

TRIANGULAR CRAFT OVER CENTRAL ENGLAND (1993)

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In a *Stop Press* box on Page 18 of FSR 38/3 (Autumn 1993) we recorded FSR Consultant Omar Fowler's brief report that a huge black triangle, (like the Belgian one, and maybe also like the Sardinian one reported in FSR 39/1) with three white corner lights and a big central light had been seen, by large numbers of eyewitnesses, flying low and silently, at as little as 40 miles per hour, over areas of Derbyshire, in Central England, on the evening and night of September 26, 1993.

Mr. Alan Hitchcock, of Mr. Fowler's local investigative group has been good enough to furnish Mr. Fowler with this chart covering such sightings as it has been possible to record for Derbyshire during that month of September 1993.

Incidentally, I take this opportunity to mention here something that I had failed to include in 'Giovanna's' account of her sister Gabriella's sighting of such a large black triangular craft in Sardinia last December. As we all know, we shall be told that the big black thing that Gabriella and her friend saw 'plop' down suddenly without any descent-run, among the Sardinian bushes, was of course the much-discussed and mysterious new secret craft of the Americans - the *Aurora*. That is why it is important for me to mention now that, before Gabriella sent her report to 'Giovanna' in England, she took the wise step of showing her sketch and her story to an individual who works at one of the important American or NATO airfields on Sardinia, and this individual has stated categorically that what the two girls saw was definitely *not* any new and secret prototype known at those bases in Sardinia, and definitely *not the Aurora, the profile and shape of which are known* - EDITOR,

MORE ON THE 'FLYING TRIANGLES (1991-1993)

Dear Gordon -- I enclose my piece on the recent Derbyshire 'Flying Triangles'. I have also included a number of other world-wide reports showing that this phenomenon is not restricted to the EEC

I trust that the article is not too long. I could have included several other triangle sightings, but I think there are sufficient here to promote some interest.

Incidentally, I have just heard of another possible 'triangle' hovering over the *Rolls Royce* engine works near Derby last Tuesday morning about 2.30 a.m. A local van driver saw it, his headlights went out, but his engine (diesel) kept running. The sighting lasted only a few minutes and I am following it up.

Sincerely, Omar Fowler. 12, Tilton Grove, Kirk Hallam, Ilkeston, Derbyshire, DE7 4GR. July 2, 1994.

I. DERBYSHIRE (CENTRAL ENGLAND)

With a series of events that commenced at 7.45 p.m. on the night of the 26th September 1993, the town of Bakewell (53° 13N, 1° 4W) in Central Derbyshire

was about to become another statistic in the series of world-wide sightings of the mysterious 'Flying Triangles'.

While out walking with her six-year-old daughter near Alport, Bakewell, Mrs.'H' saw a brightly lit object in the sky. "Its shape was like three big squares placed one on top of the other, with a large square at the bottom and smaller squares on top, and it just sat quietly in the sky. It was about the size of a telephone at arm's length, commented Mrs. 'H'. Her young daughter asked her mother what the object was and Mrs. 'H' replied that it was an aeroplane. The six-year-old daughter looked at the object and then said, "I don't like that aeroplane, Mummy". Mrs. 'H' felt uneasy and, with her daughter, turned and walked away from the area.

At 9 a.m., the activity around the Bakewell/Matlock (53° 08N, 1° 32W) area increased. One witness reported an object in the sky "lit up like a huge fairground", another witness, out walking with his dogs, saw lights hovering in the direction of Bakewell. The dogs became very excited! It was at 9.30 p.m. that further witnesses reported the shape of an illuminated triangle flying slowly and low down over the town. Mrs. Hilda Hill drew a sketch of the triangle as it flew overhead "slow moving and silent". Mrs. Susan Shah, who lives on a hill overlooking Matlock Baths, noticed bright lights approaching her house. She opened a window to watch as the huge triangle passed "slowly and silently" overhead. A Mrs. Pailing of Bakewell also saw the huge triangle and noticed that it was showing red, green and brilliant white lights.

A key witness to the event was a Mr. Andrews who happened to be driving in the direction of Bakewell at the time. As he approached the town he saw bright lights moving slowly and low down in the sky ahead. Then as he entered the town, he noticed people lining the side of the road, looking up and watching what appeared to be a huge black triangle flying low overhead. "It was lit up like a Christmas tree", commented Mr. Andrews. "It had a very bright light at each corner, so bright that it illuminated the ground below" Suddenly he realized that he and the triangle were travelling in the same direction, then driving at a steady speed of 40 m.p.h. he slowly overtook it!

