

## UFOs leave strange calling cards

By MARK TOMEO  
News Staff Writer

GREENSBURG, Pa. — Unidentified flying objects have left strange calling cards in a pair of cases investigated by Stan Gordon's Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained.

One night in October 1965, a resident of Monaca in Beaver Township watched a 25-foot-wide UFO standing in a hayfield on what appeared to be eight-foot-long beams of light. The object remained in the field long enough for the witness to fetch his wife, and they both watched as the "beams" retracted and the disc rose into the sky with a sound like rushing air and flew away.

The pair described the object as having dull silver metal skin. They could see trees through the light beams and "portholes" of light on the disc's perimeter. A dark circle was visible on the underside as the object flew off.

### Finds metal disc

The husband returned to the field the next day to see if the object had scorched the ground or left any sign of its presence. Instead, he discovered a circular metal disc or plate about two feet in diameter and three-eighths of an inch thick with a one-inch hole in the center lying on the ground below where the object had hovered.

He brought the plate home and set it outside his barn with other objects that comprise the flotsam and jetsam of life on a farm — wagon wheels, old plow parts and rusty tools.

The plate sat outdoors for several years before the story of the sighting and the man's find reached the ears of a PASU field researcher. One of Gordon's agents finally contacted the pair, recorded the story and took the plate for metallurgical examination. The field agent noted that despite years of exposure to the elements, the plate did not have a speck of rust on it.

### Questions remain

"We had it analyzed and found it was made of very high quality stainless steel," Gordon said. "It's earthly material, but it still poses a lot of questions."

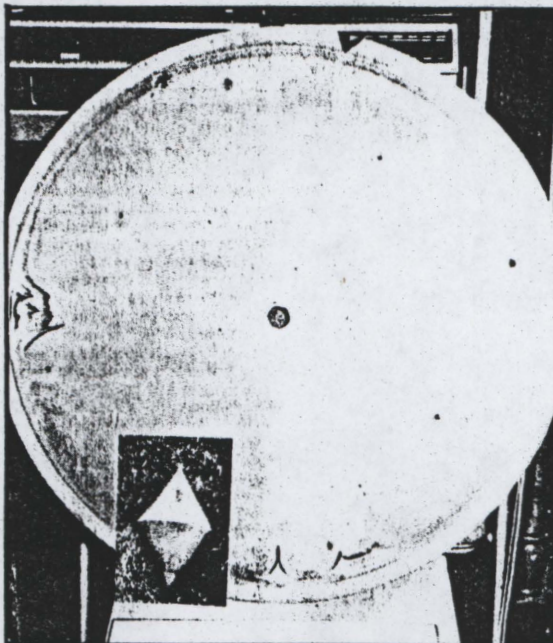
One question concerns eight little holes burned cleanly through the disc as if by laser. The holes — clean and even — show no sign of "puddling" as they would if they were made with a torch. Similarly, three areas near the plate's edge are carved out to different depths. At some points the cuts also go clear through the plate.

Analysts told Gordon the cuts look like cavitation where extremely high pressure has leaked through a seal.

Experts have so far been unable to determine where such a plate was manufactured or what it's for.

"There's no industry or factories around Monaca for miles," Gordon said. "I'm not saying it's a piece of a flying saucer, but it was found at the spot where a UFO was sighted hovering."

"Maybe it is alien," he said. "Maybe they use stainless steel as well. Maybe they got it somewhere on Earth, examined and tested it, and discarded it in that field. Maybe



STRANGE FINDS — A Monaca man found this metal disc in a hayfield at the spot he saw a UFO hovering on beams of light. A lower left is a photograph of a strange conical object found near a home in Herminie following a UFO event.

(Danville News — Mark Tomeo)

alien intelligences introduced it to mislead witnesses and investigators."

### The Herminie object

In a similar case, a couple in Herminie in Westmoreland County discovered a diamond-shaped object in their yard following a sighting of strange lights in June of 1980.

The couple called their son, a state trooper in Harrisburg, who referred them to PASU. Gordon retrieved this object as well and had it analyzed and X-rayed.

The Herminie object looks like two cones joined bottom to bottom. It's about 22 inches long, a bit over one foot in diameter, weighs 22½ pounds, is composed of No. 316 stainless steel, and is non-magnetic, hollow, empty and utterly baffling.

"Once again, something weird was left behind after a UFO sighting," he

said. "And once again, it could have been made on Earth but we haven't been able to identify where or what for."

The Herminie couple still keep the double cone, perhaps to remind them of the possibilities and mysteries of life.

Stan Gordon keeps the plate given to him by the witness in Monaca. It attracts a lot of attention when he exhibits it at UFO conventions and lectures. It fuels speculation.

The outer edge of the plate is discolored and scored with circular scratches. It looks like it was once sealed into a larger device but came loose, leaked and failed.

But what device, and what did it leak to cause the gouges?

Did aliens make a quick pit stop and repair in that field before moving on?