

# Triangular UFOs – The Ongoing Historical Examination

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It has been seven years since the publication of my book, *Triangular UFOs: An Estimate of the Situation*. Since then, I have lectured across the country; participated in a number of television shows; collaborated with fellow-researchers across the globe; and continued to collect information regarding this most intriguing subset of UFO reports.

I expected to receive feedback from readers once the book had time to circulate. I did, in fact, receive very positive feedback on my research which was gratifying. What I did not anticipate was the influx of additional reports from eyewitnesses who claimed to have seen these triangular objects cavorting about in our skies. I might add that these emails and letters came from various countries in addition to the United States. Some were fairly recent reports whereas some dated back years or decades.

The details and characteristics described in these narratives echoed and bolstered the detailed profile covered in my book (Chapter 7 – Establishing a Profile). Namely, the 10 Primary and 10 Secondary characteristics below:

<b>TRIANGULAR UFO CHARACTERISTICS</b>	
<b>PRIMARY</b>	<b>SECONDARY</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Beams of light emitted</li><li>• Three bright lights (one at each point)</li><li>• Large size</li><li>• Ability to hover</li><li>• Ability to make flat turns</li><li>• Silent flight</li><li>• Slow speed</li><li>• Low-altitude flight</li><li>• Sharp turns at high speed</li><li>• Rapid acceleration</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Associated sounds</li><li>• Observed with non-triangular UFOs</li><li>• Electromagnetic (EM) effects</li><li>• Multiple triangular UFOs</li><li>• Colored (glowing) underside</li><li>• Erratic movement</li><li>• Blunt-end-forward movement</li><li>• Detachable lights/objects</li><li>• Shape-shifting</li><li>• Superstructure observed</li></ul>

One of the more recent examples that was shared with me came from a man in his fifties who had a sighting when he was eight years old in 1974. It occurred in Italy near the City of Viserba di Rimini on the Adriatic Sea coast. He was with a childhood friend who also observed it with him. He related to me in a recent email:

“All I remember is seeing this big dark grey, almost black Triangle object, definitely metallic, slowly moving right over the road from left to right. I remember going off the path and grabbing the mesh metal fence both of us looking at it slowly moving over the road. We saw a car or two driving under it while this triangle object was “swiping” the road with a white beam going left to right and back. I can’t remember any marking, any windows, no other lights. The thing that stuck in my mind since that day was me saying to my friend ‘how can they drive underneath like nothing is happening with this bright beam on the road going from left to right and back? They must be seeing it too’. The cars seemed unaffected or unaware of it. The triangle was quite big, not particularly thin and smooth/rounded around the edges and I have no recollection of seeing it fading away to the right or anything else after that. No sound at all. All I remember is eventually both walking back to the dancehall and my Mum coming out to find us asking us where we had been for so long as it was already 9:30pm. I don’t remember talking about it to my friend or anyone else at all, not that night or ever the days after. It was like it was all quickly forgotten.”

The witness noted that he recently re-connected with his childhood friend who, after broaching the subject with him, acknowledged he too remembered it. However, the friend quickly changed the subject suggesting he did not wish to focus on the memory. This is just one example of the many reports I have received over the years.

Another account recently obtained relayed details from a sighting even earlier than the Italian case. It was from the year 1970 in the State of Maryland. The witness wrote the following account:

“1970 in Baltimore County my wife and I saw a black Triangular UFO with 3 white lights at each corner and a red light in the middle, none blinking. It was flying very slow making no noise at all. I was 17 years old and can still see it like (it was) yesterday. It was just turning dusk when we saw it over head as we were driving, got ahead of it and pulled over and got out of car. It passed right over us very low, no noise at all. It was not far from (the) Aberdeen Proving Grounds by air. I know what I saw and I will never forget seeing it. I will answer any questions you may have if need be. I am still haunted by this to this day. We were not afraid when observing it, just amazed. We got back in car and followed it until it slowly moved out of sight. The strange thing is we saw it head towards Baltimore City but we did not hear a thing about it in the news the next day. We could not believe no one reported it but neither did we. At that time we wouldn't have known who to report it to.”

