

UFOs Terrorize Wisconsin Towns

... Mysterious Glowing Objects Scare Families and Amaze Police

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A flurry of eerie UFO sightings has dazzled and terrorized residents of northern Wisconsin — and shaken even veteran law enforcement officers.

In one incident alone, at least a dozen police officers witnessed the astounding aerobatics of the Unidentified Flying Objects as they danced across the night skies along the shores of Lake Superior.

The wave of UFO sightings crested last March and April, slacked off during the summer, then picked up again in September.

"I think there is definitely something up there," said Sheriff Fred Johnson of Superior, Wis. "There are too many intelligent people who have seen them."

"I believe they are from outer space, not some mysterious type of vehicle that is manufactured here on earth."

Among the scores of reports:

- In March a glowing UFO landed on a road only 400 feet from a farmhouse in Mellen, Wis., badly frightening a family of six — then vanished with an ear-shattering roar.

- The same night, excited Ashland County, Wis., Sheriff's Deputy Peter Drolson called in on his car radio to report that a mysterious, blindingly brilliant object was whooshing just above the treetops — when suddenly his radio went dead.

- Veteran Police Officer George Wheeler of Elmwood, Wis., saw a gigantic fireball streaking straight toward him shortly after midnight April 7.

He slammed his brakes, leaped out of his patrol car and flung himself into a roadside ditch as the frightful fireball hurtled past.

"It was as big as a football field," said Wheeler, 70, still shaken by the incident. "I thought it was going to crash and wipe out the whole town."

Instead, said Wheeler, a former WW II fighter pilot, the mysterious object



MAP shows towns (shaded circles) where UFOs were spotted.

soared silently five miles southward, hovered motionlessly a few minutes — then disappeared.

On March 13 at 9 p.m., 15-year-old Jane Baker had just let her two cats outside when she saw a weird object parked on the road outside her family's farmhouse near Mellen, Wis.

She screamed — and her father, Phil



FRIGHTENED by a gigantic fireball, veteran police officer George Wheeler leaped from his patrol car and took cover in a roadside ditch. "I thought it was going to wipe out the whole town," he said.

Baker, 37, rushed outside, followed by his wife and two of their sons.

"I didn't believe what I was seeing," Baker told *THE ENQUIRER*. "It was circular, about 12 feet across, with red and bluish-green lights running around the outside."

"In the center was a door, with a brilliant light coming from inside. It made a high-whining sound — a sound I'd never heard before."

The family stared wide-eyed at the object for several minutes — then raced fearfully inside their home. "I no sooner called police when there was this loud explosion," Baker said. "I looked out and the thing had vanished."

The same night, seven sheriff's deputies spotted four different mysterious objects skipping and gliding through the skies in a four-county area around Lake Superior's southwest shore. Ashland Deputy Drolson, 24, was excitedly describing one such object zipping directly overhead when his police radio went dead.

"The object made a whooshing

sound — like a giant gust of wind roaring through the woods," Drolson recalled.

Ashland Undersheriff George Ree, listening on his radio 18 miles away, heard the rushing noise "and then Drolson's radio went blank." A few moments later, Drolson's voice came back on the air.

The strange sightings continued in April.

Mrs. Kathy Thompson, 25, of Superior, Wis., said she encountered a dome-shaped object with a pulsating red light, hovering directly over the roadway ahead of her car about 3 a.m. April 19.

"I thought: 'I've got to get away!'" Panic-stricken, she quickly made a U-turn and raced away in the opposite direction.

Douglas County Deputy Jack Hunker pulled her over for speeding, at 90 m.p.h.

"She was hysterical," he said. "She was a complete basket case. There was no way she could have made up that story."