The 'Flying Triangle' then performed a series of slow silent manoeuvres over the town, including 'U'-turns and right-angle turns, before it finally returned to its original course and moved out of sight behind a line of trees.

II. ESSEX

The Essex UFO Research Group reported that a number of 'Flying Triangles' had flown around the

area during November 1993. This included a 'massive' (1.5 times the size of a football field) triangular object seen flying silently along the sea-front at Holland-on-Sea (51° 48N, 1° 12E) at 7.30 p., on Sunday 5th November. It had a variety of coloured lights underneath with a line of red lights at the back. A number of dark 'indentations' could be seen on the underside of the object, including a large black circle at the centre. The estimated speed was 40/50 m.p.h..

Another large black triangle was observed at 3.25 a.m on November 18th, flying along the sea-front slightly further south, at Clacton-on-Sea (51° 47N, 1° 10E). This triangle carried a series of red and white lights along the two leading edges with, once again, a series of red lights along the back edge. It moved very slowly, without any noise, and then suddenly "took off like a rocket" (but no flame).

The 'Flying Triangle' sightings are not exclusive to any one part of the country but are now a world-wide phenomenon. Could this be part of an alien 'awareness programme'?

Here are a few examples of further reports received from around the world.

III. BELGIUM

The country where it 'all began', (and just across the sea from Clacton), continues to report 'Flying Triangles' In the March 1994 issue No. 89 of *Inforespace*, the SOBEPS group reported that a large triangle 20 metres long flew over Stockis on the evening of the 3rd November 1993.

It carried a large central white light, three lights near each corner and a blue light at the 'nose' of the craft. The speed was estimated at 20km/phr (12 m.p.h) and the altitude of the triangle was estimated to be approximately 20 metres.

IV. USA

The *Oklahoma MUFON News* dated November 1993 reported that on 5th September 1993 an eleven-year-old girl, and her six-year-old sister, a twelve-year-old neighbour's girl, and a lady in her forties, all saw a UFO 'triangle' over the city.

The object made a buzzing noise as it passed nearby heading south to north. It was triangular in shape, with red and white lights underneath, with a small red light at the rear of the object and apparently detached from the main body. The speed of the triangle was estimated at only 10 m.p.h. As it flew by "a couple of car alarms went off."

V. SWEDEN

The *Afu Newsletter No. 37 - Dec.1993* reports that a small black triangular aircraft of some kind flew across Brandstorp on the 20th June, 1992. It was observed for only 5-6 seconds as it flew over, the only sound the witnesses heard was a "swish". UFO-Sweden contacted the duty officer at the F6 Air Force Wing at Karlsborg the same day as the observation took place and the information department of the Air Staff in Stockholm the next day. Both stated that no military activity had taken place in that area.

VI. JAPAN

The Japan Space Phenomena Society carried a number of 'Flying Triangle' reports in *UFO Information* publication Vol.5 Spring 1994 *The first report was on November 17 1992 in Tenjin, Sagashi. The witness was Ms.

Ms. Sadami Yamashita and the sighting took place at 7.10 pm. The witness saw a "strange light" in the West and it was moving towards her slowly. As the light came closer she realized that it was really a tight formation of three lights.



Bob Dean (left) with Omar Fowler, 1994













When the lights came closer and were overhead, she saw that the lights were arranged on a single triangular object. Each light had an orange ring, which surrounded a hemisphere on each corner of the triangle. The object flew over silently at an estimated height of 35 metres.

On 16th June 1991, Mrs. Tamami Motomura and her two daughters (eight and five) saw a triangular object while they were driving in Chiyodachoo, Kanzakigun. It was 8.20 p.m. when she saw what at first appeared to be a star-like object, but as it came closer she was able to make out a triangular shape... "That's neither a star nor an aeroplane", she thought, and she pulled the car over and parked, in order to study the object. It was triangular in shape and much darker than the night sky, but at the back of the object she could make out three "bars shining red", these were likened to the flame seen at the rear of a jet engine.

