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SLOWLY THE RED-WHITE BALL CAME CLOSER

Mysterious UFO event over forest lake

By C-A Mattson

This event, that has never before been published, took place here in Sweden almost two years ago and at least three observers are known to have made the sighting. They are Peder Eriksson, Sören Unnskog and Ann-Kristin Unnskog. All living in Oxelösund.

This is what Sören Unnskog told UFO-Sveriges field investigator Barbro Magnusson:

- The event took place July 5 1980. We were four families camping at Nävelsjö, which is situated a mile or two west of Nävekvärn in southeast Södermanland. Late in the evening me and my daughter Ann-Kristin went fishing together with Peder Eriksson. We were located on a rocky islet in the lake. A wooden bridge leads out to the rocky islet that was located in the middle of the northern part of the lake and we stood there fishing with our casting rods. It was drizzling, but we could never the less spot a few stars, so it was not all together cloudy and the time was about 11.50 p.m.

I stood facing north when one of the others called at me to take a look in the opposite direction of the sky. I turned towards southwest and saw a red-white ball, slowly coming our way from a distance of perhaps 6-7 miles or more, but it came closer and closer. It



Two of the observers, left Peder Eriksson and Sören Unnskog (right).

sort of came sliding down towards us very slowly and it became larger and larger with its light changing from white to yellow and then to red. The middle section was most of the time yellow or white, while the edges were red all the time. While discussing we found that the ball moved in a strange way. It often stopped and at those moments it changed colour. Then it rose in a 90 degree angle and stopped. Then it came down very fast to its previous altitude and stopped, whereupon it returned to its original path towards us. At every change of speed and direction its colour also changed. It went up and down that way several times. We discussed the possibility of it being an airplane, helicopter or balloon, but none of these possibilities seemed to be adequate in this situation, and we could hear no sound at all from the object. It moved more and more strange and was closing up to the far end of the shore of NÄVELSJÖN. It stopped and moved sideways up and down with rapid motions and was intensively shining like headlights on a car, but not into any particular direction. At this moment we agreed on that it must be some kind of craft. One strange thing was that its light did not reflect in the water of the lake, that were as smooth as a mirror, nor did it light up the surroundings. The size of the object was now comparable to a full moon and with a twitch it moved "fast as lightning" a 1000 feet towards east where it stopped at an altitude of 700-1000 feet above the surface. Just like before there was no reflection to be seen on the glassy surface and still no noise. An animated dis-



View over NÄVELSJÖN.

cussion took place between us, about what was going on, but we were interrupted by the moving of the object towards us standing unprotected on the bridge in the middle of the lake. Slowly it approached us and we got real scared... It became larger and larger as it approached. I yelled or maybe screamed to others to rush ashore and hide. I remember Ann-Kristin calling her trolling-spoon was stuck in the ground of the lake and I told her to leave the fishing equipment and run. Peder was also stuck with his trolling-spoon but he pulled the fishing-line in two and ran across the long wooden bridge towards the shore and our tents. The most frightening was the total silence. Suddenly the craft stopped and hovered at 250-300 feet's altitude over the



The three observers stood at the far end of this wooden bridge when the object approached from left.

surface of the lake and at a distance of maybe 1000 feet. It was completely motionless for a minute and we called upon the others to come out of their tents to take a look, but they told us later that they only thought we yelled about some large fish and that was why they didn't bother to come out of their tents, which were on the other side of some trees. The silence was now so completely that we didn't even hear a team of campers who were sitting at some distance next to a fire singing. Their camping spot was blocked by some trees, but perhaps they saw the light and got silent because of that? Not even the wind that rippled the surface of the lake was no more. A weird silence and stillness. But suddenly the craft began moving again at a very high speed and straight away from us towards southwest in a straight path without any change of colour. It rose towards the sky and before too long it looked like a star that faded away.

At the same time the drizzling, the wind and the rippling of the surface returned. All sounds were back and it was whistling in the trees again and everything seemed normal. We stood completely puzzled on the bridge and didn't understand a thing.

