UFO observations (pp. 34–36)

In this issue, we discuss only presumed UFO photos that actually show coloured and shaped foil balloons (for examples, figures used on birthdays), such as the examples photographed on 7 May 2022 at Hackenheim, on 17 July 2022 over Munich and on 15 August 2022 over Krefeld-Hüls. Readers are encouraged to take such photos during fairs so that an AI can be trained to sort such chaff from the wheat of UFO images.

April Fool Jokes – the first five Years (pp. 37–42)

The author has searched the German newspapers from 1948 to 1952 for jocular reports on flying saucers published on April 1st. There was an astonishing number of such reports, especially in 1950. Interestingly, these joke stories include cases with animal reactions, landings, occupant cases and crashed saucer stories – long before they were authentically reported in Germany.

The President, Congress and Deep State: UFO Disclosure as Institutional Conflict (pp. 42–51)

The author describes the political system of the US and the excess of state secrecy. He notes that the UFO discussion takes place within a triangle marked by the points executive, legislative, and press. As UFOs are a bipartisan topic, politicians and reporters of all conviction can use them as a means to attack unnecessary and undemocratic secrecy laws and the deep state, the conglomerate of business and government agencies.

UFO Research between Gullibility and Scepticism (pp. 52–64)

The UFO community is divided between believers at one end of the spectrum and militant sceptics at the other. Both are ideological stances lacking in evidence, the author says, and suggests that the controversy should be led based on an equal footing. All participants should take into account that they might be mistaken, and be open for any result.

Brief Note (pp. 64)

On March 3, 2024, several people called Hamburg police to report a strange flying object in the sky. It was found to be a stunt kite equipped with LED lights.