

UFO-OBSERVATIONS (pp. 34–41)

In this section, Hans-Werner Peiniger offers an interesting case from ca. 2010 at Michelstadt, where a witness, standing on his balcony, saw a small metallic ball no further than 50 cm from him. It had a diameter of some 16 cm (0.5 ft.) and just hovered close to him. He went to his bath room, collected some toilet paper, crumpled it up into tiny balls and threw them at the metallic globe, which changed place to avoid the throw. It returned to its place, the witness threw a second paper ball, and then the UFO shot away. Several possible explanations are discussed, such as ball-lightning, St Elmo's fire and soap bubbles, but none seems to fit. The incident is classed as PROBLEMATIC UFO and not GOOD UFO, because a neighbour who saw it too seemed not to have attached too much importance to the object.

An anonymous witness sent in pictures of three lights in the sky he took on 9 January 2008, at Werther. Investigation revealed it was the reflection of a LED-night light on a double glazed window pane. Obviously the sender intended to test the GEP.

Another photo, taken on 26 July 2018 at Bad Rappenau, shows a semi-circular, dark object which moved with the wind and will have been a balloon, possibly a banana-shaped foil balloon.

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Observations that could be quickly identified are briefly listed in this section. Again, as is common today, most are photographic cases. In chronological order, these are the milky circle snapped on 1 January 2019 at Ehingen (balloon with LED-lights), the concentric white rings photographed on 17 February 2019 over Braunau am Inn, Austria (balloon with distortion from focussing of the lens), the dark spots on a picture from 31 March 2019 at Burg (insect), the red and white spots photographed on 1 June 2019 at Öschingen (balloons), the dark spot discovered on a picture from 2 June 2019 at Schwechat, Austria (insect), the dark spot on a 3 June 2019 Essen photo (black sun photographic effect), the bright white light photographed on 13 June 2019 over Emlichheim (star Capella, astronomically confirmed), the dark spots and forms which appeared on pictures taken on 13 June 2019 at Sangerhausen-Riestedt (insect) and on 16 June 2019 at Santa Cruz de Teneriffe, Canary Islands, Spain (bumble bee), the “wobbling disc” snapped on 27 June 2019 at Aarbergen-Michelbach was a balloon and the several light spots in the sky photographed on 28 June 2019 at Bernau bei Berlin very likely helium balloons. The final, beautiful image was taken on 1 September 2018 at Krummhörn-Greetsiel is of the star Capella with effects due to focussing problems of the camera.

The Problem with Group Sightings (P. 50–58)

Sometimes, more than one witness observes an anomalous phenomenon. Generally, in the literature, the main witness is quoted, and the remaining ones confirm what he or she has just said. At other times, someone has the presence of mind to interview the witnesses separately. Often, very different stories emerge. This article outlines 22 instances where several people watching the same object at the same time offer completely different descriptions, from conventional to highly exotic. The author concludes that strangeness is a characteristic not of the UFO, but of the witness.

Reviews (p. 59–64)

Maurizio Verga: *Flying Saucers In The Sky* – A big book full of surprises which analyses the first three weeks of the modern UFO phenomenon from 23,000 contemporary news clippings. We have everything already in place – landings, traces, humanoids, conspiracy. The author describes in great detail, and offers many valuable insights in the birth of the alien mystery. Most highly recommended!