



What kind of flight path is this. . Niagara Falls UFO fan Malcolm Williams and St. Catharines sky-watcher Bill Nelson have been joining others by the shores of Lake Ontario for a spectacular show of unex-

plained lights. Williams and Nelson were positioned at the Niagara-on-the-Lake golf course last Sunday night at about 9:30 p.m. when this shot was taken. Nelson used 400 A.S.A. black and white film, an F-stop of 5.6

and exposures ranging from three to five minutes. The thin strip of lights in the background is Mississauga. (Photo by Bill Nelson exclusive to the Review and may not be reproduced)

IN NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

UFO's light up night skies

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Thundering jets will be ripping through the skies over Lake Ontario this weekend for the Ex's spectacular air show. But for some of the people of Niagara-on-the-Lake and north St. Catharines, the show started weeks ago.

Once again, the night-time skies have come alive with strange hurtling lighted objects.

The UFO's aren't a new attraction in Niagara-on-the-Lake. The foot of Queen Street, beside the town's golf course, has long been a favourite spot to scan the skies for the lights no one seems

to be able to explain.

Normally the UFO's aren't spotted until late fall. But this year they're early.

"It's unusual to see them in the summer. It's as if there's a sense of urgency," says Bill Nelson, of St. Catharines.

Nelson, 62, is a seasoned newsman with work that's appeared in newspapers across North America. He's been chasing down UFO's ever since his days as a reporter in Twin Falls, Idaho in the late 40's. For three years, he worked as a technical editor for a U.S. aeronautics firm.

"These lights are definitely

craft of some sort," Nelson says. "They stack up like planes."

"And when a jet heads across to Malton, or when a freighter goes by, they blink right out."

Strangeley, the latest batch of sightings haven't been picked up on the north shore of Lake Ontario. Nelson surmises the forces have a way of cancelling their lights through a screening process similar to one used to block radar.

"But these sightings are significant, because for the first time we have a predictable episode of continuous lights," he says. "These have been almost a nightly occurrence."

But those wanting to catch the show first hand shouldn't delay.

"This latest batch won't last. People watching them bring on pressure, and they'll disappear for a time."

Coast guard officials don't shed much light on the lights. Nelson claims that when he and half a dozen others watched the lights from Niagara-on-the-Lake last Sunday night, the U.S. Coastguard ventured out on the

lake and blinked their spotlights at the UFO's for about an hour. "But they deny it now," says.

Nelson's personal theory that the lights are involved with an underwater base somewhere in the depths of Lake Ontario.

If you can't make the Ex's show this Labor day weekend, journey up to Niagara-on-the-Lake and try the Extraterrestrial one.

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The story on UFOs lighting up the sky was a laugh, especially the part about an underwater base in Lake Ontario. May I suggest that the photograph of the lights simply shows the reflection of the lights of traffic on the QEW. The same thing happens periodically on Highway 400 near the Aurora side road.

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The Observer who spoofed UFO sightings over Lake Ontario should remember: One does not knock something one has not yet seen. I suggest the Observer pack up binoculars and spend an hour some clear night looking towards Toronto, like I did. There is more out there than can be explained.

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The light objects being seen over Lake Ontario are not reflections of QEW traffic lights. The lights being seen are sodium orange in color. No vehicle reflects sodium colored lights. There are yellow quartz lights on many vehicles and fog lights but not sodium orange. The reflecting lights were foreign to aircraft lighting and any helicopter lighting. More people should have been there to see the phenomena.

Photographer of Objects

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My girlfriend and two friends of mine and I saw something we have never seen before over Lake Ontario. We were down on the shore Monday night we saw something go in and out of the water for an hour. When two airplanes flew over the water, the object stayed underwater. When the planes had gone by, the object came out again. It did strange things — zig-zagging, figure eight shapes, turned on its side and went back under water. You could see oscillating lights across whatever it was and they were very bright orange. At one point it shot right up into the sky at a speed I've never seen before. A ship came out of the canal, headed for Toronto. It came up to the spot where this thing was performing and stopped. The ship then started up again, going faster than it had before stopping and proceeded toward Toronto. This is not a dream; three other people were witnesses to the event.

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