken place last year. It is a distinct possibility--and I fully recognize this--that such calls could be hoaxes of one sort or another. But there is also inconclusive but interesting evidence to the contrary." Comment: Fair enough. Thanks for writing and come again.

ROBERT SMULLING, Chairman Illinois Section APRO, Hamilton, Ill., writes: "I am enjoying SKYLOOK very much as it is far more current than NICAP and APRO reports in most cases. Also I am surprised to see items by such people as John Keel." Comment: Very sincerely--thank you.

CLIFF PALMBERG, St. Charles, Mo.: "This is just a short note to introduce myself and at the same time order several subscriptions to SKYLOOK. I'm an electronic supervisor at McDonnell-Douglas. I'm an APRO member as well as one of the founding members of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis. It's really great to see SKYLOOK again * * * Keep up the excellent job." Comment: It is knowing we have readers like you that keeps us on our toes.

CHARLES BENNETT, Independence Mo.: "I'm sorry to hear that John Kuhn has dropped out of the UFO field - at least as far as his activity with SKYLOOK is concerned. At one time I spent much of my time distributing tape recorded UFO information (inheriting the country's only national tape copying service) but now TRUFO has died with my own inactivity. I hope you will find time to keep SKYLOOK going." Comment: Are you listening, John? Why don't you drop us a line? Mr. Bennett, it would appear that you may have a great many interesting reports to share with SKYLOOK readers. How about it?

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Barney Hill Dies

Barney Hill, the man who said he was taken captive aboard a UFO, died February 25, at the age of 46, at Portsmouth, Maine. He and his wife, Betty, claimed to have been captured by creatures from outer space and taken on board a UFO, later revealing their story while under hypnosis.

The Hills were the subject of a book "The Interrupted Journey" by John G. Fuller. They appeared on TV and radio shows and made many speaking appearances.

Credit: Lou Farish

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Ufologists Convention, June 20-21

We are informed the Congress of Scientific Ufologists will hold its sixth annual convention at the Hotel Daniel Boone in Charleston, West Virginia, June 20-21, 1969. Those arriving Thursday and remaining through Sunday will find boat and bus tours of the area available.

Correspondence relative to the convention should be addressed to J. Ralph Jarrett, 2523 Winter St., St. Albans, West Va. 25177.

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News from Illinois Section APRO and Tri-State UFO Study Groups

Ted Phillips Is Guest Speaker at Tri-State UFO Study Group Meeting

The Tri-State UFO Study Group held its monthly meeting in Quincy, Ill., Wednesday evening, April 16, at the First United Presbyterian Church. In attendance were nearly 60 people from all parts of the tri-state area. Towns represented were: Quincy, Mendon, Peoria, Coatsburg, Barry, Hamilton, Payson and Carthage, all of Illinois, and Hannibal and Palmyra, of Missouri, and Davenport, Iowa.

The Aerial Phenomena Club of Peoria, Ill., was represented at the meeting by Dale Dufelmeyer, Raymond Watts, Michael Morey and Laird Carter. Mr. Carter is director of the Peoria group which is under the sponsorship of the Illinois Section APRO.

Guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Ted Phillips, Jr. of Sedalia, Mo., introduced by Walt Andrus, Co-Chairman of the Illinois Section APRO. In addition to being a serious student and investigator in the ufology field and a staff member of SKYLOOK, Mr. Phillips is a past president of a Sedalia astronomy group, a member of the National Speleological Society and an amateur photographer. He is an employee of the Missouri State Highway Department, in the Sedalia office.

Mr. Phillips gave an interesting report on a meeting held the night before in Kansas City, Mo., with Dr. J. Allen Hynek as a speaker. He then told a number of sightings made in Missouri, one of the most interesting being one made at Gravois Mills, Sept. 22, 1967. Two other outstanding reports were those of sightings at Tuscumbia Nov. 24, 1967 and at Sedalia in 1964.

Mr. Phillips showed a number of slides he had prepared to accompany his talk, and also showed slides he had made of the moon with his 6-inch reflector telescope.

The Tri-State group wishes to thank Mr. Phillips for a wonderful talk and to invite him back to Quincy whenever he can come.

Gordon Koehnke, of Davenport, Ia., was present and gave a short and interesting report on a recent sighting he had made and showed pictures he had taken of a UFO with a Poloroid Brownie camera. He described the UFO observed March 28 as being disc shaped, silver in color, and about 60 feet high. He stated the object hovered over the Duck Creek golf course at Davenport at 1:15 in the afternoon. There was no sound as the object left the area.

UFO activity has somewhat slowed in our area with very few reports coming in this month--perhaps due to the many cloudy and rainy nights.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, May 18th. This will be an afternoon meeting, beginning at 3 P.M. at the First United Presbyterian Church.