In January 1994 a triangular object was seen again in Sagaken. Mr. Chiyojima was driving on his way to his office in Sagashi when he noticed a light in the sky. As he drove along he continued to watch the light which

A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF THE DERBYSHIRE SIGHTINGS: SEPTEMBER 1993

Researched by Alan Hitchcock

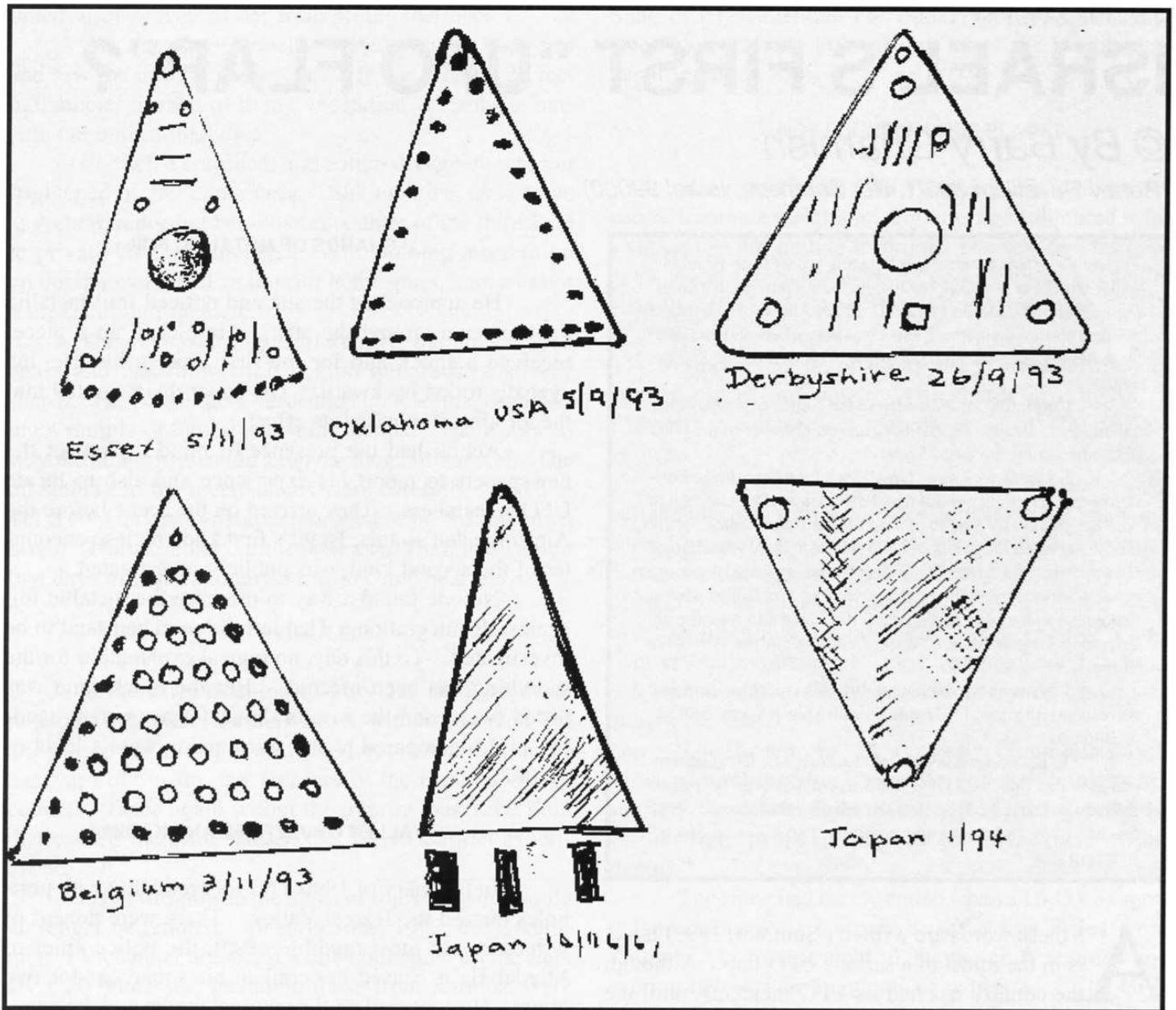
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1		4	0350	Newstead Abbey	N/A
2		12	2040	Chaddesden	N - S
3		18	1615	Lathkill Dale	N
4	Searchlight & LITS	19	2125	Belper	SE - NW
5	LITS*	19	2030/2130	Spondon	N/A
6	Searchlight/Object	23	0115	Monyash	E - W
7		25	2345	Alvaston/Derby	N/A
8		26	1445	Derby (A38)	N/A
9		26	1945	Alport	S - N
10		26	2000/2100	Matlock	SE - NW
11	Flashes in sky	26	2100	Darley Abbey	N/A
12	Flying "Fairground"	26	2100	Two Dales (Darley Dale)	N/A
13	LITS	26	2100	Leabridge/Bakewell	N/A
14		26	2110	Matlock Bath	S - N
15		26	2110	Matlock Bath	N/A
16	LITS	26	2115	Matlock Bath	N/A
17		26	2120/30	Bakewell	SW - NW
18	LITS	26	2125	M1 (Jctn.29)	E - W
19		26	2130	Bakewell	N/A
20		26	2130	Bakewell	E - W
21	Dark Shape/lights	28	2240	Brinsley Notts.	N/A
22	Cigar & lights	30	0500	Old Brampton	NE - W

