

UFO over Salisbury

say. Their skin color has been described as beige, tan, brown, bluish-gray and in two instances, "charred brown."

The occupants are hairless, though some have fuzz on their heads, Fawcett says. They are usually seen wearing white or silver overalls and helmets. They appear to have no teeth or reproductive organs.

Occupants reportedly communicate in all known languages, by mental telepathy or by markings on the ground.

Some Christians claim UFOs are a sign of Armageddon, which was prophesied in the Bible, Fawcett says. They quote scripture from the book of Revelation foretelling "signs in the heavens" as proof.

At the same time, a theological group in California, often referred to as "Counterfeit Christians," believes that UFOs are actually "fallen angels" who have come to earth to deceive mankind.

Fawcett says he has gained "a wider revelation of God and creation" from his UFO research and always enters his investigations from a "prayerful viewpoint."

UFOs could help the world to better understand man's purpose, he says. "I wouldn't be surprised if we didn't have all the answers we're looking for in all the filing cabinets all over the world." (Fawcett has 25 cabinets full of UFO research.)

UFO occupants appear to be studying man, he says. They have been seen taking samples of water, rocks, vegetation and animals.

Humans have also been studied, according to reports. Some people have reportedly been abducted several times at different stages in

their lives and examined, Fawcett says. Some have even found small surgery scars afterwards.

Are they friendly?

"I would hope that the majority of UFOs are friendly and that they would come and help us solve our problems, such as cancer, racial strife, warfare and pollution," he says. "It might help us to become so involved with life out there that we forget our problems here."

Fawcett's dream is to build a million-dollar UFO museum and research center.

He has talked with officials in Gatlinburg, Boone and Statesville about the project, but has received no firm commitment from anyone. Fawcett says he designed the museum 22 years ago, but has never had time to pursue it before.

The proposed museum would have exhibits, UFO classes and symposiums with worldwide speakers, photographs, slides, humanoid statues, footprints from landing sites, videotapes of UFOs and case reports of UFO investigations.

"I know it would be a success," he says. "There's no doubt in my mind."

Fawcett says he would like to build the museum in North Carolina because this is his home. "And North Carolina was first in flight, why not in UFOs?" he says.

In the meantime, Fawcett keeps most of his collection of UFO photographs, which he hopes to display in the museum, in a designated "UFO Room" in the Super Sub Sandwich Shoppe in Lincolnton, which he operates with his wife, Shirley. They advertise their sandwiches as being "out of this world."

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Sylvia Bagby was running across her neighbor's yard to get a better look at a strange, white, star-like object she had seen circling around the sky near Salisbury when she felt an "instinct" to turn around and look up.

"When I looked up, I had never seen anything like it," said the 49-year-old hairdresser. "It was shining through the trees over my neighbor's trailer, bigger than any moon or any sun, and it was like it was revolving. It was so red it looked like hot coals. My first impression was, 'This is it. This thing is going to disintegrate everything.'"

But the round, red object, which Mrs. Bagby said was as big as a house and had a yellow halo, disappeared when neighbor Irene Jones ran out to respond to her screams. Then they watched as the object reappeared in its bright star shape and circled to the east about 10 miles away.

Mrs. Bagby said she felt a tingling sensation during the experience that night of Nov. 10, as if she had been out in the sun too long.

"I looked in the mirror, but I didn't see any red places," she said. "I couldn't sleep for about a week. Every time I close my eyes, I still see it. Every time I walk out the door, I look up."

"Most people, when you try to talk about it, they think you don't know what you're talking about," said Mrs. Bagby, who never really thought much about unidentified flying objects before the experience. "I called the sheriff's department—they just laughed. So I really haven't said that much about it... It makes you feel so alone."

"I suddenly there was a threat to this world from some other species from another planet... we'd forget all the little local differences that we have between our continents."

President Reagan, with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

— Jimmy Carter, 1969.

"Visitors from outer space are trying to work out a method of brushing and staying alive in our atmosphere before landing and establishing contact."

— Gen. George C. Marshall, U.S. Army chief of staff during World War II in 1955.

"We take them (UFOs) seriously, when you consider that we have lost many men and planes trying to intercept them."

— Gen. Benjamin Chidwell, head of the U.S. Continental Air Defense, 1952.

"My colleagues and I feel that the time has come for official education of the public regarding UFOs. We now recognize that apart from its potential scientific importance, it has sociological and political significance."

— Dr. J. Allen Hynek, astronomer and chief scientific consultant for the Air Force "Project Blue Book," UFO study, 1974.

SHAPES MANEUVERS SPEED LIGHTS COLOR SOUND

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The illustrations below are generalizations of the most commonly reported Unidentified Flying Objects. Such details as lights, supposed landing gear, antennae, ports, wings and fins, as well as miscellaneous other details have been omitted here for clarity sake. Also because such characteristics vary from one report to another.

1 BALL: The most frequently reported UFO. This may be due to its being the most familiar shape to the mind, right or left.	2 COIN SHAPE, DMC presented	3 HAT SHAPE	4 SATELLITE SHAPES	5 HEXAGON
6 DISC	7 CROSS	8 DIAMOND	9 PYREBALL	10 DOUGHNUT
11 FLATTENED SPHERE	12 FOOTBALL	13 TRIANGLE	14 SMOKEWAKE	15 STAR
16 COAXIAL TUBE, ROD	17 BOMB BALL	18 ICE CREAM CONE	19 TEAR DROP	20 BULLET (COMET)

Investigator's Chart is on display in the Super Sub Sandwich Shoppe.

"(World nations) must make a common front against attack by people from other planets for the next war will be an interplanetary one."

— Gen. Douglas McArthur, 1955.