

# Hundreds Spot Gigantic UFO As It Cruises Over 2 States

A gigantic UFO with brilliant lights and "windows" cruised the night sky over northern Missouri and Kansas for more than four hours — while hundreds of people including several policemen looked on in awe.

One man saw what appeared to be lighted "windows to a cockpit" and actually photographed them.

People in at least 22 towns saw the UFO last November 18. It was triangular or bullet-shaped, with one red and two very bright white lights, "like headlights."

The UFO seemed to criss-cross slowly between the two states, was tracked on radar and at one point ejected several glowing objects or "satellites."

But observers were most awed by the UFO's spectacular size.

"It was at least as big as a football field," said 42-year-old welder Don Leslie of Milan, Mo.

Roger Bennett of Huntsville, Mo., said, "It was so big it would make a B-52 bomber look like a Piper Cub." He said it was bullet-shaped, "like a big fat cigar."

Bennett, 40, told The ENQUIRER:

"It was traveling very high from east to west. When it got almost directly overhead, you could hear a faint rumbling."

"Just before the object disappeared above some clouds, it ejected about six smaller objects in a burst, kind of fan-shaped. Some went straight

out, some went north and some went south."

Randy Hayes, 26, a truck driver, said the UFO "looked like it was dropping satellites. They were round and had sort of a bluish glow." The cigar-shaped object was so big, he added, "it blocked out some of the stars."

Rick Hull's photograph of the object shows a triangular-shaped arrangement of lights.

"I'm taking a photography class at Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville and carry a camera in my car," he said.

He and a friend were downtown in Trenton, Mo., when they spotted the UFO, with its two big white lights, around 8:15 p.m.

"By the time I got the camera out," said Hull, "the object was moving toward us and I shot one picture with the flash. All of a sudden the two big lights went out."

Hull said the UFO seemed to make a banking maneuver,



**NIGHTTIME** photo of UFO taken by Rick Hull reveals triangular shape. Map shows area where most sightings were made.



revealing what appeared to be lights shining out of "windows to a cockpit."

He told The ENQUIRER: "I shot a picture of that, and it was the only shot (out of eight) that turned out."

Buddy Hannaford, a 36-year-old Trenton music teach-

er, also saw the "cockpit" with its lights: "They were like cabin lights, like lights coming out of the windows of an airplane."

Hannaford's wife, Karla, watched the UFO through binoculars: "It was delta or triangular-shaped, with two



**THEY SAW IT:** Rick Hull shows how he photographed UFO as Jerry Holloway and Stephen Palmer (pointing) look at where the sighting happened.

bright lights and a red beacon light on the underside. It passed right over our house."

An ENQUIRER check with military bases in the area showed no air activity that could have accounted for the sightings.

Franklin West, a technician at a Federal Aviation Administration installation north of Kirksville, Mo., saw the object on his radar scope.

"It went through the area four or five times," he said. "I estimated its speed at about 45 miles per hour. I'm not saying it was a flying saucer. I am saying it was an unidentified flying object (UFO) because I couldn't identify it."

Said a local newspaper reporter, Hank Janssen of Kirksville: "Literally hundreds of people saw the object. It was flying so slowly it was there for anybody to see."

Adair County Sheriff's Deputy Charles Cooper, one of at least a dozen policemen who saw the object, said he was amazed at its movement: "It went in the opposite direction without turning around."

Missouri Highway Patrolman Bob Lober said he thought the object was a helicopter — until it flew backwards: "I don't know of any helicopter that will fly backwards."

Added fellow Highway Patrolman Mike Leavene: "I've never seen anything like it before."

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