

Horse ill after UFO incident

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FAMOUS in UFO annals is the case of Snippy, a pet pony on the King Ranch in Colorado who, one shocking day in September, 1967, was found dead with the flesh stripped with surgical precision from its neck and head. Strange markings in the ground nearby and reports of unexplained aerial sightings led to speculation that UFO visitors were involved.

The case quickly became a news-headliner and tourist attraction, with the result that after a while it was difficult to tell fiction from fact. But whatever the truth of it (and unaccountably scant attention was paid to other livestock deaths in the same area about the same time), there is no question that these strangers have a pronounced interest in our animals, sometimes with unhappy results. Animals, in turn, often react with frenzy whenever a UFO is in the vicinity. Some observers believe this is because the mysterious craft emit a sound too high (or too low?) for human ears but audible to animals who for some reason are maddened by that particular pitch.

That may be so—or at least part of the story—but it does little to explain the plight of one horse—perhaps a second one was involved without a witness present—we heard about from that tireless UFO investigator, Bill Allan of Calgary, who sent us a tape recording of the incident after our visit to Alberta last autumn. The person involved was a Calgary chiropractor who asked that his name be withheld. We have his identity but respect his wish and will call him “the doctor”.

The doctor said the incident occurred about 8 o'clock one evening in late August while he was riding his horse along a river trail on the Sarcee Indian reserve west of Calgary. The weather was clear and stars were just beginning to shine.

“Suddenly, for no apparent reason, my horse, a mare, became very alert and stiff and started to pass ‘manure’, a sign of nervousness. Then very quickly it became extremely violent and practically uncontrollable, turning and twisting. I had to be very careful because the river was on my left and on my right there were trees and a barbed wire fence.”

At that point, the doctor said, what appeared to be an odd low-flying cloud ahead caught the top of his vision. It had a billowy contour and was about 70ft. across.

Trying now to get off his skittish mount, the doctor did not at first pay close attention to the “cloud”. But seconds later his attention became riveted on it when a solid-appearing object silently started to emerge.

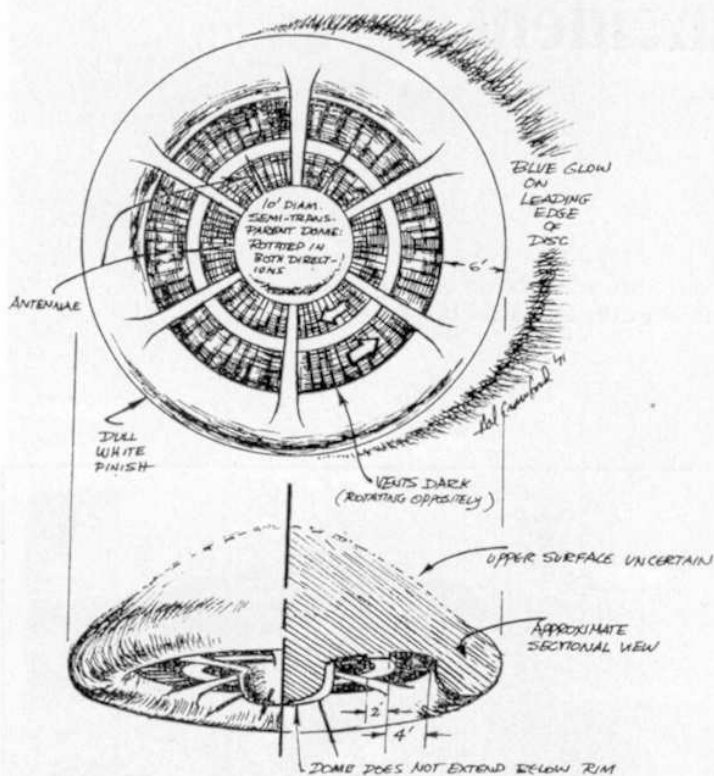


“It came out as if to observe what was happening below which, I guess, was me on my horse,” he said. “It was made of a material that looked like a plastic or fibreglass of a bluish steel colour, or a silvery blue. The underpart of it, which was all I could see, was slightly oval in shape and contained two circular vent-like structures, like the bottom of a mushroom, rotating in opposite directions. I could actually see them going round, as they were moving quite slowly.”

In his talk with Allan the doctor stressed that his view of the craft was badly interrupted by the wild actions of his horse but afterwards he was able to sort out the details in his mind. He remembered that the two sets of slats, moving noiselessly at first, were separated by a casing of some sort about 2ft. wide, and the vents themselves were about 4ft. wide. They revolved about a slightly squared central piece protruding from the bottom of the craft.

