

Strange encounter with a huge UFO sends driver back in time

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Salesman Alan Cave is living with a nightmare experience that will haunt him forever — a chilling encounter with a UFO, and a mysterious journey back in time.

"I can't explain it," Alan told The NEWS. "It was the most incredible experience of my life. I saw an object in the sky. The next thing I knew, I had lost three hours of time.

"It seemed only a second or two to me. But after I saw the object, I looked at my watch and it had lost three hours.

"But what really stunned me was after I had stopped my car, the odometer (mileage meter) was still moving — backward!"

Alan's incredible time-warp experience came after he left his home in Taunton and was driving his car on highway A-46, between Bath and Stroud, in the south of England. He recalls the exact time as 11 a.m.

"I can pinpoint the time because I was listening to the news on my car radio," Alan explained. "The BBC News comes on every morning at 11 a.m., and when it came on, I unconsciously glanced at my wristwatch.

"I also happened to glance up through the windshield and I saw this huge object hovering in the sky. It was a bright, glowing orange color and looked like a fat cigar.

"I stopped my car and looked at my watch. It showed the time as being 8 o'clock. I carry a pen that has a digital clock in it, and it too had gone backward. But they had both showed the correct time when I left home that

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morning. As I sat in my car, I looked down at the odometer and was jolted to see that it was moving backward.

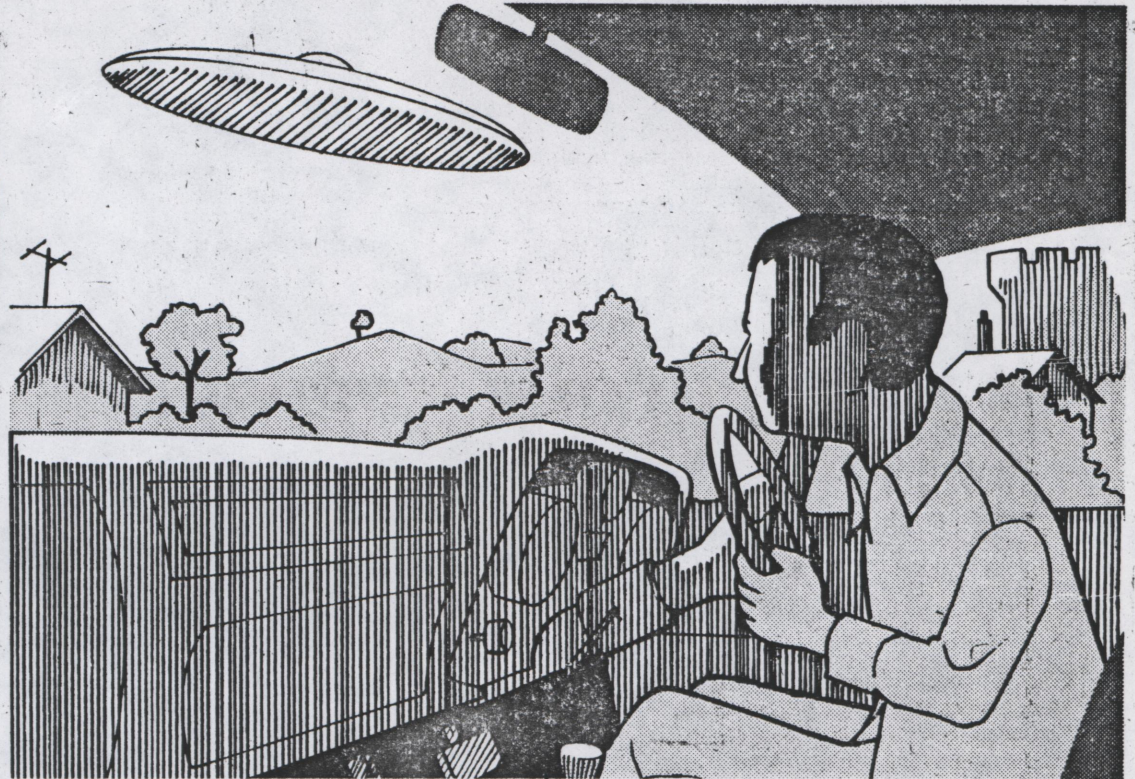
"The car wasn't moving, but the odometer was. I estimate that it lost about 300 miles, something a mechanic told me later was 'impossible,' that my odometer can only move forward, not back.

"I was stunned. What was happening simply shouldn't be happening. But there it was — my watch and pen had lost three hours and my odometer was moving backward. How do you explain something like that?"

"I believe I may have traveled 3 hours back in time and then returned to the present. My watch and odometer did not wind forward again, staying firmly in the past."

The British Flying Saucer Research Bureau said several other people reported sighting an orange-glowing UFO in the same area and at approximately the same time that Alan experienced his encounter.

The bureau said they are in-



An artist captures the moment when salesman Alan Cave first saw the glowing UFO. His watch later showed that he had lost three hours, as though he had entered a weird time warp.

vestigating the reports to learn if others experienced a time loss or any other aftereffects.

"I don't know — for sure — what happened to me or what it was that I saw, or what strange kind of time warp hit me," Alan declared. "I have never been a believer in UFOs.

"It's absolutely incredible to me that space ships could travel

here and fly about without the government knowing about it.

"But if there really are UFOs, then it must mean that the government is covering it up. I have thought about that possibility at times."

Alan said his wife, Susan, was "totally amazed" when he related his UFO encounter.

"I can't say I believe or dis-

believe in UFOs," Susan said. "But I know it was a startling experience for Alan.

"He's not the type of person who would joke about something like that."

Alan said he has suffered no ill-effects from the UFO encounter. But he admits the memory of his incredible experience lingers on.