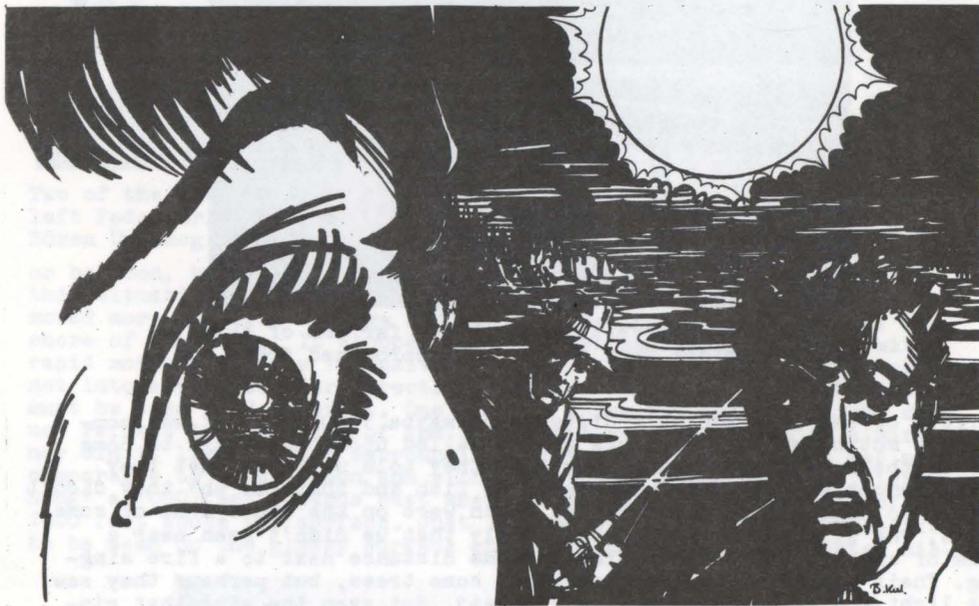
Why had the craft come to Nävelsjön in the middle of the night? Why completely noiseless? How could it perform such a moving pattern, and why no reflections in the surface of the water? This event is totally out of my experience, Mr Unnskog finishes.

According to his filled in questioning formula one could see that the craft had a diameter of about 30 feet and that the sighting lasted 10 minutes. Furthermore that the craft had a red corona light that didn't change. The light from the craft never twinkled, it had a constant intensity but changed in colour. The object made very rapid and jerky motions when it went up, down or sideways. The temperature was 15 degrees Celsius and the wind came from southeast. Unnskog also writes, that the object was not something you have learnt should exist on this earth.

Peder Eriksson was most worried about the absence of noise during the sighting. It was the most frightening of it all he says, and wondered what could silence the complete nature in such a weird way.

Although that the craft's appearance was peaceful you could

easily understand the fear of the observers when facing the unknown. The complete silence did of course amplify the fear of the threatening unknown. But really - how would you have reacted in such a situation?



HUGE UFO FOLLOWS CAR FOR ONE AND A HALF MILE

The shocked witnesses tells that it was large as half a fotball ground...

One of the most strange sightings during August 1981 took place Thursday 13th, 13 miles east of Eskilstuna. Deep in the forests of Barva a family from Stallarholm, consisting of Leif, Elisabeth and Conny Eklund, were on their way home from some good friends in Eklängen. Suddenly the teenaged son Conny discovered a strange light low on the southern horizon. At first they thought it was a rip in the clouds. But soon "the rip" very fast came closer to Edlund's car. Then they discovered that the thing that came flying was strange - and giant.

- The shining object closed up on our car with tremendous speed and in a path that no airplane could have, Elisabeth Edlund maintains to UFO-Sverige Aktuellt.

- I tried to stay calm all the time and when the object came up behind the car I imagined the Cathedral of Strängnäs to have something to compare with.