Beyond eyewitness reports being sent directly to me, I still have a fascination with culling through vintage newspapers to see what contemporaneous reports existed in conjunction with these historic sightings. I believe these are important historical records. It is easy for someone to claim they had a UFO sighting decades ago (and I am not denying that they did). But it is a much more substantial report if we have a documented account captured in an official publication (i.e., local newspaper) immediately subsequent to the event.

Two examples surfaced last fall immediately prior to the History Channel TV show, *Unidentified*, coming to film an episode for season two at my home (episode tentatively scheduled for early June airing).

The episode will focus on my years of research on triangular UFOs and a discussion with Christopher Mellon, former United States Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Intelligence (the third highest intelligence position at the Pentagon). Chris visited my research room for the filming of the episode and we had a lengthy discussion on these reports, my book, and his insights given his intelligence background. It made for an interesting discussion which hopefully translates well into the final edit of the episode.

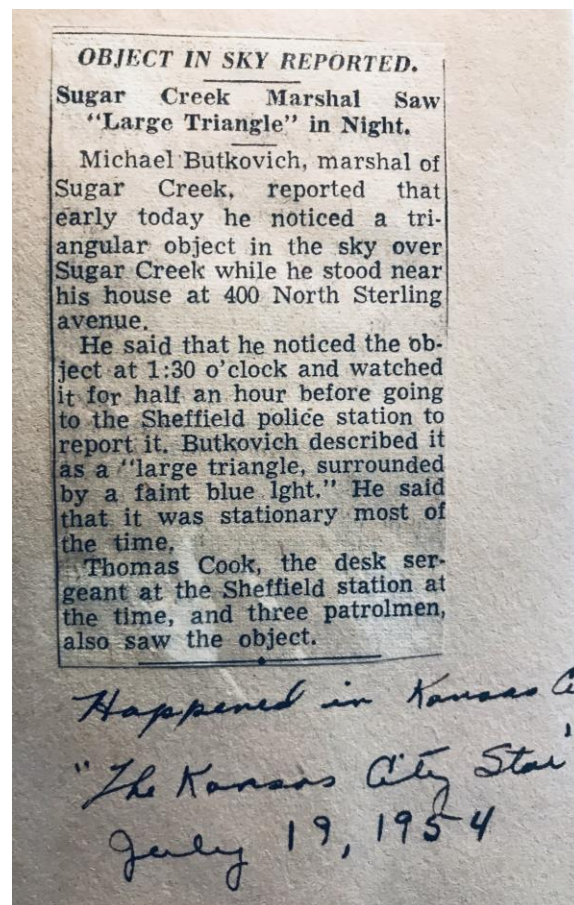
One of the items we focused on were the historical newspaper accounts involving triangular UFOs. As mentioned, I had two examples surface in a series of flying saucer scrapbooks that were filled with an abundance of news clippings documenting UFO sightings from the 1950s/1960s. I had just acquired these prior to Chris' arrival. I am happy to share them here with you.

The first is from the early years of UFOlogy. Although no newspaper name is noted, there is a year on the scrapbook clipping as well as a date in the article itself. It is a fascinating report in a number of ways. First, the year – 1950. This was only three years after Kenneth Arnold's famous sighting in 1947 that ushered in the modern era of UFOs. However, even in 1950, these objects were not yet referenced as “UFOs”. They were still referred to as “flying saucers” or “discs” as is evidence by this article's title:



Another interesting facet of this report is the fact the two witnesses observed not one, but two, flying triangles. What's more, is that they observed them while flying in a plane and could see them BELOW the plane. This may be one of the few cases (if not the only one) involving witnesses looking DOWN on triangular UFOs. What an interesting vantage point! One last item involves the apparent rapid acceleration as the objects moved an estimated five miles in a short span of time. This is reminiscent of the modern reports on-record.

