

Slightly weird ...

UFO sighted over Cambria

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EBENSBURG — It's a bird. It's a plane. It's ... it's ... gee, nobody's exactly sure.

Dispatchers from Mainline police and state police said Thursday that sightings of unidentified flying objects were reported about 9:30 p.m.

Jack Miller, a Mainline dispatcher, said he had two calls from Nanty Glo and one call from Carrolltown about "something in the sky moving quickly, jumping up and down."

The people who called would not leave their names, he said.

State police also reported a call from Mineral Point, in southern Cambria County.

Stan Gordon of the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained — a group that investigates UFO sightings — said he had learned of the Cambria County sightings and said they occurred about one-half hour after similar sightings in Westmoreland County.

He said the sightings were of brilliant, yellow-white lights moving up and down, back and forth at a high

rate of speed.

They aren't the only recent sightings in the area. Gordon said that in May, a sighting was reported along Route 220 south of Altoona. Two people reported seeing a greenish glow in a wooded area. When it approached and passed over the car, he said, it was glowing fluorescent and shaped like a boomerang.

That incident was verified by another person from the Pittsburgh area who had seen and reported the same thing two hours earlier.

Gordon said the PASU is a volunteer organization staffed by professionals from many fields.

"I have been doing this (research) for over 30 years, and I have never seen one (UFO) myself," Gordon said. But what he has seen, he said, are many "hard-core skeptics" become believers. In many instances, he said, emotional problems occur with people who see UFOs which can be dealt with by doctors who volunteer at the center.

People who may have had an encounter are urged to contact PASU at 6 Oakhill Ave., Greensburg, 15601. Letters of description and sketches are appreciated, he said. Phone calls can be made to (412) 838-7768.

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