

UFOs seen by Valley

Folks

He said it looked like a half-dollar. "At that distance it was huge," David said. "Probably about eight to 10 football fields in diameter.

The family watched for quite awhile, but they didn't see it again.

THEY THOUGHT they might read about it in the papers, but they saw not a word.

Here's another story: George was awake at 2 a.m., looking out the window. His attention was drawn to what looked to be a ball of fire in palm trees a few blocks away.

HE CALLED the fire department, but when the firemen arrived, there was no sign of a fire in any palm trees.

And another: Tina and Chris apparently both observed the same object about 10 days ago.

WHILE TINA was driving west on Glendale Avenue between 75th and 83rd avenues, she saw a moving object out of the corner of her eye.

At first she thought it was a falling star, but it was too large. Tina thinks it had a round base and it looked as if it were on fire, with a trailing tail that was a beautiful mixture of bright blue-green colors. "The tail of color

through snow to reach the tree line.

Managing to find an old trapper's cabin, he suddenly awoke around 3 a.m. the day after his arrival, to see something nearby in the sky. Racing for the door, he said the sky was clean by the time he opened it.

FAR AWAY he could see an object "doing strange things." At that distance, it looked to be about the size of a quarter, but he noticed that it would blot out a star as it passed below it. He caught the color of mint green as it darted from spot to spot. "Then, it was just gone in the blink of the eye," David said.

A few weeks ago, between 10:30 and 11 p.m., as David and his family were emerging from their car near 39th Lane and Thunderbird Road, they noticed a monstrous lighted object hanging in the sky in an area that seemed to be on the other side of South Mountain.

David describes the thing as "monstrous, with lights completely encircling it. No flashing lights—nothing—just a perimeter of blue and white lights," he explained.

IT SEEMED to move in a southerly direction, then stopped in mid-air and with controlled speed moved slowly straight

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When asking those who have seen them to explain unusual sightings of unidentified flying objects, the reluctance of individuals is understandable.

Not many people will come forth with stories, even though UFOs have been observed as early as Biblical times and have been reported throughout the world in this modern age.

WITH FEW exceptions, scientists have refuted most reports and assigned their own interpretations to what has been viewed, with such explanations as swamp gas, bright or falling stars, meteorites, weather balloons and the like.

They prefer to believe that everything has to be weighed, measured, and computed to be real.

And that is part of the reason people don't speak about their own sightings.

FOR MOST people, many of the events recounted are within the realm of possibility.

It is true, some UFO sightings do have logical explanation. But to people who have seen the objects, there is no dissuading them that there is not "something out there."

Gradually, times are changing. Today many scientists have been involved with UFOs for years and an ever-increasing number of workers has gone into such studies.

So the problem is studied by a veritable army of scholars, each trained to a high degree of technical proficiency.

WITH THE publicity generated by the many TV stories and movies about things in outer space, some with factual backgrounds, the public is becoming more and more used to the idea that there very well could be such phenomena. People are beginning to discuss the events intelligently.

Phoenix and Sun City residents have seen their share of UFO displays.

Some individuals have related their stories, asking that their names not be used, however.

DAVID, FOR instance, reported two separate sightings, one alone and one with his family.

Leaving on a moment's notice for an elk-hunting trip on Pyramid Mountain near Steamboat Springs, Colo., he took more than eight hours to trudge

was fairly long," Tina relates. "I watched it until it disintegrated. I was expecting it to hit the earth."

When Tina arrived home, she called TV Station KPNX, Channel 12, and they told her they had received several calls from the Luke Air Force Base area.

IN THIS case, the object was unofficially identified as a burning meteorite.

Peering out the car window, Chris saw a long object while he was driving at 57th Street and Olive Avenue. He mentions he didn't see the start of it. When he saw it, it was a sort of turquoise color. "It just went flit and it was gone," he remembers.

A Youngtown resident said she thought the object she saw was a star, except that it was blinking, at a great distance, in even sequences of white, bluish-purple and green light.

AS SHE WATCHED it, she had the feeling of being watched, and the "star" moved quickly towards her apartment, hovering at an estimated 5,000 feet above her, by this time, brilliant white. By the time she had brought her husband out to see the object, it had disappeared.

