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AUSTRALIA: ON THE UFO TRAIL: IV

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For Paul Norman's carefully researched and very important previous articles on the Nullarbor Encounter of the Knowles family, and on related cases in Australia, see FSR 33/2 (June Qr., 1988); FSR 33/4 (December Qr., 1988); and FSR 34/2 (June Qr., 1989). — EDITOR

DURING September 1970, I crossed the Nullarbor Plain in Western Australia for the first time. Since then, my visits to the area have been many, stopping off at first one road-house then another. On each and every trip across that interesting desert outback of Australia I have encountered stories of strange lights, of objects and experiences that have occurred to numerous motorists, truck-drivers and bus-drivers, as well as reports from pilots who have flown over the region.

One of the most recent encounters was that of a Pioneer bus-driver and his passengers who were

paced for 10 km. Although the object was near ground level and the sky was overcast with no stars visible at that time, the planet Jupiter was the "explanation" put forward by dedicated debunkers. *If true, it was the first recorded appearance of Jupiter below the clouds of Earth.* From this same source debunkers also tried to convince the nation that the right rear tyre of the Knowles' family car had been damaged by running at high speed on the rim. Just how this could be done without battering the rim was not explained. Such debunking attempts coming from this crop of so-called experts is giving them the reputation of the leading

"SCIENCE"

IT is astonishing to see how much talk there still is about a "scientific explanation" of the UFO Phenomenon.

The Phenomenon has been a reality for an ever-growing proportion of mankind since it burst upon their consciousness in 1947. (Which of course does not mean to say that it had never existed here previously to 1947. Maybe it has "always been there", but we simply weren't smart enough to know about it!)

So, since 1947, vast numbers of people have been beavering away with their typewriters and, later, with their word-processors and their computers, churning out reams and reams of articles and scores of books. And what has been the upshot of it all? I have yet to learn of any sure evidence that anybody or any Government has gleaned anything whatsoever about the alien vehicles, about their means of propulsion, or about the source or sources from which they and their occupants come. (It is true that we now know — alas — a very great deal about what the entities are doing to us humans. But this unwelcome knowledge does not seem to have brought any compensating benefits to mankind.)

And so I still say: I see no evidence that we have learned anything *scientific*. Perhaps we ought to bear in mind that the Latin word "*Scientia*" simply means "KNOWLEDGE". AND WHAT WE CALL "SCIENCE" IS *OUR KNOWLEDGE*.

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Malfunction Junction in Australia, in second place only to Philip Klass, the chief dedicated debunker in the United States, with his so-called "scientific" investigation of unknown phenomena.

This sort of ridicule prevents innocent and sincere observers from coming forward to report their experiences so that we might learn more about the mystery objects. Usually, the observers do not know enough about the subject to defend themselves, whereas the seasoned Ufologist could dish the ridicule right back into the debunkers' faces.

The Nullarbor Plain has become so interesting to me that as this article is being written (September 1989) I am again on the UFO Trail on the Nullarbor Plain, accompanied by three contacts who are as intrigued with the subject as myself.

A Question of Water?

Over the years, I have spoken with individuals who are native to the region; especially people who have observed UFOs while out hunting, and others whose occupations have taken them to the area. Many of these reports concerned strange lights not only flying high in the sky but darting about and hovering low over the ground.

Such reports as these are the primary reason for my current visit, because one of the main features appears to be that some of the objects are hovering over openings in the ground which lead to the vast underground water basin under the Nullarbor Plain.

There are thousands of reports world-wide, where UFOs are near fresh water sources, which may be the reason more objects are reported from South America than any other continent. This is due to both the isolation and the abundant fresh water supply there, whereas Australia is the driest of our continents, and the water supply is very much restricted. It has come to my attention that the water-levels in dams have dropped during UFO activity over farms; water-tanks have also been emptied while UFOs have hovered overhead.

There must be a reason why so many reports are coming from people who see UFOs hovering over lakes, ponds, and water-tanks. Of course a large amount of water can be taken from large bodies of water *without any fall in the level being noticed. However, the difference in level of small ponds, dams, or tanks, can be readily observed.*

I would like to hear from witnesses who have observed UFO/water-related incidents. I am sure too many cases exist for it to be classified as coincidental.

