

"TRIANGLE" ACTIVITY CONTINUES OVER THE BRITISH MIDLANDS

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A British Airways *Boeing 737* had a close encounter with a triangular craft over the Pennines on January 6th this year. According to national press reports, "terrified" fliers Captain Roger Willis and First Officer Mark Stuart "ducked down" in the cockpit as the British Airways jet headed for a midair collision.

The plane was en-route from Milan to Manchester, when the brightly lit triangle suddenly appeared ahead of them on a collision course. It flew directly towards them, passing close down the right-hand side of the aircraft. According to local Air Traffic Control the *Boeing 737* was the only aircraft in the area and nothing else had been seen on the radar. The Civil Aircraft Authority (CAA) has now launched an enquiry.

This incident is only one of many that have been taking place in the East Midlands area in recent months. The Phenomenon Research Association of Derby sent a fax message to Manchester Airport Air Traffic Control on the 5th October 1993, warning them of "Flying Triangles" in their air space, but received no response. There has been a marked increase in 'triangle' activity in the East Midlands so far this year:-

January	3 incidents
February	7 incidents
March (to 6th)	3 incidents

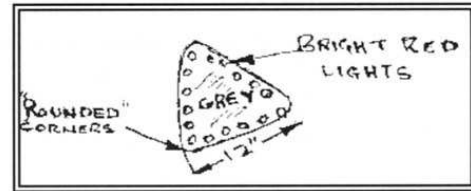
Elsewhere in Britain, it is understood that two triangles were observed following each other over Hayling Island, Hampshire, at 16 45 on 2nd February, and that a triangle was seen over Waterlooville, Hampshire, at 03 00 on March 5th this year.

A study of local 'Flying Triangle' events has produced some interesting data:-

- They always appear in darkness. (This can be as early as 6 pm and extend through to 7 am).
- Initially they appear to travel from East to West, returning in the opposite direction up to two hours later.
- They usually travel slowly (30 mph) and low (approx. 800 ft). They may perform slow turning manoeuvres over a built-up area.
- At times they produce a low humming noise, although a 'roar' has been heard on occasions.
- When travelling low over the countryside, they may shoot down a beam of light like a searchlight.
- Their appearance (and possibly departure) is preceded by a flash in the sky, similar to 'sheet lightning'.

A TYPICAL "FLYING TRIANGLE" REPORT FROM THE EAST MIDLANDS.

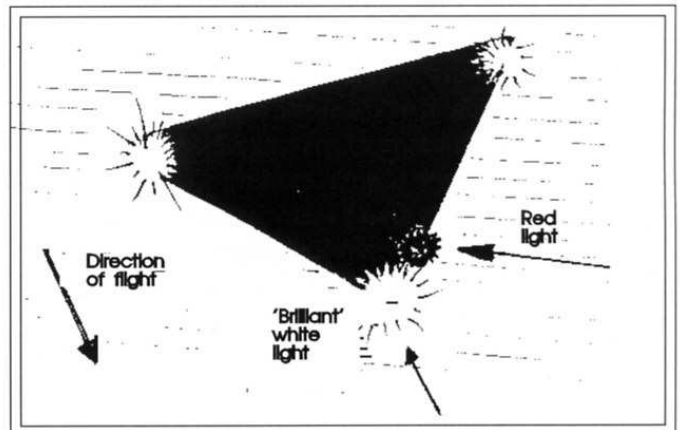
This huge triangle was observed over Derby by a 38-year-old woman and her twin daughters, aged 10, at 10 55 pm on Saturday 21st January 1995. "It had bright



lights all round the edges, and was hovering" She estimated the breadth of the rear side of the triangle at twelve inches (apparent size at arm's length).

Five minutes earlier (10 50 pm), triangular lights were seen passing eastwards over the coast near Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire.... by Peter Gregory of the 'Skywatch UK' group ... could this have been the same craft?

Below: Witnesses have frequently referred to a red light situated next to the leading white light. The lighting sequence may vary, with triangles being lit up "like an Xmas tree" ■



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OBITUARY:

LEONARD STRINGFIELD

Leonard H. Stringfield (1920-1994), who died on December 18 last, was one of the very great pioneers in our subject, and particularly recognised as the world's absolutely leading specialist on UFO crash and retrieval studies. He had been an early member of Major Donald Keyhoe's NICAP, and later became MUFON State Section Director for South Ohio and an Assistant Editor of the MUFON UFO JOURNAL.

Until his retirement in 1981 Len had been an executive with the firm of Dubois Chemicals in Cincinnati, Ohio. He leaves a wife and three daughters, to whom our warmest sympathies go.

Len wrote two books, *Inside Saucer Post* and *Situation Red, The Saucer Siege*, but his big work was a whole series of at least eight meticulously compiled *Status Reports* on his investigations or interviews or correspondence with, several dozens (I think

he must at the end have had about fifty) of eyewitnesses and key figures, still living, who claimed to have seen crashed craft or dead aliens or both, or to have very special secret knowledge of such.

Over the years FSR has devoted many articles to Len Stringfield. It is good to see that, in MUFON Journal for February 1995, full recognition is accorded to Len for all his achievements..

And it is to be hoped that, in the field of US UFO research, (where the primadonnas seem to be so thick on the ground) his name and his contributions will be remembered and not thrust aside and forgotten with such alacrity — dare we call it that — as appears to have been the case with certain other pioneers — for example, Keyhoe, Hynek, McDonald, and the Lorenzens.

So long for now, Len. You are through and OK.
G.C.■

QUERIES REGARDING A GERMAN PLACE-NAME ON THE BALTIC COAST

I have had time to check with my old office, the British Permanent Committee on Geographical Place-Names, and we have ascertained that the small coastal resort to which reference is made in Señora del Amo Freixedo's interview with Robert Dean (see top of Page 4 of FSR 39/3) is TIMMENDORFERSTRAND — sometimes written as either TIMMENDORFER-STRAND, or TIMMENDORFER STRAND. 'Strand' in German means 'beach' or 'shore' (before the area was drained and the Thames dredged, our London street, The Strand, ran along the banks of the river).

The spot lies on the Lübecker Bucht (Lübeck Bight) a few kilometres due north of the ancient Hansa city of Lübeck, and is a favourite 'seaside resort' for people from Hamburg.

Curiously enough, if this is 'Timmendorf Beach', then there ought to be a 'Timmendorf' — ('Timmen Village') — lying nearby or slightly inland. However, there

does not seem to be one. (Note that there is no 's' in the word as it was given in FSR 39/3.)

We particularly thank the eight or nine readers who sent in letters helping to put us right about this place.

It is to be noted that *there is indeed a Timmendorf* lying on the Baltic Coast and *further to the east*. But in 1962, when the UFO crash mentioned by Bob Dean is said to have occurred, and right up until the recent reunification of Germany, that other Timmendorf lay *inside the East German 'Democratic' Republic*, a vassal-state of the USSR, so it cannot possibly have been the place where a UFO crashed and was examined by the British Military! TIMMENDORFERSTRAND lies firmly within the borders of what we then called West Germany, and is fact just about ten kilometres this side of the old frontier between the Soviet Empire and the Free World of the West. G.C.

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