

UFO Observation (pp. 66–68)

A sighting report forwarded by the University of Würzburg came from police officer T. who, with his colleague, was asked by headquarters to look out for any strange objects in the sky on 18 September 1979 over Weißenburg. They and a second police team drove to a location with a panoramic view and were able to observe two silvery glowing objects silently approaching their position. As the objects passed over the witnesses, they could see that they were shaped and spinning like a child's top. Inquiries with air traffic control showed that the objects had not been registered. The witnesses then observed further flight manoeuvres of the objects. Suddenly, behind one of the objects, they noticed a long trail of fire, like a rocket being launched, and the object sped away at incredible speed. This happened in a wave of more sightings, and is classed as a PROBLEMATIC UFO.

UFO Reporting Procedures in Germany (pp. 69–78)

The author Dr Walter Andritzky outlines regulations for reporting UFOs within the European Union and Germany, covering procedures in civilian flying, the EASA Data4Safety Program, the Aircraft Proximity Evaluation Group (APEG), as well as several reporting protocols for military craft. He concludes that an overall clearing house is needed to prevent collisions of planes and UFOs in the future.

The Search for Extra-terrestrial Intelligence and the UFO Phenomenon – Philosophic Aspects of a modern Debate, Part 3 (pp. 79–90)

In the third part of his longer article, Kurt Ullrich outlines several aspects of the UFOs, if they were real and extra-terrestrial. He first addresses the Fermi Paradox (“Where is Everybody?”) and Avi Loeb's search for SETI in the solar system, then regards the reality of extra-terrestrial visitors as the fourth great insult to mankind (according to Freud, the first three were the cosmological – the Earth is not the centre of the Universe, the biological – man evolved, just like all creature, and the psychological – man is not autonomous but ruled by his drives). He suggests we understand ET presence as a challenge and not an insult.

REVIEWS (pp. 90–94)

Adam Allsuch Boardman: An Illustrated History of UFOs – with the collaboration of David Clarke, this book gives a competent, comic-book-style outline of UFO history. Nice to have; and it can be read with fun.

BRIEF NOTES (pp. 94)

Helicopter Crew Films UFO – In the night of 6 November 2018, a helicopter crew filmed UFOs over Tucson, Arizona. The points of light were most likely birds or bats.