- The tower of the cathedral is 250 feet high and to be compared with that the object was at a fifth of a mile away and maybe 1500 feet up in the air. The UFO was tremendous, it had a surface of maybe

half a football ground! It was curved with something raising in the middle. The complete object was lighted with a yellow glow that didn't light up neither the clouds nor the ground beneath. The object stayed behind the car for about one and a half mile of driving. Not until we reached the buildings of Barva it turned steeply towards west and disappeared.

UFO-Sverige Aktuell: Why didn't you stop to take a closer look at the object?

Leif Edlund: - We didn't dare! My wife wanted to, but I thought about our safety first. You never know what could have happened... I only saw the object in the driving mirror and at times at an angle behind the car when driving through narrow curves.

Comments from UFO-Sverige:

There are a lot to add to this incredible story! The sighting took place exactly 10.36 p.m. and lasted about 6 minutes. The Edlund family are very shure about the point of time and didn't change a bit in that matter. The day after the sighting, Friday 14th of August Elisabeth Edlund reported the incident to the officer in command at P10 in Strängnäs. The report was then sent to FOA (the Defense Research Institute) in Stockholm. UFO-Sverige Aktuell contacted the intelligence service at Military Staff Ö, where major Sven Petterson performed some investigations. They showed that there had been a landing at the landing ground on Kjula August 13th at 9.40 p.m.

But the landing can't explain the sighting since there is a difference in time of 56 minutes. The next craft which passed this area, passed a lot westwards and was a SAS airplane from Kastrup destined to Västerås at 11.45 p.m. The wrong moment also in this case. If Sven Petterson & Co have looked at any radar films for this area the story doesn't tell. And what sort of investigations Sture Wickerts at FOA has done we don't know either.

But we know this much: Wickerts can't be reached by phone. I, the writer, have tried to reach Sweden's only official investigator on UFOs for two weeks in September, both on account for UFO-Sverige Aktuell and the newspaper Folket, without success to have reached all the way, as you might say. Sture Wickerts refuses to answer. Maybe because he hasn't done anything about the Barva case, what do we know? But one thing is for sure, and that is that the Swedish tax payers would get very mad if they knew how negligent and uneffective our expensive defense works, when sober and level-headed people report violations of Swedish air territory. Violations of unknown cause. Made by giant crafts, that put the witnesses in a state of shock.

Elisabeth Edlund: - The experience still upsets me - a fortnight after the event. Because, you see - the unknown object was enormous large. Imagine yourself - larger than a football ground...

"FLYING TRUCK" SEEN OVER HÄLLEFORS FOR 75 MINUTES!

The Domus shop assistant Maud Karlsson was a bit irritated while walking along one of Hällefors eastern streets. The cinema she worked at evenings had been forced to cancel the show, why she was returning home. Although the weather was nice with rather clear sky, it was still an unnecessary evening walk she had to take, just because no one had contacted her in time about the cancelled show. But today

Maud doesn't regret this extraordinary evening walk anymore, that took place Thursday 15th of October 1981. This because both she and many other citizens of Hällefors saw something that few ever have seen. It was a gigantic UFO with rather frightening proportions.

Maud Karlsson tells UFO-Sverige Aktuellt: The object appeared rather suddenly in north and just above the tree-tops. My first thought was: "It will crash in the middle of the village". At the same time it seemed unreal - a giant object at the size of "a truck with trailer" was gliding across the sky. You hardly believed your eyes.

- The object seemed to be tube or cigar shaped without wings or other visible details. On the body you could see four oblong windows through which a strong blue-white light shone. In the rear was a red light. A clear and piercing engine noise was heard from the craft that slowly moved towards south.

Maud Karlsson came home a bit confused to her parents, where she lived. They were watching TV when their daughter rushed in and told them about her sighting. After the weather report they switched off the TV set and sat talking about the event, when the same noise was heard once more! Together with her mother Maud rushed out into



The craft disappeared southwards, says police-inspector Per-Olov Tångring in Hällefors.

the yard and they came once again to see the giant craft passing by on the same course - north to south...

