

SIGHTINGS CONTD:

One light moved away around some trees then went vertically into the sky and was lost from view. The second orb described as the diameter of a car wheel remained stationary across the road. It was a perfect silent white circle with a pale lavender/purple halo around the edge.

The witness' friend decided to get out of the car to check out the orb. However, almost at once the orb just disappeared or went vertically so fast it was hard to tell how it had disappeared.

The witnesses continued on home to Launceston but did not see the orbs again.

2005 April. 19.00.Melton Mowbray. CE1.

Four witnesses were travelling south to Hobart on the Midland Highway when one of the passengers in the back seat spotted some lights over the roadside paddock. About 100m from the road a number of coloured lights could be seen just above the ground. The driver stopped the car so that everyone could have a better view of the lights. Opening the car door they could see that the lights were on an object in the sky but it was too dark to make out the exact shape. There were at least blue and red lights plus some other colours on a shape that was moving erratically above the paddock. The witnesses now felt frightened by the close proximity of the unexplained object. Closing the car doors and starting the engine, they noticed the lights move quickly behind the car and across the road before disappearing to the north.

This sighting took place in the same location as a minor flap in the area covered in the Ufologist Vol 9 No 2.

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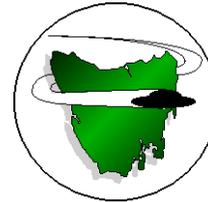
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YEAR IN REVIEW 2008

The year 2008 saw the bottom fall out of the world's share market as financial woes reached across the world. Although not having the same effect the Tasmanian UFO scene followed the same trend. Only one lonely Nocturnal Light report disturbed the peace as the record local dry was matched by a local UFO drought that has persisted for most of the current decade. Par for the course have been protracted periods with zero UFO activity. October 2000 to April 2001, May 2002 until March 2003. Only one sighting from June 2005 to January 2006. Nothing again from April until August 2007, and now one NL from October 07 to December 2008.

UFO sightings it seems continue to flow elsewhere in the world, South America, Mexico, Texas, and reports all over Britain. Even in Australia UFO cases have been reported from an area across Northern Australia. Digital pictures and videos by the dozens from just about anywhere.

We must be doing something wrong? No, we appear to be doing everything right by

investigating and if possible finding an explanation for the reports that are received.

It would appear that most of the UFO sightings on internet sites are just raw data, they could be anything but are presented as UFO events. Britain is an example with numerous reports of orange lights witnessed across the country. The local media keep reporting the lights as UFOs, when some investigation would point to the Chinese lanterns as being the cause of many reports. The British have taken up the custom of letting off the lanterns at weddings, birthdays, fairs and just about any other event.

Almost as boring is the endless flow of digital camera shots showing dark spots or shapes that no one noticed at the time the picture was taken? It is a great leap of faith that a UFO has been caught by the camera. Once again these pictures are touted on the internet as UFOs; most likely it was a bird in flight passing the camera's field of view.

One could almost theorise that the UFO phenomenon no longer exists but now lives on self perpetuating itself on the internet.

2008 Continued

On a more encouraging note the Centre uncovered a number of old sightings during 2008, some of which fit into previous flap patterns. These cases from 1987 to 2005 involved a number of Close Encounters (see Sightings). The 30th anniversary of the disappearance of Frederick Valentich (October 1978) resulted in some good exposure in the local media. This was followed by a feature article in the Ufologist spotlighting the UFO in Tasmania. Membership of the Centre has remained stable and one can only hope that members may hear of better local UFO news in the year ahead.

The 2008 Sighting!

George Town on March 7th at 9.33pm. A bright rectangular light was noticed moving from the eastern sky towards the north. It seemed to slow (maybe turning away) and changed into a pinpoint of light before disappearing. Checks on aircraft and satellites failed to uncover an explanation.

OBJECTIVES OF TUFOIC

- To investigate Tasmanian UFO reports.
- To publish details of UFO reports and maintain a UFO database.
- To distribute authentic information to members and fellow UFO organisations.
- Membership is open to all who support the aims of the Centre.

TUFOIC STATISTICS 2008

Unidentified	1
Astronomical	13
Aircraft	5
Satellites	13
Balloon /Fireworks	4
Others	11
TOTAL	47

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SIGHTINGS REPORTED 2008.

1987 February. 02.00

Macquarie Plains. NL.

Our first case was reported direct to the Australian UFO Research Network. It is an intriguing case witnessed by a Police Officer on duty near Macquarie Plains. He and his companion saw three lights in the eastern sky which at first they took to be a plane in trouble. However, then three other lights joined the first group. The witnesses then contacted base who

Sightings Contd:

ascertained there were no aircraft in that area. The lights travelled vertically and horizontally for the next 30 minutes. Then the lights took up a box formation and went off at great speed in separate directions, they were out of sight in seconds.

1987 October. 22.00. Heybridge. CE2?

The witness and a friend were travelling back to Wynyard (North West Coast) on the Bass Highway when they spotted a bright light near Heybridge.

The round full moon sized light was just above Round Hill to the left of the highway (west). It appeared to move very fast towards the witnesses. It passed above the car and as it did so the radio went off, and the motor stopped. The witness is not sure what happened to the headlights as the car was surrounded by a very bright light.

The bright light lasted for about 5 seconds before the round light seemed to move away behind the witnesses' car. The car just seemed to be going again and did not seem to have a problem. The witnesses looked up at the light when it was above the car, but found the glare too hard to look at.

1996. Spring. 22.00. Northdown. CE1

Our second witness encountered the same or similar round light on two occasions in 1996.

Both times he was travelling east on the road at Northdown (NW Coast). The first time a large white ball of light appeared to the rear of his car. He pulled over and was in time to see a mass of white light coming along the road towards him. It approached to within about 200m distance then veered away to the north. It moved away at speed over the paddocks and seemed to be obscured

by distant trees. Four weeks later near the same spot he saw a similar light approaching rapidly over the paddocks from the south. It was only at fence top height as it crossed the road in front of him then went into a climb and disappeared into the sky. On both instances the weather was fine and clear.

1998 Summer. 23.30. Ellendale. NL

Our next witness says she has not forgotten the strange noise heard late one summer's night. She had just gone to bed when a loud "woo woo" sound could be heard and the bedroom window was lit up from outside. She got up and looked out the window. Approaching from the north was a grey to silver round light. Somehow the light took on more of a beam appearance that lit up the Ellendale valley as seemingly moved almost over her house. It had only been about 30 seconds since the witness first heard the noise, but in another 10 seconds the beam had disappeared over the Mt Field hills and all was dark and silent.

2000 March 17th. 03.00. Bracknell Road. CE1.

Witness and a friend were returning to Launceston after finishing work late on a security job at Smithton (North West Coast). The witness had noticed some flickering light out of the driver's window but took no notice thinking it was a light reflection. His friend then said. "Do you see what I can see"? Out over the roadside on the driver's side of the car were some 8 orbs of light. The witness tried to make out what the lights were, and then decided to stop the car and wind down the window for a closer look. Two lights were still visible when he stopped. The lights were only 15m away and 3m off the ground.