

UFO OBSERVATIONS (p. 102-111)

The same number of observations this time were caused by sky trackers, fire balloons and bolides. It were certainly the refelections of sky trackers on low clouds that were mistaken for a UFO on **May 19, 2000**, at **Friedrichshafen** ("12 to 16 bright cloud-like moving lights"); on **April 15, 2000**, over **Bonn** ("two concentric cicles of lights") and on **March 22, 1998** ("a single light moving on an elliptical course") at **Lüdenscheid**. The typical orange ball of light moving leasurely which are almost always fire balloons were seen on **June 17, 2000**, at **Rheinberg** ("orange ring of light resembling a balloon"); on **June 5, 1999**, at **Ca'Savio, Italy** ("orange pulsing light") and on **May 7, 2000**, over **Feuchtwangen** ("red-yellow glowing light"). Bolides were observed on **May 8, 2000**, at **Kusel** ("bright light like a meteor, only larger, moving horizontally"); on **May 7, 2000**, at **Mönchengladbach** ("bright light moving at tremendous speed") and on **June 23, 1998** at **Lüdenscheid** ("bright light moving horizontally").

On **April 13, 1997**, a witness reported two formations of three lights that moved in "a carterpillar-like fashion" over **Helmstadt**. One group of lights shot forward, then the second, then again the first. A radar printout shows that both lights were exactly at the position of planes at the time. As the description of their behavious is rather unusual, the case was classified as NEAR IFO only.

On **June 13, 2000**, a witness at **Herford** saw "a straight white cloud" in an otherwise blue and cloudless sky, and that may have been just a cloud or the exhaust of a jet.

On **July 29, 1996**, two girls saw "a black or grey disc-like object" near the moon over **Heilbronn**. As the considerable overestimated the size of the moon, they cannot have seen too much of the "alien spaceship" which they also described as point-like. It is classed as NEAR IFO, and may have been a cloud, a plane or a balloon.

On **August 28, 1992**, a 78-year-old man saw a "dark triangle" moving over **Gladbeck**. It resembled a plane, but he could not hear any noise - which is not all that unusual for a high-flying plane.

NEWS FROM ROSWELL, PART 14 (pp. 112-115)

New alleged MJ 12 documents are clearly hoaxes. They have been published by Tim Cooper and were clearly made with his typewriter (see image on p. 113). According to Corso, the infrared technology was engeneered from the crashed Roswell saucer. Yet this is untrue, it can be shown that infrared sensors were developped by Dr McLean in 1949 according to biological principles of the sidewinder swsnake. In his book "Roswell 1947 I was There" Robert Shirkey claims he was present when the Roswell wreckage was loaded into a plane. This story is an elaboration of similar but more vague claims he made in 1991. In fact, most of the book has stories of other witnesses that have long been shown to be fraudulent. To rewad the book is wasting one's time.

DESTRUCTION IN FIELDS OF BARLEY (pp. 115-117)

In May 2000, two crop circles were reported from Kedingshagen and Brandshagen, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. The usual theories were aired, i.e. deer in a field and tornadoes. But circles had similar spikes protruding from the centre which may have also been the signature of the hoaxers.

BRIEF NOTES (pp. 117-118)

A UFO seen over **Euskirchen** on **May 15, 2000**, was a large foil blown by the wind; a advertisement table carried by a helicopter was mistaken for a UFO on **May 19, 2000**, at **Düsseldorf**.

UFOs AND EVERYDAY LIFE (pp. 119-121)

New examples on how flying saucers and greys appear in the world around us - despite some ufologist's claim that there could be uncontaminated witnesses.

REVIEWS (pp. 122-129)

Clifford Pickover: *The Science of Aliens*. An often humorous and interesting speculation on how alien life forms might look or what reasons they could have to come here - from a scientific perspective.

Nigel Watson, ed.: *The Scareship Mystery*. A new book by the UK's leading UFO expert, excellent as usual. The book gives a broad overview on the airship mystery and its sociological context.

Journal of UFO Studies, vol. 7, 2000. Mainly concerned with geophysical parameters and UFO data, yet somehow the data mainly come from sighting catalogues which in themselves are highly unreliable.

B. R. Rich & L. Janos: *Skunk Works*. An easy-to-read history of stealth technology, with many quotes from the original engineers.

Jay Miller: *Lockheed Martin's Skunk Works*. Information on most stealth planes with exact descriptions.

J C Goodall: *America's Stealth Fighters and Bombers*. A glossy book with many excellent photos of stealth technology.