“I couldn’t hear anything myself but I wondered if the object was giving off a sound that hurt my horse’s ears because by this time she was thrashing her head about very violently,” the doctor said. “I was having so much trouble with her that I was only able to catch glimpses of what was happening, but after a moment I saw the object start to go back into its cloud and the whole formation began to rise, veering off

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toward the southwest. It moved very slowly, not seeming to be in any hurry, and as it left, the cloud became more turbulent and began to disintegrate. It trailed behind as the vehicle moved off towards the horizon and disappeared."

By this time the doctor had managed to dismount from his nervous horse and, in a moment of relative calm as he held her reins, he detected a soft vibrating noise from the craft as it started to leave. He imitated the effect by making a swishing sound through his lips that sounded somewhat similar to the noise of a stick whipped back and forth through the air. He thought the sound had about the same beat as the rotating vents.

While Allan and ufologist Dr. Max Edwards of Victoria, B.C., visiting Calgary at the time, questioned him for further details, the doctor drew a sketch of what he saw (see Hal Crawford's reproduction). He emphasised that at no time did he see the top of the craft but his impression was that the upper edges curved upwards and inwards.

The bottom part, which he could see clearly, was generally concave in shape and consisted essentially of the two concentric sets of vents already described. The vents were darker than the plastic-like body of the craft, which he estimated to be about 40ft. in diameter.

A particularly noticeable feature of the craft was the appearance and operation of the bottom central section which he figured was about 10ft. across and was connected to the outer rim of the vehicle by tapering beams.

"It had three or four spikes like antennas sticking out of it," he said, "and I could see by the motion of these that the whole thing was able to revolve. It would turn a bit in one direction, stop and go on or turn back in the other direction. These rods or antennas varied from about 4 to 6ft. in length and gave me the impression they were a searching device. In fact, the whole central dome seemed to be a sort of observation station."

Although the object itself had a dull finish the witness observed a brilliant electric-blue light along its leading edge as it emerged from the cloud. "It was like a welder's arc," he said.

The doctor went on to explain that for two or three days after the incident his horse was very head-shy and he suspected that somehow her ears had been affected by the experience. Unfortunately, however, worse was to come, suggesting that more than sound-damage may have been involved.

The trouble started several weeks later when the doctor noticed sore-looking spots, as if made by burning, breaking out on the horse's head. In a matter of days these had spread down her neck (the same area of the damage inflicted on Snippy) and a goitre-like swelling had started to show.

"It looked like a mass of tumours," is the opinion of Bill Allan who, with a touring TV crew from the Ontario department of education, went to see the horse.

At last report the unlucky animal's veterinarian had been unable to diagnose the trouble and samples from the affected area were being tested.

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To this already mystifying chain of events, the doctor added one more puzzling incident. He said that for an hour or so after their encounter with the strange vehicle, his horse remained quite nervous and he allowed her time to graze and calm down.

"But soon after I had mounted her and started on our way back, she began to stiffen up again and I thought, 'Oh, no, not another one!' But this time she wasn't quite as uneasy and we continued along until something lying in the bush caught my eye. I rode closer and saw it was a horse on its side, obviously dead. The strange part was that its exposed side was badly singed, though there was no sign of a fire having been there. But whatever had happened must have occurred very recently, as I could still smell burnt hair, and when I got down and felt the horse, it was still warm. Also, there was no sign of rigor mortis."

The doctor did not at first connect this discovery with his UFO sighting. Instead, continuing on, he reported it as a matter of routine to a young man he knew whose family lived nearby, and they agreed to look at the horse the next day to see if it could be identified.

But next day, though they had no trouble finding the imprint where the carcass had lain, they were unable to find a trace of the horse itself. To their utter mystification, the heavy growth surrounding the spot was unbroken and unmarked, even though it was apparent that a vehicle of considerable weight would have been needed to travel that far through the bush in the first place and to carry the carcass in the second.

So unmarred was the scene, it was just as if somehow the horse had been lifted directly from the spot and hauled away by air!

