

CLOSE ENCOUNTER? YOU BE THE JUDGE!

This month my article is on one of the most elusive enigmas of all time - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS. The following story is about a woman from the Sharon area who claims to have had a "close encounter" with a UFO and possibly an alien entity. To protect her privacy, I will refer to her as Donna. The following is an interview between Donna and myself that took place on the night of October 6, 1988, at a restaurant on State Street in Hermitage, PA.

A.S.: Donna, in your own words, describe what you saw on the night in question - April '86.

Donna: It was about 9 o'clock at night, and when we saw it we thought it was the full moon. Well, my son is really into astronomy and he looked outside - got it focused into the telescope and yelled for me, "Mom get in here, right now!" I looked through his telescope but couldn't really see well through it, so I ran out on the porch. It was huge! It was as big as a full moon, but yet it was just, I would say, twenty feet above our neighbor's house (across the street).

A.S.: What was it doing at this time?

Donna: It just sat there for probably two or three minutes. I ran back in the house, grabbed the cordless phone and called the neighbor boy (whose the UFO was over) because I knew his parents were not home. He came running over.

A.S.: How much time had passed by?

Donna: I would say five full minutes had gone by.

A.S.: What was the object doing now?

Donna: It started to move to the left - it started to slowly move up - then it took its time and came right towards us. By that time we were in the front yard.

A.S.: What were your feelings at this time?

Donna: There was no fear. No one had any fear. It was like - euphoria. Just a feeling of unbelievable peace.

A.S.: Can you recall what it looked like? (see Figure A)

Donna: Well, when we first saw it, it was round, then it changed shape to the triangle thing, with what looked like four probes extending from it. When it came across the street and was directly above us, I could see the underside of it.

A.S.: What did you see?

Donna: It looked like a bridge, the abutment of a bridge, everything criss-crossed on the bottom of it.

A.S.: How long were you looking up at it when it was directly above you?

Donna: I'd say about 5 seconds went by, then it went straight up and was gone.

A.S.: Did you see it ascend up into the sky or did it just vanish?

Donna: It just vanished. We ran into the back yard hoping to see it but it was gone - nothing!

A.S.: Did you ever see this thing again?

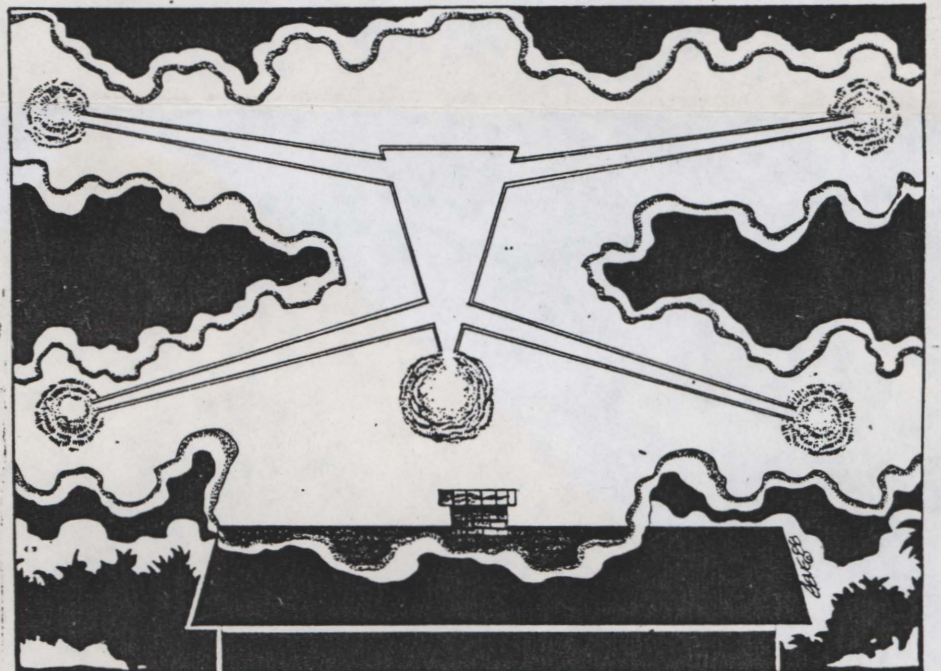
Donna: Yes. Now in January of '87, it was a bad snowy night and my husband was home. We were planning on going out with my daughter. I went out the back door of our house and looked up into the sky. I don't know why I looked up. Off in the distance, but this time much higher in the sky - there it sat. I called out to my husband to come and look, and his typical response was that it was my imagination and that there was nothing there. But I know he saw it. This time my daughter saw it too. My son had stayed home that night and I was petrified. I think I called home two

or three times to check on him, not telling him why.

A.S.: Have you ever had another sighting since January of '87?

Donna: Well...I keep getting this feeling. I'm not going to lie to you. I go to the front door every night before I go to bed and look up - just to see if its there. A lot of times I forget about it and its out of my mind, but there are times when the feeling is so strong (that its around) that it really bothers me.
A.S.: What would you say the most negative aspect of this experience has been for you.

Donna: I have had some health problems since then. My daughter had a freakish nose bleed that wouldn't stop, the very next day after the sighting. But mostly its the fear. I will never, never sleep without any lights on. I have outdoor lights everywhere around the house, security lights and I keep at least five lights on in the house at all times. I would say for at least a year, I did not sleep well at all. I would be up and down all night.



checking on the kids - that sort of thing. There are still nights now when I can't fall asleep.

A.S.: Has your interest in UFO's increased since your sighting?

Donna: Yes. I scoop up everything I can find on UFO's trying to find a picture of what I saw, but so far I've had no luck.

Whatever is going on - people are suffering similar traumas like the one described here. Something very strange and possibly sinister is going on around us. Things and events that may very well have a direct bearing on all of our lives or possibly THE LIFE AFTER. If these things truly exist, I hope that they are only beings from another place or planet and not something from our own world, from our own heaven or hell. It could be a part of ourselves that stares back at us every once in awhile from the deep dark recesses of our souls. We may never know the answers. Until next month - YOU BE THE JUDGE!

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