The second article I came across in the scrapbooks, involved a police eyewitness to a flying triangle. For readers of my book, you know this is nothing new. We have numerous police eyewitnesses to these large, silent objects over the decades (e.g., Eupen, Belgium on 11-29-89 and Southern Illinois on 1-5-00). In this instance, we have the newspaper referenced by name and the date. It is from the *Kansas City Star* dated July 19, 1954. The sighting itself occurred on the same date in Sugar Creek, MO situated just outside of Kansas City, MO. The article reads as follows:



The large size of the triangular object and its ability to hover stationary for a long duration was noted. Most intriguing is that we also have a total of four other Police Officers who witnessed this event. I'm sure the primary witness, Police Marshal Butkovich, was relieved in that sense.

Another news article was recently shared with me by friend and colleague, Jan Aldrich. It served as a follow-up to another article by the same paper the prior year. In my book (Chapter 3 – The Historical Review begins) I provided excerpts of the following *Hartford Courant* article from September 17, 1960. I include it here in its entirety followed by the latter article dated September 28, 1961 provided by Aldrich:

## New Saucer Twist:

# 'Flying Triangle' Seen in State

CROMWELL (Special) — Richard Ireton has decided that seeing triangles isn't so square.

Ireton, who lives at 34 Grove Rd. here, said Friday he, his wife and neighbors all saw "flying triangles" two weeks ago. He said he didn't report his findings at first for fear of being "ridiculed."

Now, he says, he's going to ignore opinion and stand by his facts. His detailed descriptions of what he saw and how he saw it testify to his work as a machinist.

### Eerie: No Noise

Ireton said that about 11:30 p.m. Sept. 2 he and his wife were driving on Rt. 1 in Westbrook. After crossing a bridge, he noticed "an aircraft about to crash."

He stopped the car to watch the object, which he and his wife saw "veer to the south toward the shore." They drove to the beach. There they saw the object again, going "about the speed of a Piper Cub plane."

The eeriest part of the whole thing he said, was that the flying object made no sound.

### 'Terrific Speed'

The object went toward Cornfield Point where it hovered in the air, going first back and forth horizontally and then up and down, Ireton said. It then flew back past him toward the public beach at Westbrook.

Ireton returned to his car and drove to the public beach. There he said, he saw it go up and off

at an angle "at a terrific rate of speed" toward Long Island Sound — but with no sound of its own.

He said the object had, at two points of the triangle, white lights, at the third point, a blue light. In its center was a revolving red light, Ireton said.

He said the object seemed to fly in an "upright position," with the blue-lighted point on top. He said it was about the size of a jet fighter plane.

After it zoomed away to a great height, he said, it looked like a bright star.

### Back Again

The next night, Sept. 3, he was at his father's cottage on Chalker Beach when the object was seen again by the Iretons, the people in the next cottage and their grandson. It was seen about 9:30 p.m., hovered over the water for a while, then went up very fast and stayed in one spot.

Ireton watched the object with binoculars for half an hour. Then

he became cold, he said, and went into the cottage. Several people in this area told him they saw the same thing at the same times, he said.

Finally feeling his experiences weren't incredible, he reported the sightings to the State Police. They said other sightings were reported, but had no advisory on what the object might be.

### 'No Bug'

No neophyte plane spotter — he's an Air Force veteran — Ireton said no one seemed much interested in his report.

"I'm no bug on this thing," he said. "I hesitated for a long time and didn't want to report it because I know these things are laughter at." "I laugh at them myself. But I saw this thing, close

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## Triangle

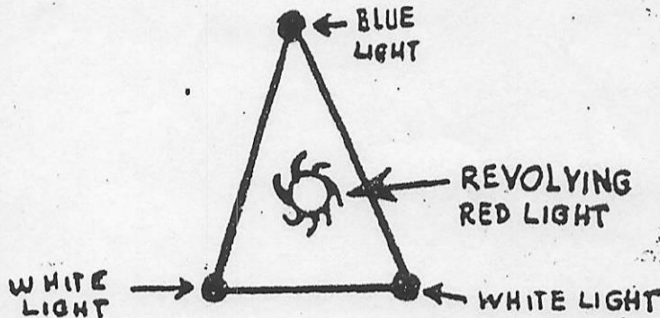
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up, with binoculars. It kept bothering me and I had to report it."

