

JOURNAL ABSTRACTS.

- 1) THE PUZZLE OF BALL-LIGHTENING/Nikolai Zhiltsov. An interesting item which gives an insight into Russian thinking on the subject of ball-lightening; includes several cases from the Soviet Union and questions the origins of how this phenomenon gains its power. Source: Anomalous Phenomenon Review, Vol. 1/No. 1 1984 - Pages 4-6.
- 2) RUMOURS AND PUBLICITY - THEIR CAUSES AND EFFECTS/Mark Tyrrell. A well written and perceptive article originally published three years ago, but very relevant today and recommended reading for all serious researchers. The small study featured in the text concerning UFO shapes is illuminating to say the least and concludes that there is a strong indication of ingrained preconceptions as to the UFO phenomenon. Source: UFO Research Australia Newsletter (ISSN 0726-1764), Vol. 5/No. 2 1984 - Pages 24-32.
- 3) THE HANGAR 18 TALES - A FOLKLORESTIC APPROACH/Joe Nickell. A very reasoned debate on a subject, with ufology, riddled with questionable claims and 'conspiracy' overtones. It lays down clear challenges to believers of 'crashed saucers' and 'pickled aliens' to come up with facts! Nickell likens the 'belief tales' as exhibiting the qualities of true folklore! Source: Common Ground, No. 9 1984 - Pages 2-10.
- 4) ON THE ROAD WITH CUPOS: DUBIOUS PHOTO'S ON EXHIBIT/Michael R. Dennett. A review of the Center for UFO Studies' traveling photo exhibition in the States, the credibility of prints on view, and concludes 'the preponderance of sensational 'close encounter' cases in the CUPOS exhibit is another indication of the intellectual bankruptcy of ufology. Perhaps more significant is the brazen use of fake or highly questionable photographs by a supposedly scientific organisation'. Source: The Skeptical Enquirer (ISSN 0194-6730), Spring, 1984. Pages 209-210.
- 5) NEW DATA FROM HESSDALEN/Kim Moller Hansen. Latest news from the Norwegian sighting area of Hessdalen. Data on incidents from this location have already appeared in at least one British publication. In this article the NIVFØ group have collected some meteorological data which may account for some - but not all - of the sightings in the area. The local population have not like NIVFØ's findings. Source: UFO NYT (ISSN 0049-4976), No. 4 1984 - Pages 32-35.
- 6) WHAT DID LONNIE SEE?/Toby Smith. A good piece of journalism by Smith; Zamora and others involved at the time of his sighting at Socorro in 1964 are interviewed. It gives a fascinating and retrospective insight on the incident. Over the years Lonnie has grown weary of defending himself and fed-up of the harassment he has suffered from various quarters. Today he drives an earth mover and supplements his income by serving in the National Guard. He comes across as just an ordinary person who became involved in events he did not understand. On the sighting he says, "people say I saw a Flying Saucer...I can't say if I did because I don't know what a Flying Saucer looks like." He also feels he was at the wrong place at the wrong time and should he ever see anything unusual again he would not tell anyone about it. Source: UFO Newscipping Service, No. 169 1983 - Pages 6-8 (reprinted from the Impact Journal, New Mexico 2/8/83).

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EXCHANGE MAGAZINES.

The last couple of years has been notable for the drop in UFO reports and also the number of UFO magazines either going out of circulation