

**Israel's old guard of skywatchers who made certain that the aerial invaders were captured on film.** Take July 22, 1999 as a case in point. This was the evening of Tisha B'av, a sad Jewish fast day, recalling the destruction of the Second Temple by the Romans. The triangular craft was first spotted in the north of the country at 7:30 PM, sundown, in the cities of Tsfat and Yokneam.

It was videotaped in both places. Then the phone network went to work. Rafi Malka, a professional photographer who, in 1988, videotaped Israel's first UFO, over Haifa, was told of the triangle. He managed to tape it from his home in Ashdod, and earned the distinction of being the first Israeli to videotape two separate UFOs.

He phoned his nephew Doron Cohen in Yavne, who spread the word in that city. Among those he contacted was Professor Rami Shkalim, who produced an absolutely brilliant videotape of the craft. He was one of over two hundred people in three groups who viewed the craft at Yavne until it disappeared at approximately 12:30 am. But he was the only one to have just purchased a Sony 320 zoom video camera, essentially professional equipment.

I drove to Professor Shkalim's home and watched his film. It ranks as one of the most exciting in Israel's brief UFO history, and that is no mean accomplishment. For ten minutes we see a craft with two silvery lights, both surrounded by a perfectly circular red aura twice their size.

Then the craft seems to turn and we see a tiny third light to the left. Then it seems to turn again and we have a triangle of lights.

Then the craft becomes two lights, which emit spirally turning lights, like twisting fireworks, before the craft disappears to the west. During the night the craft traversed an oval-shaped path in the upper northern sky.

Dr. Shkalim is some witness! He has a PhD in both physics and philosophy and is currently a Professor of *Kabbala* at Bar Ilan University. And he took the courageous step of going public with his videotape.

He called the popular television morning news program, *Good Morning Israel*, and volunteered to

present his tape on camera. He appeared with the Israeli establishment's prime debunker, Prof. Ariel Cohen, and tore him apart with the solidness of his evidence.

Cohen, meanwhile, was more ignorant than usual. In a classic statement of perverted misinformation, he claimed that, "In 1947, the first UFOs were seen by Arnold Palmer."

It was a media triumph for Prof. Shkalim, and by its end the program's host chided Cohen, telling him, "This film is too weird to be written off as a planet or anything else we know."

The fact that the UFO appeared nationwide on *Tisha B'av* follows the pattern of major incidents falling on Jewish holy days.

Without going into the details of each encounter, (they are summarized with photos at <http://members.tripod.com/~ufoisrael>), the Shikmona Beach incident occurred on *Rosh Hashana Evening*, the Kadima sightings were on the *Sabbath*, the cropformation at Tel Adashim was also formed on *Rosh Hashana Evening*, while an even more spectacular formation at Bet Zarzir was formed on *Passover Evening*. **Israel's most documented UFO incidents occur with undeniable regularity on Jewish Holy Evenings and the latest Tisha B'av sighting has convinced many local observers that this can no longer be dismissed as accidental.**

On August 27, ufologist David Ronen was skywatching as usual and spotted a triangular UFO over Tel Aviv. He quickly phoned Gil Bar and told him, "The craft is heading towards Rishon Letzion. Get your camera." Gil rushed to his roof and managed to film the craft before his camera's batteries gave out. He only had two minutes to work with but it was enough.

Gil captured precisely the same triangular UFO that Adrian Dvir and his group of "alien healers" had filmed the October before over Rishon Letzion.

In November 1997, fifteen-year-old Gil filmed a UFO over downtown Rishon Letzion being chased by an earthly plane in broad daylight. Now he, like Rafi Malka, joins the elite club of Israeli skywatchers who have filmed two separate UFOs.■

## **EXTRATERRESTRIAL ENCOUNTER IN ARGENTINA?**

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### **CARLOS COLÓN RELATES STRANGE EXPERIENCE.**

