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UFOs return yet again to busy Fowlerville sky

Fowlerville

A UFO has again invaded the quiet skies over Livingston County. The latest reported sighting was at Marsh and Sober Roads, about 8 miles north of Fowlerville, shortly after 10 p.m. on the night of March 19.

Linda Hough was watching TV when she heard a loud sound outside, "like a noisy car," she says. "I looked out and there was a huge light in the sky above Marsh Road."

"I didn't have my contact lenses on so I took the binoculars outside to look at it better," she explained. "It was skimming along just above the trees and the light was so bright it lit up the sky."

Linda wanted to try to see the shape of the UFO so she went back indoors and put on her contact lenses. The object was still in the sky when she went back out.

"I watched it cruise along," she said. "I thought at first it was a plane, but there were three planes in the sky and one of them passed right over it, and the plane was so small" (in comparison). She described it as having a "whole bunch of lights, maybe some red ones, but the white lights were brighter." It reminded her of search lights and lit up the sky "like a glow." "I've never seen

anything like it in my life," she says.

She described the noise as "really loud, louder than a jet, and it vibrated the air."

Linda watched the object for about fifteen minutes, until it was almost out of sight, headed west toward Lansing. Then she realized how frightened she was and went inside and locked the doors. She was home alone with her young son. "I called my aunt next door to see if she had seen anything, but she had been asleep and my cousins weren't home. The neighbors on the other side weren't home either." Linda watched the sky until her husband came home from work a short time later. He hadn't seen anything in the sky and neither had Linda's parents when they returned home from a movie.

Does Linda Hough believe in UFOs?

"Yes, I believe in UFOs. I think there is something in outer space. I don't think they're threatening; they're just curious like we are. I think they're just curious about what is here on Earth as we are curious about all the other planets. They aren't here to hurt us," she says.

Anyone seeing a UFO should call the Livingston County Sheriff Department at (517) 546-2440.

Officers report UFO sighting

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DETROIT NEWS
GLADSTONE, Mich. — (UPI) — Officers from three Upper Peninsula police agencies said yesterday they saw what appeared to be an unidentified flying object (UFO) before dawn north of Gladstone.

Officers responding to four calls from citizens reporting UFO sightings said they observed for more than a half-hour an object described as having flashing red, green and blue lights and an extremely bright white light.

The Gladstone Public Safety Department said it received the first report at 12:55 a.m. Officers David Mariin and Mark Hager were sent to the scene on M-35 north of the city.

Two deputies from the Delta County sheriff's department, David Huckstep and Mack Strickert, joined them minutes later. In the meantime, three more citizen reports were called in to area police.

The four officers said the mysterious object appeared to be moving at an extremely high speed, making sharp turns and abrupt ascending and descending maneuvers.

They said they observed the object for more than a half-hour.

Two officers from the Escanaba police department also reported seeing the object. One said he thought it was a UFO, the other said he thought it was a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) helicopter.