At this moment the former chief constable Björn Fagrell opened the door to the police station in Hällefors and stepped out into the market place. He had been having a chat with his colleagues and was now on his way home. At once Fagrell spotted the strange "flying thing".

- It looked just like two connected railbusses, he tells UFO-Sverige Aktuellt's reporter.

- The object made a slow clockwise turn around the village. One turn took a bit more than one minute. I pressed the alarmbell at the police station and one police came out in time to see the object. After the turn, a flame came from the rear end of the object, just like an afterburner had been turned on.

Comments from UFO-Sverige:

Once again a strange UFO event with puzzling details. After Maud Karlsson had contacted UFO-Sveriges field investigator Gudrun

Andersson in Söderbärke the Report Central contacted the Defense Staff about the case on October 20th 1981. The report was received by lieutenant-colonel Bengt Ridderstråhle who promised us a primary check for any possible military air activity above Hällefors this evening of the sighting. The answer had been a long time coming when UFO-Sverige Aktuellt on his own initiative finally got the confirmation from CEFYL - the Central Air Force Headquarters - on October 22. The answer from CEFYL was that no military air activity had taken place over Hällefors October 15.

Right after the sighting the police in Hällefors alerted the Civil Aviation Headquarters at Arlanda. They told that Hällefors was outside air controlled space and couldn't be seen on their radar screens. The area doesn't have any radar cover-up in peacetime according to the Defense Staff. The newspaper Bergslagsposten finally contacted Karlstad Airport, but they could give no solution to the mystery.

At this time a lot of rumours and theories were all over Hällefors. A lot of people thought that it was a commercial airship from Good Years that acted as a ghost in the evening sky. UFO-Sverige Aktuellt checked with Good Years office in Stockholm, where they got this reply:

- No, our airship passed Värmland, but six weeks ago on August 21 during its journey from Stockholm to Karlstad and on August 22 on its way from Karlstad to Gothenburg. After that the ship left Sweden and are now back in Karlstad. So you draw a blank again... But what about Sture Wickerts at FOA (the Defense Research Institute)? Nothing, because 8 days after that the Defense Staff was informed he had not even got the file on his desk. And besides, the only official UFO investigator in Sweden seemed inconsiderable if not totally uninterested of the Hällefors incident with all its remarkable sighting details, reported by a lot of reliable witnesses. On our direct question if the air defense, shouldn't use the tax revenue to supervise swedish air territory, Sture Wickerts surprisingly answered NO...

Former chief constable Björn Fagrell, one of the main witnesses, was also real upset over the Defense Authorities for its nonchalant attitude to this mysterious flight.

- If people who report similar things always are treated this way, they and the police soon will stop reporting unidentified aerial phenomenons. And I just want to say, that no ordinary airplane could have flown the way the object did over Hällefors October 15. If the Air Defense can't identify this about 160 feet long craft that were visible for 75 minutes, then it is a scandal comparable to the submarine event in Blekinge!

NORWAY

MYSTERIOUS AIRCRAFT OVER THE MJØSA DISTRICT

This event was observed by the witness (who wishes to remain anonymous) and his son, around 9.15 pm on 21 July, 1958, at lake

Mjøsa in eastern Norway. At this time it is of course still fully light in Norway; the sky was clear and cloudless, and the sun was shining from the northwest to make a very fine summer evening.

"We were driving up Gillundsbakkene", reported the witness, "and turned to the right by Skogen, where the road is level for a short stretch. Then we took a further turn, to the left, up a hill. At this point the view of the road is very poor, and for this reason our speed was only about 10 km/h. I was looking up the hill, with the sky beyond, when suddenly there appeared a small brightly shining "star" low over the horizon to the left, heading - when we first saw it - in the direction of Mjøsa. It was moving at a tremendous speed, and resembled an arrow in flight. I could see it very clearly because the sun was right behind me.

"Instead of flying over Mjøsa, however, it turned to the right in a gentle circular arc, its speed at the same time decreasing considerably. As we watched it - a matter of seconds - it flew increasingly lower, and finally it was headed directly towards us. I didn't take my eyes off the object, watching it through the front windscreen; at the same time I steered the car off the road and brought it to a stop.

