

UFO Observations (pp. 2–5)

On 26 December 2015, a woman took a selfie at Emmendingen-Wasser and discovered a gigantic white UFO in the background. This was a hoax, however, as the space ship is the app “Camera360”. Exactly the same starship also appears in a mobile phone picture allegedly taken in January 2016, at Haris in the Lebanon – so this is a hoax, too. Three pictures of a circle with smaller lights within, taken on 21 November 2014 over Lingen, were identified as lens flare quite common in this make of mobile phone camera.

UFO alarm at Georgenberg (pp. 6-7)

On 17 January 2016, several witnesses reported coloured lights hovering at the Georgenberg, a mountain near Reutlingen. They proved to be LED lights attached to a large kite.

Triangle UFO over Kassel is a CGI-Effect (pp. 7–8)

On YouTube, a video appeared that shows a grey triangle UFO moving over Kassel – but in a channel that also features videos of pterosaurs over England and the like – and the same UFO is also shown hovering over a maize field in Baden-Württemberg. YouTube Platform *UFOTheater* was able to show that the “craft” first passes behind a castle in the distance, then blocks a twig of a tree in the close distance – a clear compositing error.

New website of the German Cooperation Initiative UFO Research (p. 9)

In the last six months, the three biggest UFO associations in Germany, DEGUFO, GEP and MUFON-CES, agreed to further cooperation in several projects. We have now launched a new bilingual website (German/English) containing a blog with news about UFO research in German-speaking countries. It shall be a first step for providing better information about what we’re doing to European and international researchers and organizations. We plan to describe our work and our projects step by step in new blog entries, starting with the German UFO Database.

Argentine Air Force releases UFO Research Report (pp. 10–12)

A brief report of some 12 pages, covering 10 cases, has been released by the Argentine Air Force. Authorities will analyse only reports with additional proof, i.e. photographic cases. An analyses shows that the Air Force does not receive reports that differ much from those which reach civilian investigators, with the same explanations, too.

Why Project PROBLEMATIC UFO stagnates – and why we need a better defined classification of UFO Reports the GEP has researched (pp. 13–21)

The author refers to criticism aimed at GEP’s project GOOD UFO, and tries to draw conclusions from that for the additional research into GEP’s PROBLEMATIC UFO cases. First of all, there is the difficulty to precisely define how many the “considerable” anomalous criteria are that are needed for a UFO, and to redefine what exactly constitutes PROBLEMATIC, GOOD, and BEST UFO cases. Then, we might use better defined case material to better define the GOOD UFO category.

Reviews (pp. 22–32)

No English language books are reviewed in this issue.