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UFO-OBSERVATIONS (pp. 164-173)

This issue again contains a number of photos with UFOs which were not observed but only later noticed on the pictures. Usually, these are insects or birds flying through the camera frame. Two images taken on 20 July 2006 in Canton Lucerne, Switzerland, by a farmer most likely show birds (wing is marked on second photo), the picture taken on 15 September 2006 at Teneriffe, Spain, will be of a bird as well – as the one from 15 June 2006, at Dürnstein, Austria, where the bird is most clearly visible.

In a movie filmed on 29 June 2006 at a campsite near Göhren on the island of Rügen the witnesses noticed nothing at the time, but now believe they have an unexplained light. GEP thinks this UFO could be any kind of reflected light from any source available at the site.

Fire balloons are back with two observations. On 14 April 2006, two women at Wolfsheim spotted an orange glowing, donut-shaped object. Their sketch tallies perfectly with a fire balloon seen overhead. A woman and her children, on 16 April 2006 at Freiburg, observed a "fire circle" which they compared to a hot air balloon, yet its manoevres seemed different. When shown pictures of a fire balloon, she agreed this was what she had seen.

Another type of balloon, a hot air balloon, was most likely the stimulus for an observation in the 1980s at Bochum, where a group of people observed a golden orange ball in the sky larger than the full moon.

A strange plane consisting of three lights was seen by a man on 14 October 2006 over Seinäjoki, Finland. The description resembled that of the NOSS satellites, and indeed a check confirmed the presence of two groups of NOSS satellites in his field of vision at the precise date and time.

The "white ball of light" speeding past an observer on 30 October 2006 at Darmstadt is identified as bolide, while the 6 to 8 lights that whirled around a common centre, seen on 1 December 2006 near Roye, France, are well explained as the reflections of a sky tracker's beams on the clouds.

BRIEF NOTES (pp. 173, 182)

Alien Autopsy Competition – Coinciding with the release of the alien autopsy commedy in Germany, there was a fake autopsy competion – although there seem to have been no entries. The Alien Advocate – Jens Lorek from Dresden, at this year's Cröffelbach conference, held a talk about how people abducted by aliens could claim compensation from the state. After Cröffelbach, he went public, and an international press echo followed.

THE SCIENCE OF THE EXTRATERRESTRIALS - PART 2 (pp. 174-182)

In the second part of his article, Eric Julien outlines his theory that extraterrestrial intelligences are able to manipulate the flow of time and thereby become visible in our own time frame. He thinks his theory can explain various aspects of UFO reports, for example reality distortions such as solid lights or the feeling that the interior of a craft is bigger than the outside.

CRÖFFELBACH 2006 – THE CONFERENCE OF GERMAN UFO RESERCHERS (pp. 183-188)

This year's meeting of the German UFO researchers was a back-to-basics seminar on UFO investigation and field work. Talks included papers on stimuli in general, satellites as UFO stimuli, interviewing techniques, the witness centred investigation and techniques of data collection. The field experiment was to release gas-filled balloons with different kinds of lights attached; balloons equipped with so called blinckies (small bulbs fed by tiny batteries) exactly reproduced the optical images taken of a UFO last year over Lake Zurich.

REVIEWS: No English language books are reviewed in this issue.