By Corbyn Jacobs, Reporter

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Aerial Phenomenon Club Holds Monthly Meetings, Peoria, Ill.

The Aerial Phenomenon Club of Central Illinois gives the people of Peoria and the surrounding area an opportunity to discuss selected topics in the field of Ufology. We formed in the summer of 1967 with the help and guidance of Walt Andrus. An executive board of Laird Carter, Dale Dufelmeier, Jack Ginther, Rick Reynolds, and Ray Watts was appointed to organize APCCI. We secured a small local church to hold discussion group meetings. These have been held regularly on the second Monday of every month at 7:30 P.M. in the Faith United Presbyterian Church (formerly Kellar Presbyterian Church) in Peoria.

The April 14th meeting centered around the discussion of possible origins of UFOs. We discussed almost all theories, but most members lean to the theory that they are from out of our solar system.

Other recent activities have included the setting up of a local clearing house for UFO reports. Rick Reynolds has consented to having his home phone of 691-6863 to be used for this purpose. We also have received the cooperation of all local news media and the police in this project.

Our next meeting will be held May 12 and we will discuss "Electromagnetic Effects." Anyone interested is cordially invited to attend.

Credit: Rick Reynolds and Jack Ginther, Reporters.

John F. Schuessler on the A.P.R.O. Bulletin Staff

As we mentioned in a recent issue, John F. Schuessler, who heads the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, and who is co-chairman of the Missouri Section of APRO, is now one of APRO's Consulting Staff. The latest issue of "The A.P.R.O. Bulletin" has this to say:

"Mr. Schuessler is a senior design engineer with McDonnell-Douglas Astronautics Co., Eastern Division, at St. Louis, Missouri, and supervises the engineering group that is responsible for all the mechanical equipment to be used in the Airlock Vehicle, a portion of the Apollo Applications program Orbital Workshop. This Orbital Workshop or "space station," which will be orbited and manned by astronauts in about three years, will have a useful orbital life of about 8 months. We can state that no engineering group has ever had to design for such tough conditions before--it is a step to the planets. Previous to his Apollo work, Mr. Schuessler was attached to the Gemini project and is credited for the design of the environmental control systems on those spacecraft. Mr. Schuessler also serves as co-chairman of the Missouri APRO State Section."

Editor's Note: You might clip this item to have on hand when some one implies anyone interested in UFO's must be an uneducated kook. Needless to say, we are very happy to have John on our SKYLOOK staff and grateful for the advice, reports and moral support he has given us since the first issue.

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UFO's--Still Up in the Air

An illustrated lecture by John F. Schuessler was given on April 24, 1969, in the Community Room of the Webster Groves Trust Co., Webster Groves, Mo. Sponsored by the Baha'i's of Webster Groves, the lecture was attended by over 50 people.

The presentation began with a cursory look into the reality of what is being observed in our skies and identified by the three letters--UFO. Statements made by Dr. B. E. Schwartz and published in the October 1968 issue of Medical Times were quoted. Of significance were his observations:

a) That psychopathological and parapsychological explanations for the UFO phenomena were usually limited to those who are neither psychiatrists nor parapsychologists.

b) In 12 years of private psychiatric practice he has not found UFO's or related phenomena to be part of any dereistic thinking for patients of his.

c) He feels that doctors have a real responsibility in the areas of UFO's. Patients often contact their doctor first because of sleeplessness, burns, rashes, traumas, etc., caused by a UFO encounter. If the doctor reacts in a responsible manner he can prevent drawing a person into a psychosis and inflicting permanent harm.

Time was devoted also to possible explanations other than psychological or psychic types: such as: hoaxes, ball lightning, aircraft, etc.

Once the meaning of the term UFO was established, a brief history of the phenomena was discussed. Beginning with Kenneth Arnold, then Washington National, and finally a series of reports happening on this date--April 24th, including Lonnie Zamora of Socorro, New Mexico.

The stage was then set to describe the necessity of UFO investigations and where to affix the responsibility for such investigations.

Naturally, a plug for A.P.R.O. was thrown in, as well as for our local St. Louis Study group. The role of Project Bluebook was outlined and events leading to the award of a USAF contract to the University of Colorado and Dr. Condon were traced.

Because of its volume the Condon Report was only briefly discussed. Those really interested in its content can, of course, read it in its entirety. The conclusions were compared with the meat of the report, noting the conflict between the conclusion and cases 2, 21, 46 etc. Anyone with even a small amount of scientific curiosity would want answers to these unknowns and I'm sure that open minded individuals will seek after the truth, regardless of the conclusions set forth by Edward U. Condon.

