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UFO probbers checked lights over Corydon

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CORYDON, Ind. — Reports of strange lights over Southern Indiana in recent weeks have stirred to action a national organization that investigates unidentified flying objects.

Described as glowing and blinking lights, the UFOs reportedly appeared almost nightly for more than two weeks near Mickey Shawler's house.

James Delehanty, a field operative for the Mutual UFO Network, spent two nights last week in the Harrison County community investigating the reports. He and other observers saw several airplanes, but nothing resembling the lights that

had been reported.

Ms. Shawler said the lights did appear last Thursday night, but not until around midnight, after the observers left.

"It's so frustrating," she said. "It's almost like they didn't want to come with all the people around."

But the lights have been seen by enough credible witnesses to generate an investigation by Delehanty's network, a 4,000-member international organization based in Texas.

The group was asked by the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle to check the Corydon reports.

Robert Gribble, a spokesman for the center, said his agency is a clearinghouse for UFO information in North America and uses the Mutual UFO Network as its investigative arm.

Ms. Shawler said she first saw the lights several months ago. The lights also have been reported by policemen and journalists.

Witnesses reported seeing as many as six lights or objects at one time. They are described as blinking lights in the sky or glowing orange balls. Ms. Shawler and at least one other witness said the phenomena have followed their cars.

"Everybody says, 'Mickey, you're crazy,'" Ms. Shawler said. "But once they see them, they

don't say that anymore."

Jackie Carpenter of the Corydon Democrat was one of the skeptics until she saw the lights two weeks ago.

Ms. Carpenter said the lights "hovered, rose, lowered, went sideways, disappeared and came back."

"It was really weird," she added.

Delehanty, a traffic manager with the Kentucky Air National Guard, said he plans to continue his investigation. He said other reports of glowing orange lights have also come in recently from the Indianapolis area and from Spencer, near Bloomington.