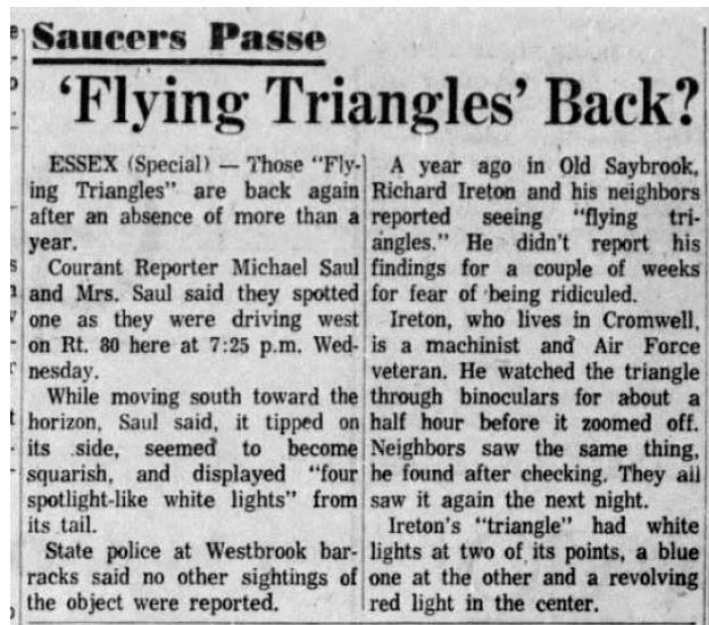
Since reporting it, he said, he's heard nothing from the authorities.

"I don't even think they made a note of it," he said. "Maybe I should have called the Air Force."

A Los Angeles, Calif., policeman reported seeing "a flying triangle" there Thursday morning.



Hartford, Connecticut  
*The Hartford Courant*  
17 September 60



These are just a few historical examples of the ever-growing body of data we have on these elusive objects. With each year, we gather new data. I will continue to provide examples of these sightings in the form of well-documented accounts. These are sources the reader can verify themselves. These clearly demonstrate a long history of triangular UFOs being seen in our skies.

Despite this, certain pervasive elements within the UFO field will continue to suggest these are *all* military in origin and that there is a "secret space program" employing these craft. Many of them will firmly reference the "TR3B" as "the answer" to this mystery. Of course, this is all based on the late Edgar Fouche's unfounded claims from the 1990s where he purportedly worked on these craft in secret U.S. military facilities. Nice story – but not one shred of verifiable evidence to support any of it. Shades of Bob Lazar???

It boils down to the harsh reality many in the UFO field don't want to accept: It doesn't matter what you believe - rather what you can prove. That rule applies to all - myself included. Over the years, I have attempted to appeal to logical, rational individuals by citing documented examples of these triangular UFOs being reported by varied witnesses worldwide.

Many of these come from military reports as well as newspaper accounts. Despite many reports that can be properly vetted and dismissed, there resides a body of data that defies conventional explanation. However, conclusive, hard evidence still eludes us. This absence of hard evidence does not deter me. Rather, I am more emboldened than ever in working to build a case for the reality of these objects in our skies based on the growing amount of corroborative historical testimonies.

In a field polluted by conspiracy theories, belief systems, supposition, liars, con-artists, delusional individuals, ego-maniacs, and the like, those of us who strive to truly and objectively examine the data by employing real research methodologies and citing factual/credible/verifiable information must try to balance the equation. If the UFO subject is to be better understood and taken more seriously by the public-at-large, we must adhere to these principles.

In closing, I concede that some triangular UFOs today *might* be military in origin. I do not know the level of our state-of-the-art technology today nor do readers of this article unless you are truly working on secret compartmentalized projects in the area of advanced aerospace propulsion technologies. But if we put aside the modern-day reports, how can we readily explain or summarily refute these historical cases (some involving radar confirmation)? I don't believe we can do so. And this inability to reject the historical data leave us open to the possibility that these mysterious triangular objects being seen for decades worldwide could be indicative of someone else's technology.