

UFO prospects lure in tourists

FYFFE, Ala. (AP) — The prospect of seeing a UFO attracted more than 4,000 people to the town of Fyffe this weekend, greatly outnumbering the town's residents.

"This is unreal," Police Chief Junior Garmany said while he watched bumper-to-bumper traffic in the town of 1,300 people in northeastern Alabama.

Municipal Court Clerk Tammy Mitchell said Saturday the previous night's crowd had been estimated at "4,500 or something like that." She said people were "riding around, buying T-shirts, going to a bonfire."

But for all the hoopla, no unidentified flying objects were sighted Friday. Visibility was obscured by clouds.

Fyffe got on the UFO circuit Feb. 10 when a woman reported seeing a strange light in the sky and police later reported seeing a large lighted object passing silently over them. Numerous other sightings have been reported since then.

Friday night's visitors drove up and down the town's main street while others stood gapping at the sky. Fire Chief Ricky Dobbins invited some to his house on the outskirts of the town where he built a bonfire.

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