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State group is hoping for confirmation of UFO sightings here

By Barbara Sauers
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A Greensburg man who heads a statewide volunteer organization that investigates unidentified flying objects is hoping area residents will confirm sightings of a UFO Wednesday evening and April 13.

Stan Gordon of the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained said he received a report of a pentagon-shaped craft with multiple lights on its belly near the Route 56 Bypass and the Solomon Hun Road area on Wednesday evening.

Dispatchers for the city and Richland

Communications said they did not receive calls reporting a sighting during the 3-to-11 shift.

But the city and Mainline dispatchers said they had received several calls from people describing a strange oblong craft with lights sighted overnight April 13 and 14. Calls were received from people living in Westmont and Southmont and the Gallitzin and Portage areas. Reportedly, one man was followed by the craft on Route 53, but the incident could not be confirmed.

Mr. Gordon said he had not been notified of the April 13-14 sightings, but there was a report of a daylight sighting of a UFO near

the small community of Chlcova, Butler County, at about the same time. He said a caller saw an unidentified craft on the ground either April 12 or 13.

Since a local story about a Feb. 10 sighting near Blough in Somerset County, Mr. Gordon said, the association has received additional reports, mostly describing a metallic, football-shaped object with many flights.

"We've had multiple reports of a very large, oblong structure," he said. "There's a lot of activity going on."

There was a report from a Salix area resident who saw an egg-shaped craft in a stand of trees at about 7:40 p.m. March 2, Mr.

Gordon said. The resident reported that he saw the craft silently rise over the trees.

"He was very close to it," Mr. Gordon said.

There was another sighting at 2:30 a.m. March 26 in the Daisytown area. Mr. Gordon said more than one witness saw a large object that appeared to be resting along the edge of a mountainside. He said the witnesses reported seeing smaller lights flying around the larger craft.

Mr. Gordon said reports of UFOs have been on the increase since August. There have been sightings in Ohio, West Virginia and New Jersey.

"Whatever is going on, it's very interesting," said Mr. Gordon, who has been involved with UFO sightings for 28 years.

More recently, he said, the association has received multiple reports from Blair, Indiana, Westmoreland, Fayette, Allegheny, Washington, Bucks, Mercer and Elk counties. He said members of his group investigate the sightings.

He asked that those who have seen something unexplainable call the association at 412-838-7768 or write to 6 Oakhill Ave., Greensburg 15601. All reports are confidential, he said.

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