

The UFOs Start Flying Over China

Beijing

UFO fever has finally hit China.

The Xinhua News Agency said people in all walks of life have been gripped by curiosity toward unidentified flying objects.

"Sightings of these intriguing phenomena are reported in the Chinese press from time to time," it said.

"UFOS have long captured the imagination of the West, and they are arousing the interest of increasing numbers of people in China as

well," it said.

The agency said some 300 "UFO-logists" have organized themselves into China's first academic society investigating the strange blips of lights dashing across the sky.

The society, whose members include workers, students, teachers, journalists, doctors and researchers, is headquartered in Wuhan in central China.

It has branches in Peking, Shanghai, and the provinces of Guangdong, Sichuan, Shanxi,

Shaanxi, Hubei and Guangxi, the agency said.

The society has even come out with a journal called UFO Exploration which reports on sightings in China and abroad.

The head of the organization is a 26-year-old student in astro-physics.

Research and discussions on UFOs from the points of view of physics, astronomy, technology, philosophy and psychology have been conducted, Xinhua said.

There has been an outburst of UFO reports in the Chinese press in the past few months following years of silence on the subject.

The popular Peking Evening News last month carried a photograph, reputedly the first taken in China of an UFO.

Three campers sleeping out near the Great Wall of China took the photo. Their accounts said the object looked like a triple star in an inverted T-shaped configuration, surrounded by a halo light.

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