

### **UFO Observation (pp. 98–100)**

In May or June 1982, a soldier noticed a UFO over the Anton Saefkow Barracks at Stralsund, then in the German Democratic Republic (East Germany). The object was cigar-shaped, rounded at the ends, and metallic to look at. It hung in the air like a zeppelin but had a completely different method of flying: it seemed to rotate slowly around an axis in its centre. The description resembles a toy that was contained, at that time, in the comic magazine *Yps*, and which may have reached eastern Germany (through sending one of the magazines). This is why the observation is classed as NEAR IFO.

### **The Ariel School UFO – a dust devil? (pp. 101–105)**

The author suggests that the famous encounter of 16 September 1994 at Ariel School in Zimbabwe was caused by a dust devil. He discusses the children witness' descriptions and drawings as well as the fact that the UFO did neither appear or fly away but simply seemed to dissolve.

### **A Compendium of UFO Laws (pp. 106–110)**

If the UFO has a physical core, we should be able to find regularities in the mass of data. This has been attempted many times, from Aime Michel's orthotopies to John Keel's Wednesday phenomenon and Vallée's distribution of sightings in comparison with population density. The author looks at many such suggestions from the first 30 years of UFO research and finds that none of them has been shown to be correct.

### **The VASCO Citizen Science Project (pp. 111–113)**

The VASCO Citizen Science Project uses old photographic plates (pre-1950) from a time when there were no artificial satellites in the orbit, and new photos from the Pan-STARS telescope on Hawaii. Participants can compare the old images on the computer monitor with the new ones to see whether there has been any change. This might reveal evidence for UFOs and/or astronomical bodies which have now appeared or disappeared. The author of the article has found such a discrepancy (three missing stars) as depicted on p. 112.

### **Obituary: Ilobrand von Ludwiger (pp. 113–114)**

Ilobrand von Ludwiger died on 5 July 2023. The German UFO researcher headed MJUFON-CES until a break up with the other members, and founded and headed IGAAP until his death. Von Ludwiger was also interested in paranormal phenomena and the physical theories of Burkhard Heim which he saw as explanation for UFO phenomena.

### **Friends, Star Wars, and UAPs (pp. 115–123)**

The author, Pedro, who wishes to remain anonymous, further outlines his ideas on UFO research. He believes UFOs as hard physical vehicles are a fact although the paranormal aspects should not be overlooked. He concludes: "At the end of the day, it will not be cutting-edge technology which decides our game. In other words: We should not look for our lost car key under the lantern but just where we lost them."

### **Reviews (pp. 123–125)**

Chris Aubeck: *Alien Artifacts*. This is a fascinating read about the prehistory, so to speak, of ideas of aliens visiting us and influencing earth history, from fact to fiction and philosophy. Highly recommended.