* LITS denotes "Lights In The Sky"

now stopped abruptly, then it performed an acute-angled turn and moved off, then it stopped again and repeated the process.

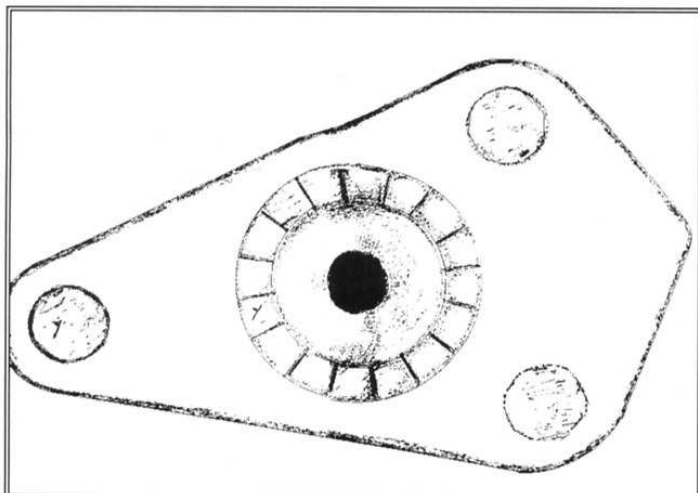
Mr. Chiyojima slowed down to watch the light more closely as it glowed in the night sky. Suddenly he realized that the light was moving slowly towards him. As it came closer he could make out that it was not one white light, but a set of three lights. The light at the front was red and flashed regularly, the other two lights were white. A thought crossed his mind: "Is it a UFO?" At that same instant the lights descended.

For a moment he saw a triangle-shaped black object, then the inside of the car was flooded with light "as strong as a searchlight". Every muscle in his body was tense with fear, but he felt no strange sensation and heard no sound. Holding the steering wheel tightly he hit the accelerator pedal. As the car sped off, he could see the light beaming down and shining on the road ahead. The UFO was flying in the same direction, but it moved away quickly and was soon out of sight. Mr. Chiyojima felt relieved and then continued his drive to his office.

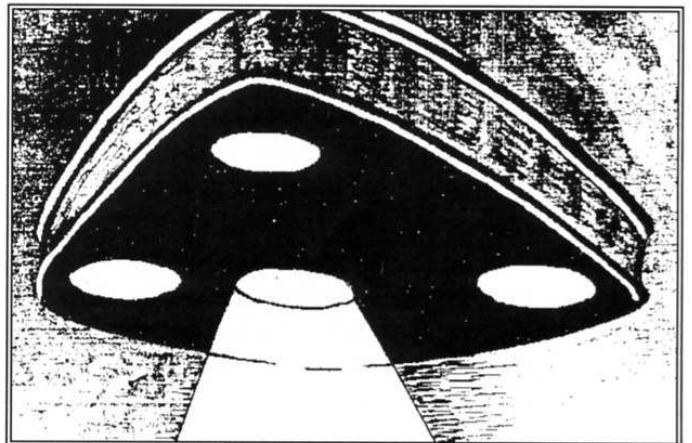


**FOR COMPARISON
THE BELGIAN TRIANGLES OF
1989**

Over Brussels, December 1, 1989



Over Mazy, December 11, 1989
(Sketch by Gerade Grede)



NOTE BY EDITOR: However the Editor of the Japan Space Phenomena Society, Mr. Shin-Ichiro Namiki, found it more 'comfortable' to conclude that all the triangular craft seen over Japan were the new American *Black Manta* aircraft! ■

ISRAEL'S FIRST "UFO FLAP"?

