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Four Report Seeing UFO

SAN JOSE (UPI) — Two Cupertino pilots said they had a close encounter with an unidentified flying object in the skies over San Jose Municipal Airport.

The object was about 10 feet in diameter, they said, and emitted a bright, red, pulsating light.

The strange object was also seen by two controllers in the airport tower but could not be detected on the radar.

Gary Rounds, 21, who was piloting the rented Cessna 150, and his passenger, Charles Shackelford, 20, also a pilot, said the object appeared to head straight for their plane Monday night as they were practicing landings and takeoffs.

Air controller Rich Gutterud said the object "was coming right at him. He had to extend upward (climb above) from whatever it was."

"It was really wild," Shackelford said. "First it was in front of us. The next thing we knew it was right behind us."

Gutterud and air controller Randy Blount, both of whom saw the UFO, said the light followed the plane briefly, hovered, "then it just took off at an extremely high rate of speed."