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My UFO encounter

by Cindy Williams



A REAL-LIFE UFO experience made a believer out of actress Cindy Williams.

UFOs really do exist, claims zany Cindy Williams of ABC's smash hit, *Laverne and Shirley*. She's even seen them in the mountains in California.

These UFO sightings make Cindy the perfect person to star in a new film, *Uforia*.

It's about a woman who sees spaceships. It's even being filmed in the same area she spotted her UFO.

Uforia, co-starring Fred Ward who appeared with Clint Eastwood in *Escape From Alcatraz*, could be the first of many movies for Cindy because she says this may be the last year she

plays Penny Marshall's sidekick, Shirley Feeney.

"I know all the contracts are up this year and we're not sure whether they will ask us back for another season," Cindy confides between takes on the *Uforia* set.

"We're going into a whole different area this year. *Laverne and Shirley* will be moving to Hollywood. But if things are slipping, Penny, myself and the rest of the cast are realistic enough to say it's run its course and

we've done our best."

Cindy's UFO experience happened long before she gained TV fame. She was on a high school religious retreat in the San Bernardino mountains.

"I was with a group of people and we were marking a silent walk up a hill to pray when these four lights seemed to rush over the mountain towards us," the 32-year-old California native recalled.

"There were eight kids in our party and we stared at these 'saucers' for several minutes. They were gleaming and shimmering with a beautiful light that changed from purple to orange and back.

"They vibrated in the air in perfect formation — like they were trying to announce their presence to us.

"Then, with incredible speed, they were sucked into the distance and disappeared."

Like her *Uforia* character, Arlene, the TV star is convinced we are not the only life in the universe. There's evidence of UFOs in the Bible, she claims.

"Ezekiel does see a wheel of fire in the sky," she says. "Now why do they describe it that way? 'If it was nothing, they would say something like: 'It was just a tree burning.' It's not that, though, it's a wheel of fire."

"I am absolutely in accordance with Arlene's beliefs in UFOs, prophetic dreams and visions. And it's just not a passing interest."

Cindy is also a believer in pyramid power and says the one she had over her bed for two years really did restore her energy fast — though she worked 14 to 16 hours a day.

"Maybe some of it was psychological, but I do believe in a focal point of energy and that's what a pyramid is," says the star.

"As far as I'm concerned it worked."

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