On the local scene, the 1967 UFO incidents at St. Clair and New Florence, Mo., were discussed. The August, 1968, O'Fallon UFO incident was examined and current 1969 statewide UFO activities presented.

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The presentation ended with a plea for UFO reports from the community, stressing the responsibility of all citizens, as well as scientists. Naturally, a plug for SKYLOOK, the excellent, timely Missouri UFO publication was given.

An interesting and informative question and answer period followed, with excellent audience participation.

Credit: John F. Schuessler.

Arthur J. Epstein to Address Tri-State Group

The Tri-State UFO Study Group will meet Sunday, May 18, 1969, at 3:00 P.M. at the First United Presbyterian Church in Quincy, Ill. for its monthly meeting which deviates from the normal date each month. This has been necessary to make it more convenient for those driving a considerable distance as well as other study groups to drive to Quincy.

The speaker will be Mr. Arthur J. Epstein, 9625 Radio Drive,, Affton Mo. Mr. Epstein is one of the charter members of the Greater St. Louis UFO Study Group and is one of their most enthusiastic researchers. He was the master of ceremonies and introduced Richard Greenwell to the St. Louis UFO meeting during Richards' tour last November.

Remember the date and bring a friend. ---Walt Andrus.

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CHECK OUT

Sorry to read of the illness of Mrs. Coral Lorenzen. She underwent surgery Feb. 18 and for the first time in 17 years was unable to take some part in the production of the APRO BULLETIN. She expects to be on duty again this month. . . Lou Parish sent us a clipping about Tiago Machavo who was misquoted in having seen little green men step out of a flying saucer in a field near his home in Brazil. He says they were NOT little green men--they were little red men. . . We quote from a Tulsa UFO bulletin, "As many of you know, APRO withdrew support from "Dr." Stranges in his recent UFO lecture in Tulsa. As new information came to light * * * it was decided that APRO, a scientific organization, could not benefit in any way by association with him." This comes as no surprise to any serious ufologist. . . Otto O. Binder author of "Flying Saucers Are Watching Us" and "What We Really Know About Flying Saucers", is now on our mailing list. . . Walt Andrus has been promoted to Quality Control Manager at the Motorola plant in Quincy, Ill. Congratulations. . . . Here's something interesting--the "National Enquirer" recently carried an article about Mrs. Shirley Harrison who has extra-sensory perception (ESP) which she has used to lead police to a murder victim, to locate a missing mental patient, to find a crashed airplane and to make many predictions which have come true. Among the predictions for the future, we quote: "Within 10 years there will be a dramatic statement made about UFOs, admitting they exist and that they come from somewhere in outer space" and "Within 10 years communication will be established with another type of life which far surpasses ours in intelligence and scientific advancement". . . Rosetta Holmes, our Carlyle, Ill., friend tells us that "Doc" Anderson, the Georgia seer who claims 95% accuracy, noted in his 1969 predictions "A group of scientists will organize independently in 1969 to study unidentified flying objects." . . . Did you ever go clear across the country to meet a next door neighbor? Kietha Fish, of Kansas, read about SKYLOOK in SAUCERS, SPACE & SCIENCE while she was visiting friends in California and sent in a subscription. Welcome, Neighbor--and thanks to you, Gene Duplantier, for the plug in your fine magazine. . . Just to avoid misunderstanding, your editor is not a "believer" in the sense we used the word in our report on Philip Klass offering to pay \$10,000 for incontrovertible evidence that a UFO is an extraterrestrial spaceship. We do not know what a UFO is, but we want to find out through investigation. We ARE a firm "believer" in investigation. . . Imagine our surprise when Ted Phillips telephoned us from Sedalia to ask if we knew Reed Blackman. We've known Mr. Blackman for several years--in fact, he and I are members of one of the local social organizations here in Stover--but we didn't know Mr. Blackman had ever seen a UFO until Ted gave us the tip. Just shows how a smart reporter can find news right under the editor's unseeing eyes. We are proud of our fine staff. . . John and Kathy Schuessler have two children--Steven, 9, and Laura, 11--and John tell us another UFO enthusiast is expected at their home in the near future. We'll let you know the date of arrival. . . Well! Maybe we chuckled a little too soon! "National Enquirer" (May 4) says Tiago Machade was knocked to the ground by a ray from a UFO while "hundreds of people watched in horror." Neither red nor green men are mentioned but Tiago thought he saw "shadowy figures" within the UFO. The Air Force tried to put a lid of secrecy on the reports, the article says. This could account for the first brief report which made Tiago a subject of ridicule, without giving an account of the UFO seen by "hundreds of people." It certainly isn't the FIRST time!