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## Strange circles are appearing all around Miami-Dade County

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It started in England where mysterious circles began showing up in fields and now are called "crop circles." Look it up on Google if you don't believe me. There

are thousands of references to them.

Of course, in England that is not too strange. There they drive on the wrong side of the road and call the hood of a car a bonnet and the trunk, a boot. What would you expect? The reason, by the way, for them driving on the wrong side of the road is because some idiot placed their steering wheels also on the wrong side of the car, so this made it easier than changing all their automobiles around.

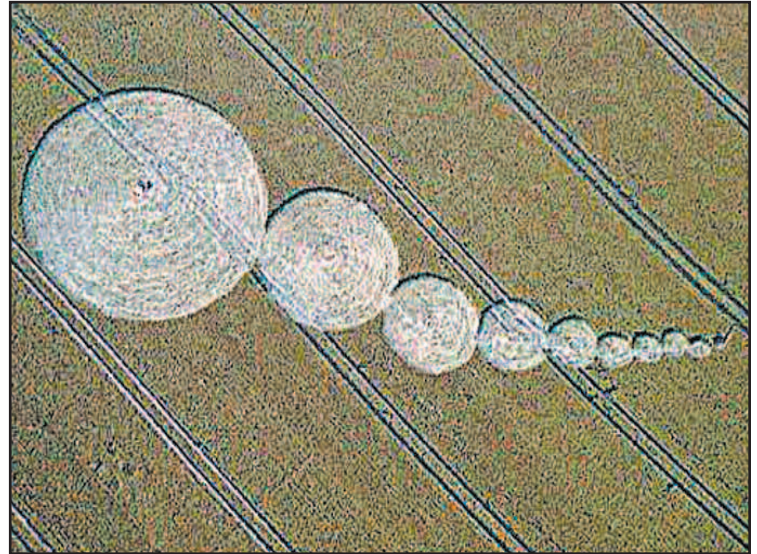
Why does this worry me and why should you even be concerned? Well strange circles now are showing up all

around South Florida. At least they are strange to many drivers here. They are called "traffic circles."

People driving here seem to have no idea what to do once they approach one. Some stop and just gaze in wonderment. Others completely ignore them and drive right on through as though they didn't exist. Maybe they don't. Possibly they are only figments of our imagination.

I come from another part of the world, called New England (not to be confused with the Old England) and there we had circles called "Rotaries." People in New England apparently have gotten used to seeing these strange circles, and when they drive into one they gradually merge with the other vehicles and proceed around them in an orderly manner. In New England, these circles apparently are revered, because they have formed organizations called Rotary Clubs, just to preserve them. I have donated to them myself.

In Miami-Dade County things are different. It seems proper to either just keep on going at whatever speed you are driving when you approach and



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heaven help anyone that might have entered the circle before you on *your* road. I have heard horns blast, mouths blast even louder, and seen the required one finger salute used on most of these circles.

Of course, in New England people are much smarter to begin with. They have to be because the streets, like in smart Coral Gables, all have names rather than numbers. You have to know exactly where you are and where you are going. There is no guessing there. People in Coral Gables are even smarter. They have hidden their street names on little concrete blocks on the ground. These are merely for decoration I have learned and so they won't distract drivers at night. In the "Gables" you either learn your way around or don't go there. That is what keeps it so exclusive.

By the way, I plan to begin the first Traffic Circle Club here in Cutler Bay and you may send donations to my attention, in cash of course, to this newspaper.

*Editor's note: Not really.*



Shown are two prospective traffic sign designs by DDOC (Dade Department of Circles).