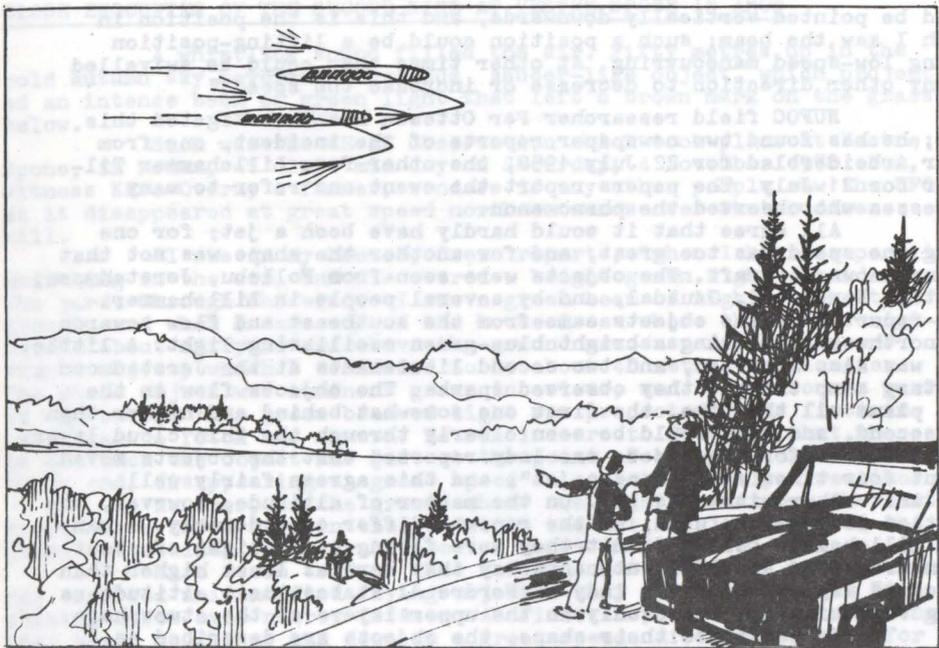
"The "star", which as it came closer also grew larger and larger, suddenly changed shape, to resemble a flaming orange sphere; but a moment later it had split into two parts, at a much lower speed. I jumped out of the car, and realised that what looked like two spheres were in fact two cigar-shaped objects, the size of a jet fighter: they were flying alongside each other at an altitude between 50 and 100 metres, or maybe somewhat higher. At any rate, it was not too high for me to see it all in detail.

"The distance between them was no more than half the objects' length. They quietly "sailed" along, at the same distance, in a gentle arc above us, allowing me to observe them also from the side. They were dark at the front, but along the sides were flames whirling in different shades like those you see in a stove when coal or coke is burning. Along the sides the flames seemed somehow to be split into large squares, set at a skewed angle to one another, and the flames were brighter in the middle of the squares.

"These squares were rigid, and not affected by the air drag. It looked to me as if the heat was streaming out from the sides, and also that from near the front of the objects, where the flames were not so intense, a beam radiated horizontally at first then bent down in a small arc of about 45 degrees. The beam, which was completely even, ended at the bottom in a multi-coloured flare of heat. The individual elements of the flare were clearly discernible, and if the objects had been stationary I could have counted them. The beam was a little darker than its surroundings. A short distance behind it I could see something dark through the flames, and this also resembled the first beam.

"Ever since the incident, the memory of that beam has been fixed clearly in my mind, because it was so distinct from the surrounding elements of the object. There was no kind of heat-beam behind it.

