

# The most mindboggling UFO sighting of all time

**IN ONE** of the most astonishing sightings in UFO history, more than 5,000 people are estimated to have seen a flying saucer armada — at the same time.

The fact that so many people in Westchester County, Connecticut, and Upstate New York all saw the alien spacecraft at the same time makes it especially fascinating to Dr. J. Allen Hynek, one of the foremost UFO experts in the world.

"Highly credible witnesses, including computer experts, teachers, engineers and a meteorologist have seen a large, hovering boomerang-shaped pattern of lights," he explained in an interview.

"This case differs from other, similar cases be-

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cause it has an abundant number of independent, as opposed to multiple, witnesses.

"When you have three or four people in a car, a psychologist can always argue that they were affected by one another. But when

strangers separated by two or three city blocks report the same thing in some detail, that's something else."

Lieutenant George Lesnick of the New Fairfield, Connecticut, police department has been following reports of UFO sightings for 32 years. He

## 5,000 saw saucer with many lights

agrees that this mass sighting, which even stopped highway traffic, merits special attention.

"Something has to be going on here," he said at the time.

"These reports are being made by reliable people, not by drunks. I'm definitely a believer."

John Burdett, an IBM executive, was one of the scores of people Imbrogno interviewed about the sighting.

### Bright light

Burdett and his family were out on the deck of their home when they sighted the craft.

They noticed a string of bright string of lights low on the horizon approaching them.

The Burdetts watched the V-shaped formation of 15 lights move slowly toward their house and pass directly overhead — making no sound.

John Burdett called for his wife, who says "he was shouting for me to come out in such an excited manner that I thought the house was on fire."

The craft stopped after it passed over the house and then the lights simultaneously turned to blue. In all, the Burdett sighting lasted about 10 minutes.

### Witnesses

The police department in Mt. Pleasant, New York, less than a mile from the Burdett home, logged 10 calls about the UFO from area residents.

Imbrogno says that all witnesses report some type of dark mass behind the lights — and all the diagrams they drew of what they saw were amazingly alike.

The Dennis Sant family got an even better look at the huge boomerang-shaped craft.

It passed over them on their way home from a church meeting, and then hovered about 50 feet above their backyard for several minutes.

Sant ran out underneath the massive object that he says "just ate up" the entire section of the southwestern sky.

He jogged slowly below it, amazed that such an enormous object could move so slowly and still stay aloft.

At no time did Sant hear any sound, or feel any heat, coming from the craft.

He was, however, dazzled by an array of brilliantly colored flashing lights which continued until the craft suddenly cast out

several beams of intense white light displayed on the ground.

Just as suddenly, the lights from the object went out and the craft began to slowly rise and head away to the northeast and pass out of view.

Some skeptics have claimed that what these thousands of witnesses saw was actually nothing more than some mischievous pilots in private planes flying in a tight V-formation and coordinating their lights to give the impression that they were a UFO.

While Hynek admits that some of the sightings may have involved the fliers and not a UFO, he notes that most eyewitness reports eliminate planes as an explanation.

"Single-engine planes cannot hover soundlessly and travel below stall speed," he explains.

Hynek believes that for some reason whoever is in charge of the UFOs is deliberately making it difficult for humans to verify their presence.

But that doesn't mean he is about to

give up his investigations. He is currently setting up a new UFO Research facility in Phoenix, Arizona, to spearhead the effort to provide scientific evidence of UFOs.

He believes we should look for evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence right here on Earth instead of trying to contact civilizations light years away.

Syas Hynek: "It would be a tragic joke if all this money were spent searching in far places when the evidence might be under our very noses."

## Family watches craft 10 minutes