

# UFO sighting reports

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I know the sister of a woman who saw a flying object, in Madison. The woman doesn't call it a "UFO" because she certainly identified it as a flying object.

The woman I know is a quiet, somber, serious sort of person — traits she says she shares with her sister, the FO sighter. She is certainly not, to put it bluntly, a crackpot.

But the media have implied as much, sort of, in reporting her sighting. In this newspaper, for example, the brief story of her sighting was coupled with a headline that read: "Oh, oh, UFO: Two are sighted here." And the first line of the story was "Fade in with the tune from Twilight Zone."

So. Not because her sister knows me, but because the story is indeed strange and so detailed, here is the woman's own account of what she saw:

## Street Scenes

"It is after 11 p.m. on Nov. 19. The streets are deserted and all the houses dark. The only light comes from my car's headlights and a street light.

"Three lights above a row of trees, next to the East Madison Baptist Church (on Milwaukee Street), catch my eye. I assume they are the lights on a helicopter. The craft is descending towards a house on the north side of the street, and is now 10 feet above the road.

"I was curious, because if the craft continued on its present course it would crash into the house. So I decided to pull over to the curb, never taking my eyes off the lights.

"Surprisingly, it makes a sharp and graceful 90-degree turn just short of the curb. Now moving towards me, it rises slightly in the middle of the block. Ascending straight up, several

feet in front of my car, the craft avoids hitting the powerlines.

"The street light illuminates one side and I can now make out its shape and color.

"The craft is triangular, about 12 feet in length and black. A light shines from the narrow nose. The body gradually widens but remains trim. Too trim for a person to be comfortably seated. A wide silver streak extends from the nose to the tail. The view is partially obstructed by a light. There are no wings, propellers or visible engines, and the craft moves in complete silence.

"It is not an aircraft and I continue to watch in complete fascination.

"Sweeping north, the craft hovers 12 to 15 feet above a house. The rear of the craft, about half the width of

## aren't so far-fetched

the roof, now faces me.

"Two white lights flank the rear and a small red light is near the light on the right. Rectangular white lights flash on near the top and are blinking in rapid succession. The lights are moving in a seemingly circular motion. The bottom is slightly convex. The motion of the lights and the shape of the craft give it a 'flying saucer' appearance.

"I was frightened, so I left and called the Madison Police Department.

"After giving the description to the officer, he mentioned he had seen something similar about 12 years ago, and he asked me to draw what I had seen.

"A check was made to see if anything had been picked up by radar at

the Dane County Airport. Radar was not in operation at the time of the sighting, and I was told that radar would not have picked up anything at that height and it can easily be avoided."

The woman's story might have ended there, had not a fellow named John, a state employee, been driving on Highway CV near Chase Lumber at about 5 p.m. Nov. 22, three nights later. This is in the same general area where the woman had sighted the FO.

The man saw three white lights hovering 20 to 30 feet above a farmhouse, and he, too, thought he was watching a helicopter.

"Then I realized I didn't know what it was," he said, and described a craft that was roughly triangular, with its bottom sloped into contours.

He said it was noiseless and disappeared when he got out of his car to investigate.

A more thorough description he later provided included details that the woman also saw.

Sgt. Ray Warner, who calls himself a "born skeptic," and who saw a UFO 10 years ago, talked to the woman.

"She was real rational. She definitely saw something. I don't know what, but she saw something," said Warner.

None of the three, the woman, the man or the sergeant, is a crackpot. And the two FO sighters wanted to remain unidentified.

Fade out, to the tune of "Something happening here, just what it is, ain't exactly clear."