Two of those cases previously mentioned in *The Australian UFO Bulletin* were the White Acres Encounter and the Bundalaguah property activity, where farmers reported an unusually low water-level in the billabongs (pools) located in Eastern Victoria.

About the same time, another dairy farmer watched as a UFO hovered over one of his water-tanks before landing a few metres away from the tanks, leaving a four-metre circle where it had sat on the ground. Although that incident occurred during the same period as the above-mentioned cases, it was nearly two years afterwards before we learned of it. The farmer had previously reported a close encounter, but was ridiculed. He reported the later incident to us after a friend told him of VUFORS whose researchers seriously investigate encounters.

The Cracked Tank

When Pat Gildea and I arrived for a visit to his

farm we noticed cracks in a concrete tank which had been repaired, and asked the farmer for the reason. His reply was that he assumed the initial crack was caused by an earth tremor, *although he knew of no such tremor.* Water was being pumped into the tank, and he was not sure whether or not any water was taken. The damaged tank was later replaced by a new one. (See photo No 1)

Only six months ago VUFORS received another similar report. Although the incident had taken place about the same time, witnesses did not come forward because they feared ridicule. On that occasion the water was taken from a circular trough through a float-valve fed from the adjacent concrete tank which had a sealed top. (See photos 2 and 3)

During the same period, circles were found near other watering-troughs after strange lights had been seen in the same vicinity. We have only recently learned of yet another case; however, witnesses to this event now live in England, and it will be some time before we know the details.

UFO Activity in Victoria State

In December 1977 and January 1978, dairy farmers in and around Leitchville, Victoria, were buzzed by mysterious lights. We interviewed some of the farmers who had sent us reports (names in VUFORS files). However, those interested proved to be far more than just the few residents of the small town. So many in fact, that VUFORS President Judith Magee and I were requested to give a lecture at the Town Hall. People came from miles around, and from as far away as Echuca, Swan Hill, and Shepparton. The Hall was packed, leaving only standing room. It was decided that a repeat lecture should be given the following night. Later we learned of the reason for the keen interest — many of the farmers who had either been buzzed while irrigating, or had sighted UFOs, or knew of friends and relations who had had experiences but had hesitated to report for fear of ridicule, were eager to know more about the UFOs.

What was there around that area to attract UFOs? Why, of course, it was the centre of the irrigation system of Northern Victoria!

Queensland

Another location that experiences more than average waves of UFO appearances, so many in fact that some of the local residents regard them as "only a part of the scenery", is Tully in Queensland. Tully receives the highest rainfall on the Australian continent.

"Cigar" over Victoria

Now, the most recent incident, January 1989 at 7.15 a.m. — a large cigar-shaped UFO appeared over a farm located in the Western District of Victoria. The object was described as dull silver in colour. It was observed for about five minutes while stationary over a shed where irrigation pumps were located, and disappeared when the farmer's wife started up her car to go and tell her husband who was working some distance away. This was the same farm where all the water in a small dam disappeared overnight. It was in the same area where a small circular object was seen to merge with a large cigar-shaped UFO while irrigation was in progress.

Just a few days prior to the latest sighting, an empty water-tank went missing from the farm. The tank was found later, three paddocks away, where it had been dropped from the air. Did the Ufonauts think they



Photo No 1 (left)
The cracked concrete
water tank.

Photo No 2 (right)
The tank in the second
case.