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Unusual underwater object

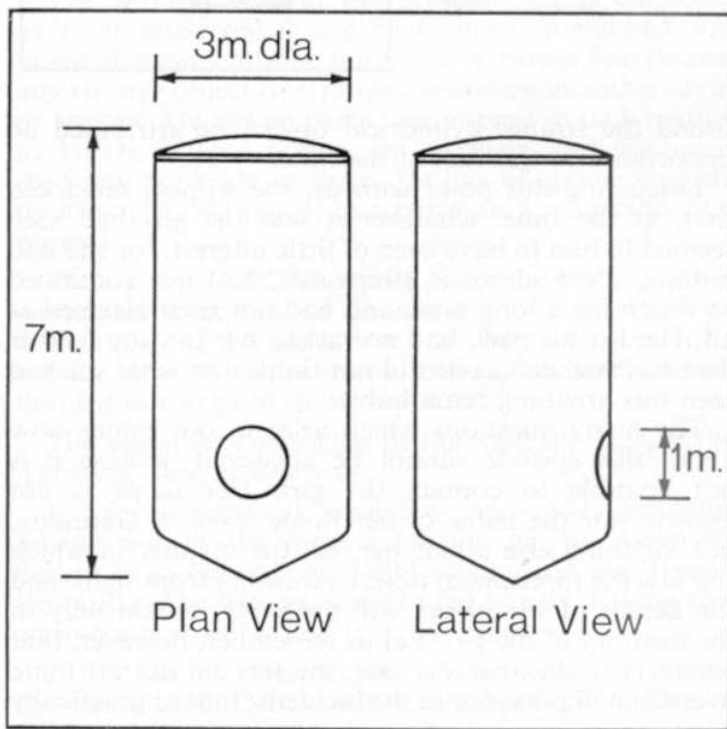
Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos

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At about 1.00 p.m. on Sunday, July 26, 1970, a 24-year-old aqualung diver was engaged in hunting fish off Alcocebre (Castellón) at a spot (40° 14' 45" North Latitude, 3° 58' 40" East Longitude) just off the urban settlement of "Las Fuentes". The water was some 8 to 10 metres deep and the spot was some 60 or 70 metres from the shore-line.

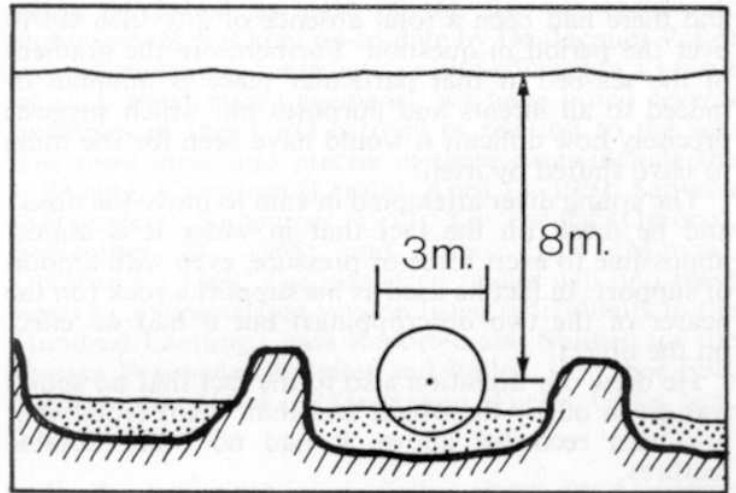
Discovery of the object

The sea-bed at this particular region is of very fine sand with softly eroded rock outcroppings. As is the usual practice in underwater fishing in Spain, the man was using aqualung containers of compressed air.



The underwater object in detail

Suddenly, at some distance from him, he noticed, on the sea-bed, a strange metallic object. It was sticking up over the top of a rocky outcropping. So he went nearer to observe it, and he found that, lying between two of the outcrops which were about 9 metres apart, there was a metallic object sunk about 8 inches or so into the sand. Its length was about 7 metres, its width about 3 metres, and one of its ends was slightly conical. The other end, which was slightly convex, was pointed



The submarine capsule between two fingers of rock (sectional view)

out to sea. Near the conical end, and on the upper part of the object, there was a break in the continuity, about 1 centimetre wide and 2 centimetres deep, running right round the cylinder, enclosing a circular area about 1 metre in diameter. There was a similar groove running round the convex end.

The surface of the cylinder was metallic, polished, of a colour resembling the colour of dull stainless steel. It had no rivets or anything resembling rivets and it did not look as though it had been under the water very long, for there were no calcareous deposits on it, no unevennesses, nor was it rusted at all. He estimated that, since it was so absolutely clean and lacking incrustations, it could not have been there even as much as a week.

He tested and found that it was not magnetic, for when he put his knife (magnetised, as is the usual practice) against it, there was no magnetic effect. Then he tried to scratch the surface of the object with the knife, but neither knife nor cylinder showed any mark from the scratching.

He used his underwater gun to measure the cylinder.

When we were talking to the diver about the affair we discussed the question of whether it could have been a container of dumped industrial or radioactive waste.

He replied that he was unable to say yes or no to the idea since he had no knowledge of such matters, but nevertheless he repeated, emphatically, that it would have needed "a tremendous storm" to have shifted it from the particular place where it was on the sea-bed,