

It pays to advertise so they say, and as a result of recent coverage in the media the Centre has had a steady flow of sightings to investigate, plus a number of interesting cases from earlier years.

As at the end of August the Centre has received 123 reports, 20 are still under investigation, whilst 20 have remained unidentified. This years total is not far different from the position at the end of August last year(1975), they read 122 reports received of which 34 were unidentified.

Talking about the media a number of the Centre's 1974 sightings have turned up in UFO Magazines from the United States. However, the sightings have had emotive phrases added, such as "they drove into a night time of terror" and "worried TUFOIC investigators". Even worse is the mention of lights that were not in our original reports.

The suggestive remarks may very well sell more publications but may also present a distorted picture of the actual events. The basic story may be correct but one is left wondering what has been added or left out?

Now brief details of more sightings during 1976.....

- February 1st 3.30am HIGHLAND FARM(Owner requests location remain anonymous) Shooters staying at the farm see an erratic light in the northeastren sky. Time exposure of 2 to 3 minutes taken with Ashai Pentax camera using 135ml lens.(Tri X 400ASA film). Witness takes film to Mercury Newspaper for printing, disappointed to see only a light track on the picture. Negatives lost but two prints given to TUFOIC in June.
- May 18th 7.30pm BOTHWELL Two witnesses out shooting see red light 100yds off. It goes out but reappears gliding through nearby bush 3ft from ground and now white. Their dog becomes timid and the witnesses hide as the mini-tyre sized light passes 25yds away. Last seen several hundred yards away, then goes out.
- June 11th and 10th. John Dean the Centre's Northern Rep: is following for details involving nocturnal lights. One near Launceston Airport, the other at Trevallyn involving multiple lights.
- June 22nd 7.30pm BOTHWELL. Second report from town, two witnesses see light beams shinning through trees from source in the sky. Beam goes off and on. Finally see a rotating beam over pine trees 50yds away, then beam goes off.
- July 29th 8.40pm SPRINGFIELD. Witness in car park notices row of yellowish lights in direction of Mt Wellington and moving slowly west. Looked like line of 6 or more lights with a square light at the front. In view 5 minutes till fades out in clear sky.
- July 29th 2.16am MANGALORE. Lone motorist sees two light shinning from hillside to east, stationary and yellow coloured. Glances back 10 seconds later and lights now red, feels heat effect on face then lights lost from view in few seconds.
- July 29th 9.30pm BAGDAD. Motorist notices two rows of flicking yellow lights just above ground in roadside paddock. Five or six lights in a row start to gain elevation and speed. Mrs J. Williams accelerates her car to keep lights in sight. Lights pass over trees and houses then go behind a rise. Last seen going north over Dysart hill.
- July 31st 7.10pm BAGDAD. Two women returning home along same stretch of road as last report. Suddenly see round flourescent type object diving at car from their right front, seems to fill windscreen. Prepare for crash but object seems to go up and over top of car, only in view for couple of seconds.
- August 2nd 4.00am TEN MILE HILL. M. Wood was returning home in the early hours. At the bottom of Ten Mile Hill when driving north a screen like projection appears in front of his car, it seemed to fill the field of view. At the same time a loud distorted electrical type music sound was heard. On the screen he saw a yellow light source to the left and a large figure in profile to the right. The figure was in a tight fitting black jacket and light coloured trousers, it seemed to be turning towards the witness. Wood braked but just seemed to drive through the screen, it was all over in a few seconds.
- August 2nd 4.45pm BOYER At least 4 witnesses watch a strange black object moving in and out of the clouds to the west of the Newsprint Mills at Boyer. It appeared to be changing shape as it moved generally north west. First it looked like a ballon, then went more football shaped before having a vapour like trail below. It was more than moon sized but had a well defined outline. It dropped in front of the darkening distant hills and was lost from view. Sighting made from witnesses at two different locations.

SIGHTINGS Continued.....

August 15th 2.15am BOYER Report being investigated from Mr N.O'Brien plus two other witnesses who were paced by an object on the Boyer to New Norfolk road.