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The author of this extremely interesting report from Israel is a writer with over 300 U.S. credits, including articles in *The Atlantic*, *Boston Globe*, and *Reason*. In 1922 he wrote a book on political corruption in Israel, and it was issued here and reviewed by the *Economist*, *Sunday Telegraph*, *New Statesman*, and the *BBC*.

Currently, Mr. Chamish is the Editor of a newsletter called *Inside Israel*. He has been a keen observer of the UFO phenomenon for the past 25 years.

So far as we know, Israel is a land where the authorities keep a very tight control on all discussion of UFOs, though whether this really was their first "UFO Flap" seems hardly likely, as I recall much talk of UFO sightings there years ago, at the time when our friend Dr. Andrija Puharich visited the country and "discovered" the weird powers of Uri Geller who at that date was a rookie in the Israeli Air Force and was already becoming famous for his "demonstrations" in the Air Force Camps.

I am sorry we did not publish this report last summer. As readers will know, FSR could do with a few six-armed Shivas or Buddhas.

In his accompanying letter to me, Mr. Chamish emphasises that this "is a UFO incident where cover-up will be difficult. The dozens of metal shards found at the site are in the hands of twenty people committed to UFO research." EDITOR].

As these words are written (Summer, 1993) Israel is in the midst of a serious UFO flap. Although the country has had its UFO incidents, until the fall of 1989 there was no prolonged wave of sightings and landings. Thus Israelis were mostly UFO skeptics. Things are different today.

Two days before Yom Kippur in 1989 a UFO landed on Shikmona Beach, a few miles south of Haifa. There were dozens of witnesses including a teenage couple making out in the sand as the craft landed.

Ami Achrai's story may be the most interesting. He was travelling toward Shikmona along the coastal highway when he saw a sixty-foot apparition hovering six feet above the highway and 120 meters in front of him. It was circling in a counter clockwise direction and emitted a rumbling noise.

Achrai stopped his car and got out. Then as he recalls, "I was back in my car like I was pushed. I have no idea how I got there." He travelled a few miles north to a service station and, along with a half dozen other witnesses, saw the craft remain stationary some two hundred yards above the station and then disappear in a second in the direction of the Mediterranean.

Returning home, Achrai suffered shivers and goosebumps. He reported the symptoms to a hospital but was mocked. The next day he returned to the scene of the sighting and searched for clues. What he found was a twenty-metre long, crescent-shaped imprint burnt into the sands of Shikmona Beach.

SHARDS OF METALLIC FOIL

He approached the site and noticed frail metallic paper strewn around the area. He picked up a piece, received a shock and for the first time in his life, his eyeballs rolled backward. The paper disintegrated into the air after it released its effect.

Achrai had the presence of mind to contact the newspapers to report his experience and also to locate UFO researchers. They arrived on the scene before the Air Force and so this, Israel's first known close encounter of the second kind, was publicly investigated.

No one found a way to preserve the metallic foil against disintegration. That left the scorched sand to be investigated. To this day, no logical explanation for the scorching has been offered. But the black sand was tested twice, and the results showed a magnetism reading of 7.6 compared to the surrounding sand's level of .00007.

VALLEY OF JEZREEL AND KADIMA

In February of 1990 a 60-foot red UFO with port-holes buzzed the Jezreel Valley. There were dozens of witnesses but most credible of all, the police chief of Migdal Ha'ir chased the craft in his squad car for two hours. He appeared on the national media and the country was talking UFOs.

On September 9, 1991 Eli Cohen of Tsur Moshe, a village situated 800 yards from Kadima (the significance of which will soon become clear), was alerted to something unusual by his home suddenly lighting up. He found his pistol and video camera and ran outside not knowing exactly what to expect.

The result was Israel's first privately-filmed UFO incident. The sky was clear and the early evening light perfect. The tape shows a silver craft shaped like an upturned stetson flying in a straight line at about 55 degrees above the horizon. When blown up, the image is of a ship with wings or a rim on top of a concave body.

Cohen's was the first sighting in what has become commonplace in the immediate area of Kadima, a farming village east of Tel Aviv.

On March 30, 1993 at 3.00 A.M., Aviva Carmel felt drawn to leave her bed and go outside. There she witnessed a silver craft land in two stages; first the front touched down, then the rear. She estimated the size and shape of the craft to be similar to an "orange-storage tank" or a fruit silo, about sixty feet in circumference.

She approached the craft to investigate and from about twenty feet away saw one of the crew. He was 2.5 metres tall and wore silver foil coveralls that clung to the body like a second skin. He wore a helmet but its