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UFO's seen over the Methow

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Unidentified flying objects were reportedly seen late Saturday and Sunday nights by local residents and visiting tourists.

Dick Chavey of Winthrop said he saw them Sunday night. He first noticed them in the southeastern sky, well above the horizon. "They were nothing spectacular — they were just there — no little green men, no flying saucers, just some unexplained phenomenon."

Chavey said the UFO had red, green, and white lights that blinked on and off as those on an airplane, except that the object stayed in one spot. He reports watching this unusual sight for at least a half hour. Later he saw two more similar objects in the southwest sky also appearing well above the horizon.

Jennifer Hurlen of Twisp reportedly also saw the UFOs at the same time as Chavey. She and Patty Yates and Jim Gerlach of Winthrop spoke with some tourists who evidently had been camping up on the West Chewuch and told of UFO sightings on Saturday night.

According to Patty Yates, the tourists described the UFOs as sphere-like with red and green lights, basically milky white, and when they moved they skipped around like water bugs. The campers said the lighted objects moved with incredible speed and told of seeing seven UFOs over a period of three hours.

Dick Chavey said it was the story told by the tourists that prompted him to look for the UFOs. His latest report is that he saw them again about 10 p.m. Monday night.