

Several Report Sighting of UFO in Sky Over Big Valley

Something apparently fell from the sky around Kelseyville early Sunday morning but what it was remains a mystery.

The sheriffs office received a number of calls shortly after midnight from people who said a burning object passed over Big Valley at a low altitude.

Vandenberg and Travis air force bases, contacted by the Record-Bee, were unable to shed any light on what the eyewitnesses to the event could have seen.

The first call logged by the sheriffs office came at 12:10 a.m. from Lakeport resident Leroy Harris, who said he received a call from a friend on Cobb Mountain who saw "some type of burning object" fall from the sky.

The last report came at 12:40 a.m. from pilot Dick Hall, who said he had swerved to avoid a "bright light" while making his landing approach at Lampson Field.

Five people travelling in a car near Kelseyville High School all saw what appeared to be an airplane about to crash.

Finley resident Mary Andrews,

one of the five, said what they saw was "just a big reddish orange looking glob in the sky. It seemed to be coming towards us. All of a sudden parts seemed to be coming off it."

Andrews said the object disappeared behind a hill and they went to see if it had crashed but could find no further evidence of it.

She said there appeared to be one part detached above the main ball with a glowing string dangling from it and several other glowing pieces detached below the main globe:

"First it was kind of a bright light, then it began to glow orangish red," she said.

Hall said he was travelling southeast as he was approaching Lampson when he saw a bright light "about a mile away coming straight at me."

Hall said he made a sharp turn west to avoid the light, "came back around and it was gone."

He described the light as "bright, it looked like a landing light... looked like it was on approach."

Now he thinks it might have been a reflection, possibly of his own lights. "It could have been a reflection. There were a lot of clouds in the air."

Two other calls were logged by the sheriffs office, one at 12:21 a.m. from the Clearlake Highlands area where a citizen reported seeing a burning object pass through the sky, and another from a fish and game warden who reported seeing "a flare" over Kelseyville.

A spokesman for Vandenberg Air Force Base said no missiles were launched at that hour no were any satellites reported coming down.

A spokesman for Travis Air Force Base said they had received no reports of aircraft accidents at that hour, nor were there any "significant meteor showers."

"Nothing was tracked (on radar) other than standard military and civilian aircraft," he said.

The FAA told the sheriffs office there were no reports of any aircraft in trouble or overdue.

Hall agreed the incident was "strange"