

Triangle-shaped object over Hagen (pp.2–4)

Hans-Werner Peiniger details an observation from (possibly) 19 September 1993 which was only reported in October 2022. The witness saw a triangular-shaped craft with a big round and red light at the underside and a box-shaped brilliant white LED-type of light in front, flying soundlessly and at a distance of only 5 m (less than 20 ft.) over his house at Hagen-Boele. The body of the object was of anthracite colour, without nuts and seams, and he could hear a strange cracking noise when it was close to him. The distance (size of object is not given), the soundlessness and the unusual object characteristics make us class this as PROBLEMATIC UFO.

The Oz Factor in the UFO cases of the GEP – immanent or psychic effect? (pp. 5–21)

From the GOOD and PROBLEMATIC UFO cases of the GEP, André Kramer analyses 20 (c 25 per cent) which show hints of what Jenny Randles has described as the Oz Factor – the sudden absence of sound, and an otherworldly stillness of the surroundings (Kramer also adds humming or buzzing UFOs and barking dogs). The author describes the sightings and then tabulates common characteristics. Noises play a role in 16 cases (7 noiselessness, 6 hums, 1 voice, 1 undefined), 15 cases report a change in the environment, 7 cases speak of changes in the inner life of the witness and 6 cases mention strange human and/or animal behaviour. The Oz factor most often appears in observations in the night, and 17 of the 20 cases were only reported more than 10 years after the event. It needs more data (for example, the Oz Factor in IFO cases) to judge whether the Oz Factor is in the witness, or caused by the UFO.

Pictures of aliens in USA, October 1973 (pp. 22–30)

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and L. Ruiz Noguez show how mediatized cases influence one another in a concatenated way by detailing how the Pascagoula abduction, as initial story, inspired additional accounts, namely additional humanoid cases as well as the photo hoaxes of Beavercreek and Falkville, Alabama. Following Pascagoula, 36 landing cases allegedly occurred in the month of October (nine in two single days, October 16–17!).

Will 2023 be the year? (pp. 30–31)

Tim Printy puts a damper on expectations that 2023 will reveal UFO truth. He also believes that researching old cases will never add anything new to any “UFO evidence”, and that the only way an ET craft could be proven was by the unequivocal fact that a UFO has been seen and has left traces. However, the burden is on ET proponents to think of a methodology to find this proof. Case collections will never do.

Reviews (pp. 31–32)

No English language books are reviewed in this issue.