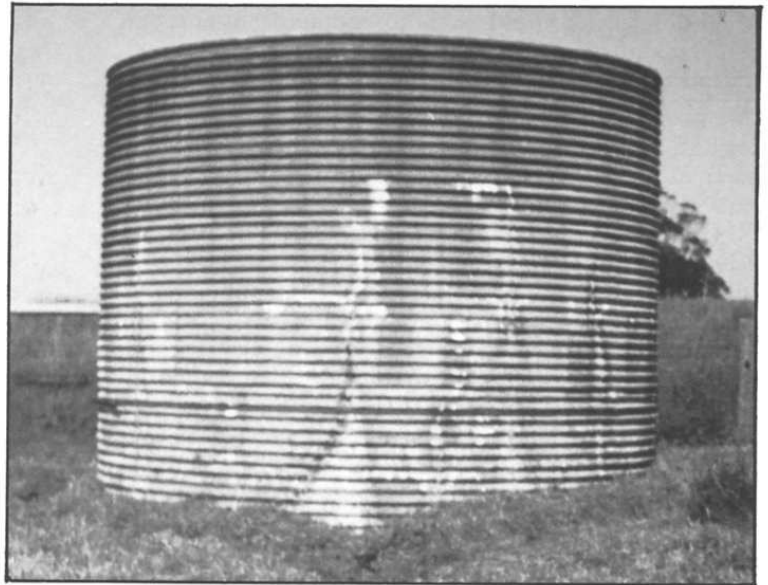


Photo No 3 (below).



were going to draw water from the tank? Can Ufo-nauts be mistaken? Surely many more cases exist but go unreported because of the ridicule-barrier constructed by arm-chair "experts" and the misinformation from debunkers.

While more research needs to be done, the frequency of UFO/fresh water-related cases is too high to be classed as coincidence, and raises many questions such as: *"Is hydrogen being extracted from the water for some means of propulsion? Is water being taken out of earth's recycling system? Is this the reason Ufonauts are evasive — following the same characteristics of thieves who avoid detection? Are they stealing our water? If so, where are they taking the water?"*

Is Mars the Clue?

It is interesting to note that the latest photos of Mars reveal a large number of dried up river-beds and proves that much water must have once existed on that planet. *How about the "face on Mars"?* Was it artificially carved or is it a natural formation? If artificially constructed, was it left as a memorial to an extinct race? Or are some of them still surviving in an underground "oasis"? Were there once trees, grass, and other plants on Mars, and as the water diminished did greenery cease to become important and the priority shifted to survival?

Recent remarks from individuals associated with the Mars probes have included puzzling comments about certain mysterious structures revealed in Mars photographs. These vague comments have even appeared in science publications such as *"New Scientist"* magazine. Are orthodox scientists beginning to think as Ufologists have been doing for decades?

"Orthodox Science" Constantly Wrong

Since my early years, when I was taught that the atom could not be split, I have observed that orthodox scientists continue to prove themselves to be wrong. Since I have been involved in UFO research, I have lost much confidence in orthodox scientists. Only a very small percentage of orthodox scientists are of any help to Ufology. The vast majority insist that UFOs are impossible, because their reported manoeuvres are against the laws of physics.

The statement is precisely word for word the same as their forefathers made about the turn of the last century, when they said the airplane was impossible because it was against the laws of physics. The elementary-educated Wright Brothers did not know it could not be done, so they did it.

Carl Sagan refuses to recognize any intelligence unless it first contacts him through his radio telescope, while he ignores the evidence below his dish. He insists that any intelligence that may exist is too far away to reach Earth. He, of course, has heard of Albert Einstein and he, of course, knows of relative time and relativity, but Carl Sagan does not appear to have thought about the practical application of relative time.

Meanwhile, returning to our theme, does the UFO Trail lead to Mars? Or to beyond?

NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR

During the almost 35 years of FSR's existence, we have published a lot of reports about possible water-stealing, and about queer and sudden losses of water from lakes and ponds and tanks, etc. I do not have the time to look them all up. But one case I remember well — I think it was about an American reservoir called Lake Titicus (?).

The authority who spent most time thinking about this immensely serious problem was "the late" M.K. Jessup, a fine scholar and scientist whose early death (by "suicide" of course) was almost certainly organized.

His three books, *UFO* (1955); *The UFO Annual* (1956); and *The Expanding Case For The UFO* (1957), are all of great importance. Jessup has a lot to say about water-stealing, and about the huge tanker-craft which he suspected were carrying off our precious liquid. He also thought and spoke a lot about Mars and the Moon as the possible sources of such craft.

