

# More area reports of UFO sightings

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A published account of the sighting of an unidentified flying object the evening of Feb. 10 near Blough, Somerset County, has resulted in calls from other people who reported seeing the strange phenomenon.

Stan Gordon of Greensburg, who heads a statewide volunteer organization that investigates strange and unusual happenings, said Saturday that several other reports had been received.

## Davidsville man

One of the reports is from a Davidsville area man, 23, who agreed to be interviewed but asked to remain anonymous.

The man set the time at about 8:20. He had been heading home from Winder and was nearing the top of Carpenters Park Road when he was startled by lights as an object floated across the road in front of him at a low level.

"A couple of seconds later," he said, "it would have been behind me."

"I was by myself in my truck. I was coming up the hill. You couldn't help noticing it — this big thing with a bunch of lights on it. That's what I saw at first. I stopped my truck on the hill, and it moved over to my right a little."

"According to the witness, the object hovered above the tree tops — not very far above them — about 20 feet."

He said the object appeared to be in

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three layers, with decks that reminded him of a cruise ship "only shorter with all kind of lights."

The lights were all different colors, he said. "Some blinked. Others didn't."

Sitting in his truck with his head out the window, the man said he heard no sounds.

"I didn't hear anything. I shut my heater and radio off to see if I could hear it 'cause it was that close and I figured I would hear it. I thought it was some kind of helicopter or something. And I didn't hear anything."

The witness said a driver of a car coming down the hill also stopped after the motorist observed the pickup truck parked along the road.

"He looked over and saw it, too," the Davidsville man said.

He said the object appeared to be 50 feet high and about 50 feet long, with tapered ends giving it a football shape.

He said it was dark and the only illumination was from lights on the object itself.

He judged a minute had gone by when he elected to "buzz up" the remaining 20 yards to the top of the hill for a better look. The summit, he mentioned, offers a view of the McNally Bridge and the neighboring lights of Richland Township.

But in the brief time that it takes to go about 20 yards — just seconds, according to the man — "that thing was way out there past Gee Bee. I could see some lights flashing on it when it went out over Gee Bee."

The experience was not at all frightening to the witness. In fact, he said he enjoyed it and found it interesting.

## Reported to TV station

The thought that the object might have been a space ship didn't occur to him until he was at home reflecting on the unusual happening. That same night he reported the sighting to the WJAC-TV newroom and was told other calls also had been received.

Mr. Gordon, director of the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained, believes many others must have seen the object and would like to communicate with them on a confidential basis.

## Bucks County report

Mr. Gordon said a similar sighting of "an almost rectangular, gray metallic object" had been reported by a woman at about 2:30 a.m. Feb. 21 in Bucks County.

"She has been having a very difficult time dealing with it," he said, "because she was a complete non-believer."

Mr. Gordon said the woman, feeling a draft, had gotten out of bed to check a window and observed two bright lights hovering low in the distance. She watched them hover for about 15 minutes, Mr. Gordon said.

"All of a sudden, they shot directly toward her house. Came right at her," he said, "and went right over the roof. It was the same description — a big, metallic rectangular object with lights on it. No sound. But when it passed over her house, everything that was unhinged began rattling."

Mr. Gordon said there has been a major wave of similar sightings in the Texarkana, Texas, area since mid-January.

"In fact," he said, "they have dubbed this thing 'Big Bertha' down here."

The Somerset County sighting also was reported by a Hollsopple man, according to Mr. Gordon, but the witness was not available for comment.