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ENGLISH SUMMARY

UFO OBSERVATIONS (pp.98-105)

This issue contains a good UFO case: A man and his wife were camping in July 1978 at Pouescat, Brittany, France, and looking over a cove when they observed a strange green glow below the sea, which suddenly came up, drawing the water with it, and then flew away over them as a vague, circular glowing form.

On 1 June 2008, near Vienna, a man took a photo through a window which shows something like a flying saucer with a pole beneath – certainly the reflection of a lamp in the room.

On 20 August 2008, a man took a walk along the Rhine near Bad Säckingen when he observed strange oval clouds which darted away after he photographed them. They did look very much like lamp reflections on a window pane, and in an interview with CENAP the man admitted he took his picture through the window of a moving train. The story he told was an evident lie, so the case is classed as hoax.

A man took a self portrait on 1 August 2008 at Fensterbach and later discovered a ovoid grey spot on it – again, a bird flying through the frame.

On 17 September 2007, a 10-year-old snapped a picture of clouds from a bus near Völkermarkt on which he later discovered a vague dark spot. The most likely explanation is an insect frozen when the image was taken, or some airborne object, such as a piece of paper.

UFO-Fakes with 3D-Animation-Software (pp. 106-110)

The internet is being flooded with allegedly genuine UFO videos – many of them straight from the computer, and done by artists. The author, Thomas Mertens, explains how one models such a life-like image, and that even silvery saucers disappearing behind trees are not difficult to fake. He also outlines telling signs how to discover whether a video has been manipulated or not.

FALSE MEMORIES AND UFO ABDUCTIONS (pp. 111-120)

Thomas Bullard's study of the false memory syndrome and UFO abductions, outlining similarities and pointing out differences, taken from the Journal of UFO Studies 8, 2003, part 4.

REMARKS ABOUT THE BOOK "BEGEGNUNG MIT DEM UNFASSBAREN" (pp. 121-123)

In his book "Begegnung mit dem Unfassbaren", ancient astronaut author Hartwig Hausdorf claims he found an alien-human-hybrid in the so called chicken-man of Waldenburg, a malformed foetus. André Kramer shows that, contrary to Hausdorf's claims that nobody ever found a reason for the form of the child, tests have identified a genetic defect as cause.

BRIEF NOTES (pp. 124-125)

* iPhone offers a range of saucer pictures that one can blend into real photos.

* An article in "Fortean Times" shows how the military was interested in harnessing ball lightning energies.

* Tests have shown that staged films shown after events influence eyewitness accounts. There is a danger in showing UFO witnesses videos of alleged real UFOs or of common stimuli in the attempt to evaluate what they have seen.