Yes — I feel sure that Jessup got dangerously near to something, and lost his life as a result. And — Yes! — I entirely share Paul Norman's suspicions.

The modern generation of UFO researchers probably know nothing about Jessup or his work, and nothing about this "water problem". This is bound to happen, since human life is so ephemeral — relatively not much longer than the life of a midge. *"As for man, his days are as grass, as a flower..."* This is why so much wisdom and knowledge from the past are constantly being lost, and this is why poor old *Homo Sap.* (self-dubbed) has never been able to take a proper look at himself and make a far more realistic appraisal of his own lowly place in the "Cosmic Scheme of Things". — G.C.

MORE AUSTRALIAN MOTORISTS CHASED BY A UFO

According to reports in the London newspapers of October 8, 1989, amazed motorists in Australia were describing how they had been chased along the road by what seemed *"like a UFO cop car"*!

Said driver Alan Shaehan, of Portland, New South Wales (a few miles north-west of Sydney): "It looked like the beacon on a police patrol car. But it was much brighter. As we watched, it flew horizontally, eastwards, towards the sea!"

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CORNFIELD CIRCLE REPORTS

I. AN AMERICAN CORNFIELD CIRCLE

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Our new contributor, Colonel Robert E. Reid, USAF (Ret'd), whom we are very happy to introduce to our readers, is aged 52 and spent more than 26 years in the U.S. Air Force, retiring in 1987 to Florida, where he is extremely active as a MUFON member. He has been greatly involved in the investigations of the extraordinary GULF BREEZE case, and his name will already be familiar to all who have kept abreast of GULF BREEZE in the MUFON JOURNAL, or who have read Donald Ware's chapter on the case in Timothy Good's latest book, THE UFO REPORT 1990.

British readers will also be particularly interested to know that, when in the U.S. Air Force, Colonel Reid spent three years stationed at RAF Bentwaters, Suffolk — in other words "in Rendlesham Forest territory"! — EDITOR

PERHAPS, with rumours of typically American "UFO abduction" phenomena now occurring in England, it is only appropriate that the States get a reciprocal share of England's cornfield circles. So far as we know, the modest circle reported here is the first such example recorded in America in recent years. Compared with the artistry of its British cousins this simple whorl is really quite unsophisticated — but then again we all have to begin somewhere.

A primary coincidence in this case is that our swirled circle occurred in Gulf Breeze, Florida. Readers will recognize Gulf Breeze as the sleepy little town on northwest Florida's Gulf Coast where in late 1987 and early '88 "Mr. Ed" took almost 40 photos of high strangeness craft. A lesser included coincidence is the fact that Ed Walters himself helped me photograph and measure the circle. (I just caught the glance and knowing smirk of those of you who persist in chasing the Gulf Breeze hoax hypothesis, but you don't know Ed. No individual is more anxious to find out what is really going on in Gulf Breeze than is Edward Walters.)

The accompanying photos were taken on the morning of the 17th November 1989. By this time the

circle was at least 48 hours old and had weathered the passage of a violent storm front. The person who first found and reported the circle is unknown, but Ed learned of its existence by telephone from a friend who is a television news reporter in Pensacola. The local ABC TV affiliate station had received a telephone call on the morning of the 15th reporting the location of the circle in neighbouring Gulf Breeze, and Mark Curtis had passed the info on to Ed the next day.

Mr. Duane Cook, editor of the local newspaper, accompanied Ed in search of the circle around midday of the 16th. The caller had said it was along an isolated stretch of beach near the western boundary of Shoreline Park (approx. 1/4 mile walking distance from the parking lot), but the men did not find it on their first sweep of the area. It was on the return that Mr. Cook came upon it, while negotiating a grassy swale behind the beach line.

The circle appears uniformly round and measures approximately seven feet, eight inches in diameter (as a further coincidence note that Dr. Bruce Maccabee has calculated the diameter of the base of the craft in Ed's "roadshot" photo at 7 feet, 8 inches). Direction of



Obscure location of circle.