First a bright light was seen to the north east, the witnesses drove past Boyer for a better look. When the light seemed to approach the vehicle they returned to Boyer leaving one witness at his home.

The two remaining witnesses returned to New Norfolk, this time the light came within 200yds they estimated. It shone a light into the vehicle, also the car radio faded out. It appeared as hat shaped with a red strip in the centre, the beam came from the bright dome atop.

August 15th 8.20pm MORNINGTON Two big yellow lights seen approaching the Meehan Range near Warrane, seen by several witnesses. One light passes in front of the hills, the other goes behind. The first light seems to land or stop in front of the hill at the 600ft level.

The second light now comes over the hill to join the first, both pulsing. Through binoculars disc shape seen with a big light above and a small one below. Sighting lasts 5 minutes. Lights finally fade out. Area checked but no traces found.

August 22nd Midnight. HESTERCOMBE DOWNS Sighting location only 1/2 mile from figure seen on Ten Mile Hill, object also similarities with Boyer report of August 2nd. Three witnesses notice yellow moon sized pear shaped object to south west. Low over hilltop and moving west, it changes to saucer shape and leaves a long white vapour trail beneath. Object fades out then vapour quickly disappears.

UFOCON TWO

The Tas UFO Investigation Centre will be represented again this year at UFOCON TWO. The Conference will be held at Mt Gambier, South Australia between October 24th and 26th. Paul Jackson will be the Centre's representative. Members of UFO groups from all states will be attending the Conference which plans to look at the phenomena in general.

STATISTICS

The Centre for UFO Studies-Australian Coordination Section has compiled statistics for the year 1975, information being collected from member organisations in each state. They reported that the majority of reports were of "nocturnal lights" and came from males in the 16 to 20 year age group. The greatest number of sightings were between the hours of 6pm and midnight with Friday producing the largest number of reports. March, May, and August produced the most sightings with the least in January, February, and December. The long summer twilight is a possible explanation for this variation.

The distributuion of unidentified cases was

Tasmania	32
NSW	18
Sth Aus	12
Vic	9
Qld	9
West Aus	6.

The Tasmanian total has now grown to 36 with investigations into 1975 cases during the past months. Only 4 of the 36 cases originated from persons in the under 20 age group as opposed to the trend elsewhere.....

WOMAN "BUZZED" BY SHAFT OF LIGHT (South Western Times, Bunbury 24/2/76) Credit VUFORS.

An Eaton housewife, who was walking home at 2 o'clock in the morning recently, was buzzed by a strange shaft of very bright light. The woman who did not want her name published, told a member of the Bunbury branch of the Unexplained Phenomena Investigation Bureau, Mr Eddy Dorant, that the light hovered above her for about a minute.

"She said that the light had a sort of distracting effect on her" he said. The woman had lived in the area for the last 20 years and "was not affected by liquor or anything else at the time" he said. The light had hovered in front and above her at an angle of about 60 degrees. She did not see any object related to the light.

The sighting is the first to be reported to the UPIB in Bunbury for almost 12 months. In March last year an unnamed Dardanup farmer reported seeing a bright light and the outlines of a strange type of vehicle on his property.

GIRL SEES LIGHT IN SKY (Lithgow Mercury 11/3/76) Creit VUFORS.

A young woman from Windsor, Miss Sue Gray, was most distressed on Sunday night when she arrived at the Oberon Police Station. It was about 8.20pm and she had just travelled 30 miles along the Burrage to Oberon road with an UFO following her. She described the object as reddish colour which gave off a golden glow about two or five miles from her car. The light kept flashing on and off, and when she was about 2 miles out of Oberon moved over to the left of her car.

NEXT MEETING.....Please treat this as your meeting notice for the next meeting at 8pm on October 8th. Usual venue at Scots Church Rooms, Bathurst St, rear of church. Officers for the next twlve months will be elected.

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SIGHTINGS telephone the Secretary on 23 6009 or the President 72 7479.