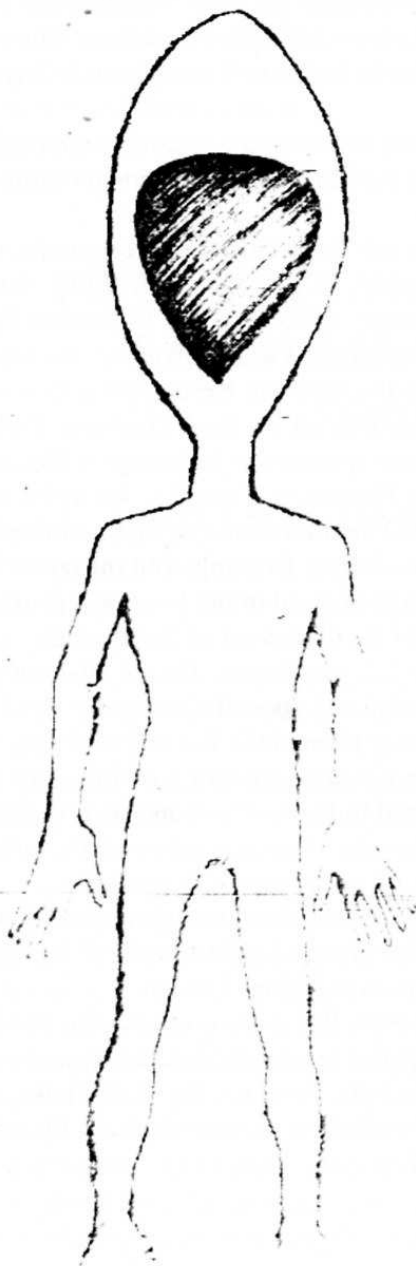
Carlos Colón is a resident of this city. He is a well-known mechanic of agricultural machinery, for which

reason he usually travels the roads close to Trenque Lauquen in his Chevrolet pickup. But some days ago he had an experience he surely will not forget, when he had an encounter with (a vision?) strange beings on Route 5.

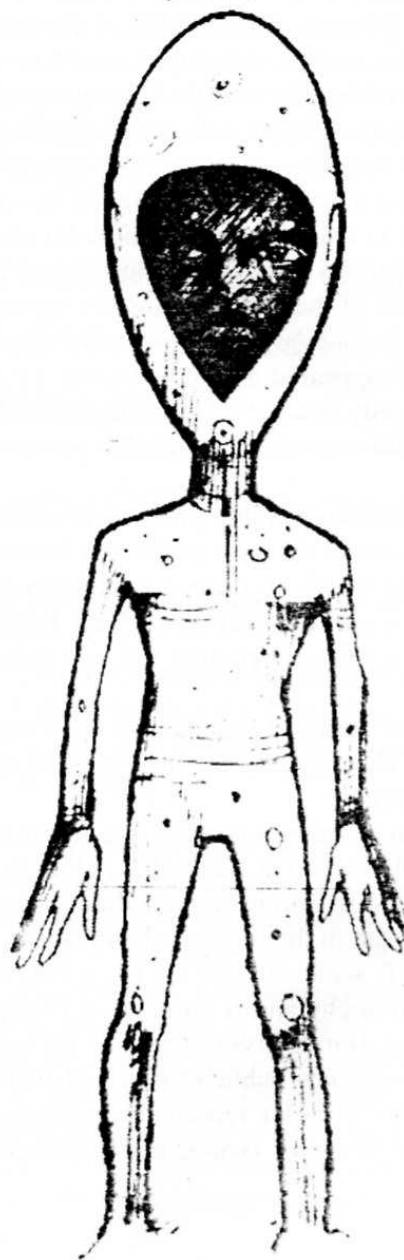
At first he preferred to keep quiet about what he had experienced because he didn't want the matter to be sensationalised, and he still fears he will not be taken seriously.

But yesterday he spoke to *La Opinión* and told us about what had happened to him on August 25, 1999, when he was returning from the ranch of a friend.

According to him the event happened at 4.30 pm on



LEFT: ONE OF THE  
"BEINGS" ACCORDING  
TO THE NEIGHBOR'S  
STORY.



RIGHT: AN "HYPOTHESIS"  
THE "BEING", DRESSED  
IN A SUIT AND A HELMET

National Route 5 at the exit of the first curve after the train crossing, towards the La Zanja and Pehuelches stations, when a humming noise shattered the routine of his return trip to Trenque Lauquen, which he was making alone, accompanied only by the music of a local radio station.

The humming noise became louder so he decided to stop the vehicle. "I thought the radio was noisy due to a

failure of the alternator", he said. That is when his experience was to begin, would shock him, and add to the number of people who, following human logic, claimed to have seen "inexplicable" things in an area close to the scene of this event.

