

Becker County family reports sighting of unusual object

by Tim Kjos

Buck and Marilyn Cummings saw something last Thursday evening that was out of the ordinary.

Some folks might quickly call it an unidentified flying object — a flying saucer, if you prefer — while others will say the Cummings just weren't seeing things

too clearly at 10:30 p.m.

But this Richwood couple, who own and operate a taxidermy business, are sure of what they saw and will stand by it.

Marilyn saw the object first, which acted similar to a small, private airplane in the distance to begin with. "Then, it just jumped, or moved really fast," she stated Friday morning.

"It jerked all the way over to the left and then it jerked way back over to the right, and then the left again. Then, it headed straight toward us, so it was heading directly south then."

The object approached the Cummings' residence shining a very bright, white light.

"We grabbed the binoculars...and he (Buck) was

watching it with those, and it came straight toward us. It seemed like a long time, but I suppose it was 15 seconds. Then, it must have turned, because we didn't see the bright light anymore, but it jerked way off to the left again," she explained.

At this point, the t-shaped object slowly flashed red and green lights, in addition to white.

The object made an arch in the sky toward the west, before turning south toward Detroit Lakes. The Cummings were able to follow its movements inside their home.

At one moment, Buck exclaimed to his wife, "I know it's not a plane; it looks like some kind of a saucer or a dish."

Through the binoculars, Buck described the object as having windows with lights streaming from it. There was also the landing- or flood-shaped light on it.

The Cummings never saw the object land. Buck followed it for a distance with his car, but it eventually disappeared beyond the treeline. He then returned home.

They contacted the Becker County Sheriff's Department about the incident. A dispatcher said a deputy would be sent to investigate, and the Cummings were asked to report any further sightings that evening. They never saw anymore after that.

"I'm convinced, and so is he, it wasn't a plane," emphasized Marilyn. "There isn't any way, I don't think, a plane could jerk back and forth so fast — as a plane turns it just kind of slowly turns. It doesn't just pivot. That bright light was there and all of a sudden it was gone, unless it was shut off."

The Cummings telephone was continually ringing Friday morning after news of the sighting was broadcasted on KDLM, Detroit Lakes, as friends and neighbors wanted to know more about it.

"We didn't even want to call it a UFO. It was just something different that we saw that we were pretty sure wasn't a plane," commented Marilyn, adding it was not Northern Lights.

She said no law enforcement agency or military authority had contacted them as yet Friday morning.

Cummings admits some persons might consider them kooky for seeing such things.

"We're not strong believers in UFOs, but I kind of believe in the back of my mind that there is something, because there have been too many sightings of different things reported. And I can't imagine that all of those people could be crazy," she pointed out.