

Iowa Attracts UFO Spotters

Davenport, Iowa (AP) — The organizer of a group that investigates UFO sightings wants to move its headquarters to a farm near Davenport because she says the atmospheric conditions are ripe for spotting UFOs.

Barbara Schutte is a founder of Abintra Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to the research and investigation of UFOs and related mysteries. The new group is currently located in Wever, Iowa, a small town about eight miles south of Burlington.

"We want to find a place to rent in Davenport because the area has the right atmospheric conditions for research," Ms. Schutte said. "We also like the general appearance and the attitudes of the people."

Ms. Schutte, who said she became involved in UFO research after she sighted a UFO in 1978, said Abintra will investigate sightings and alleged government cover-ups of sightings, and act as a clearinghouse for UFO researchers across the nation.

She said the group also will offer clinical services to people who have UFO experiences.

"There are about 50 to 60 people in the Davenport area who are very excited to have us come up there. You can't really talk to your family or friends about a UFO sighting," she said.

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Australian UFOs

Melbourne, Australia (AP) — The Australian air force began a UFO investigation Tuesday after hundreds of reports of four, multicolored cylindrical shapes hovering over the town of Bendigo over the weekend.

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