#### THE ENCOUNTER.

"I started to check the radio, thinking the noise came

from there, without stopping the engine", he said, "but out of the corner of my eye I saw a movement on the shoulder, and when I looked up I saw five figures that at first looked like people."

The appearance of these humanoid-type figures suggested to him that something very strange was happening. "When I took a better look I saw they were all white, but as if they were inside a screen, like a projection... the figures could be seen quite well... I remember that I even tried to get out of the car, and I could see them between the spare tyre and the cabin, to the right of the pickup. I looked at them and they became closer and closer until they stopped some 20 metres from me."

The alleged beings "got together and I saw them move something like hands, **because I saw no feet since they moved in a sliding motion.** They got together, the screen became smaller in the shape of a cone that lifts up... I can't give any details because I was so scared, it's difficult for me to retain that scene", he said, still amazed at his experience.

### THE OUTCOME.

He said that while he was observing the beings, "something came down like a big light, and afterwards I saw the figures as if they were behind a frosty window. I stood looking upwards and then I heard music from the pickup. I looked back and it was on the road, and I was standing beside the fence. I don't understand how I got there."

When he got back to the pickup he says that the radio station was playing and the humming noise was gone. He then continued to Trenque Lauquen, and before he reached his home he went to have his blood pressure taken because he had had trouble some years ago, and it was fine.

"But a bad sensation remained in my body like uneasiness and anguish, because I can't know what happened, and it makes you think you're crazy."

### THE DESCRIPTION

As to the beings Colón alleges to have had visual

contact with, he said "There were five, like humans, very tall, almost 2 metres; their heads looked like an elongated inverted water-drop. I can't say there were eyes, I couldn't make out eyes or features." And then he remarked "They were no more than 20 cm wide, an intense matt white colour."

In his report Colón describes the figures as humanoid. "I think they were just like us, the only difference being in the neck and head", he said.

### THE MYSTERY.

Carlos Colón joins a number of neighbours in this city and region who claim having had this kind of encounter with presumably non-human beings, or in other experiences they claim to have seen lights or UFOs. Several of these stories coincide in an area close to the place where Colón stopped his pickup, alarmed by the noise which he thought was interference on the radio.

But not everybody likes to go to the media, fearing not to be believed, or to be discredited. "The less I talk about it the better, because I wasn't left with a good sensation, and I wouldn't want to see them again", said Colón yesterday while talking to this paper, and trying to turn over a leaf and put this experience behind him.

### GOING BACK.

However, the day after the event, Colón went back to the site. "I took the motorcycle and returned there. When I got there I found a ticket from the Chevalier company that I had had in my pocket the day before, and some coins, and then I was convinced that I *had* been there, and I didn't hallucinate", he said.

As to the experience, Colón believes it lasted between two and seven minutes, although he said that during that time he had some kind of loss of consciousness, from which he recovered when he heard the music from the pickup parked on the side of the road.

Experts who study the alleged encounters of extraterrestrial beings with humans contacted this man, and they momentarily calmed him down, and let him know that he is not alone with his experience.■

## WHO'S FOR VENISON, WHO'S FOR PORK? BY GORDON CREIGHTON.

According to reports in the MUFON UFO JOURNAL for May and June of 1999, a party of forestry workers were engaged, at around noon on Thursday, February 25, 1999, in planting seedling trees in the mountainous area of Washington State, USA.

Not far from them a herd of a dozen or so elk had been grazing all that morning. Suddenly, three of the workers saw a small object, apparently disc-shaped, come drifting slowly and silently overhead, from the south, and descend towards the valley to the north of them. Its movement appeared to be "purposeful", with a slight "wobble". It was heading towards the herd of elk, and

these animals seemed to be unaware of it until it was right above them. The herd then began to disperse and bolt, most of them to the east, one lone female elk running north, and the UFO promptly lifted her. As it did so, its "wobble" increased momentarily. As the elk rose up under it, the animal remained upright, slowly rotating beneath the craft.

By the time that the craft had reached a considerable altitude it was moving away northwards, and the elk was no longer visible beneath it, having presumably been drawn aboard, though at no stage had any of the eyewitnesses observed any aperture or door.