"After the objects had passed and I could see them from behind, I could see that there were flames on both sides of the other body. There were no wings or tail, and I could hear no sound. When the sun caught the objects, I could see them very clearly. They were following a horizontal flight path as they passed us, and flew above us at the same low altitude. Suddenly, however, the speed increased tremendously, and the objects re-shaped themselves into a glowing orange



sphere, which from that point on resembled a bright star, growing smaller and smaller and finally disappearing along Mjesa towards Hamar. By that time it had ascended slowly, and had become a dot in the clear sky. The whole time of their passage, from when they first popped up to when they disappeared, was only a few seconds. I studied their flight path carefully, but there was no sign of smoke to be seen.

"We started the car again, and drove up the hills. Near Fredheim we caught up a lady and a man with two children aged between 8 and 10, who were wheeling their bicycles. I stopped and asked, "Did you see that"? - "Yes, and at any rate it wasn't a Sputnik", answered the man. I don't know who they were, but since they were on bicycle I presume they were from Stange, a nearby village.

"It is now twenty years since the event (the story was told to NUFOC in 1978), but almost every time I drive past the location of the sighting (perhaps two or three times a week), on my way to our hut, I recall the whole thing clearly, and its unanswered questions: How could this huge object hover so easily? What could have propelled it forward without a jet-beam behind it? How could the flames remain at the sides without being swept backwards by the air drag? And what about the beam which seemed to project so steadily from the sides, and the squares which perhaps contained more beams? And the tremendous speed, which decreased suddenly when the object passed us?

"If it cannot be proved that this was a meteor, I have, with the help of my imagination, evolved a "crazy" theory: Is it possible that the beam was a jet engine, and the squares I saw on the sides of the "fuselage" were also jet engines, and that these engines were capable of being turned in different directions. If need be, they

could be pointed vertically downwards, and this is the position in which I saw the beam; such a position could be a lifting-position during low-speed manoeuvring. At other times they could be swivelled in any other direction to decrease or increase the speed."

NUFOC field researcher Per Ottesen has investigated this case; he has found two newspaper reports of the incident, one from Hamar Arbeiderblad for 22 July 1958, the other from Lillehammer Tilskuer for 21 July. The papers report the event and refer to many witnesses who observed the phenomenon.

All agree that it could hardly have been a jet; for one thing the speed was too great, and for another the shape was not that of any known aircraft. The objects were seen from Follebu, Jørstadmoen, Brøttum, Nordre Al, Gausdal, and by several people in Lillehammer. They report that the objects came from the southeast and flew towards the northwest, emitting a bright blue-green oscillating light. A little tail was also reported, and two second lieutenants at the Jørstadmoen military camp thought they observed sparks. The objects flew in the same plane all the time, the first one somewhat behind and higher than the second, and they could be seen clearly through the thin cloud layer.

As for the speed, one lady reported that the objects moved "about four times as fast as a jet", and this agrees fairly well with what other witnesses say. On the matter of altitude, however, the position is more confused, as the reports differ considerably. A man from Lillehammer believed that they were flying at a height of about 100 metres: The second lieutenants say they were at least higher than the cloud layer; while the lady at Nordre Al states their altitude as being very high up, supposedly in the upper layers of the atmosphere.

In regard to their shape, the objects are described as rather round and somewhat flat: Two observers used the expression "long like a cigar". A single witness thought she heard a faint whistling sound, but she isn't sure about it.

During the evening of 20 July, a despatch arrived at the Norwegian Telegraph Bureau from Helsinki, Finland, stating that a shining object had been seen in the sky over Finland about 10 pm (9 pm Norway time). The Finnish object had been visible for 4 or 5 seconds, moving towards the northwest; it was cigar-shaped with a light at one end. This matches quite closely the reports from the Norwegian witnesses.

The event was reported to the Solar Observatory at Harestua, Oslo: Their verdict was that it was possibly a meteor. It is not unusual for a meteor to split into several parts when it enters Earth's atmosphere, and this could make it look as though there were two objects, one following the other.

This is the substance of the newspaper reports.

COMMENT

It seems to us that the objects, after flying at a great altitude, descended for some reason over Mjøsa, decreasing their speed, then continued their course northwestwards and accelerated again. If these facts are correct, then the meteor explanation is considerably weakened: Instead, we are left with an observation of two cigar shaped crafts capable of a speed and a mode of flying which even today - to say nothing of more than twenty years ago - no known type of aircraft can imitate.

CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF THE SECOND KIND AT VESTRE SPONE IN ÅMOT

A whistling sound filled the air. Fifty metres up in the cold autumn sky hovered a luminous saucer-like object, which projected an intense beam of green light that left a brown mark on the grass below.

Such was the CE II observation which took place at Vestre Spone, in Modum, at 12.30 mid-day on Saturday, 4 November 1978. Now, witness Kåre Overn, a farmer, wonders if any other people saw the UFO as it disappeared at great speed northeastwards over Skuterudåsen hill.

"I was in my house", Overn reports, "when I heard a peculiar whistling in the air, and discovered a bright green light outside in the yard. Through the window I saw a green beam of light strike the ground, and when I came out of the house I saw where that beam originated. About fifty metres above the ground was suspended a saucer-shaped object, which I estimated to be about 40 metres in diameter. The whole object was luminous green in colour, and from a convex part at the bottom this green beam of light was projected". His first impulse was to fetch his camera. He ran indoors to fetch it, but when he got back the object was just at the point of bringing the encounter to an end, disappearing at great speed in a northeasterly direction.

However, on the ground where the light had struck the earth, there was a brown mark in the grass. It was not like a burn, but the grass was stained in a circle about a metre in diameter.

Kåre Overn told us that this was not the first time that he has observed unidentified flying objects. Many years ago he saw five shining discs over nearby Øståsen. At first they were motionless, then they began to fly up and down at a great speed. After doing this for about twenty minutes, they finally disappeared in a V-shaped formation.

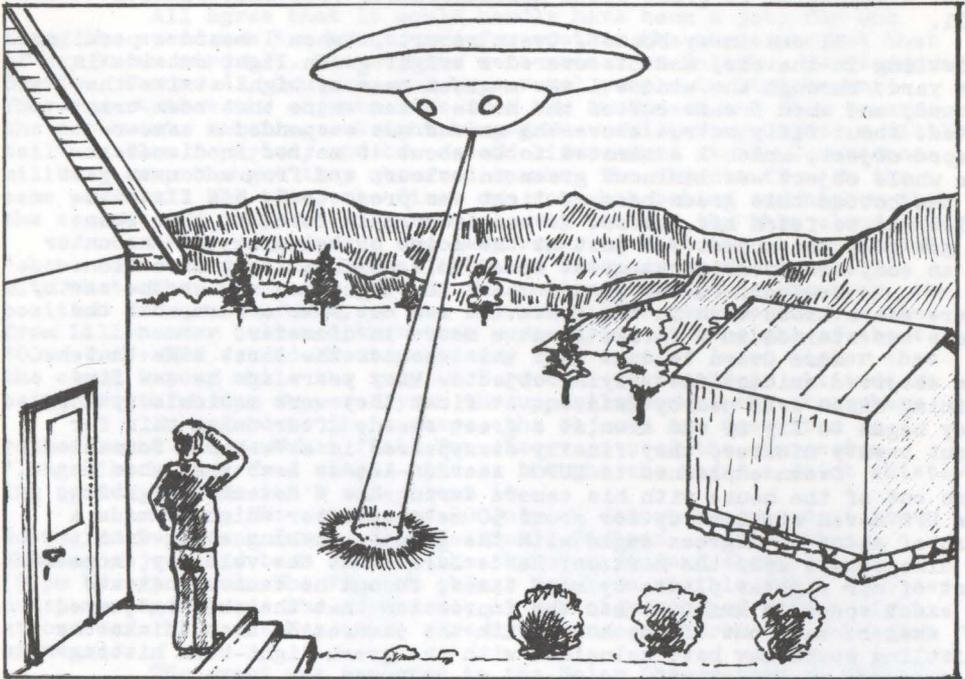
Overn explained to NUFOC section-leader Lemb that when he came out of the house with his camera during his 4 November sighting, the UFO moved straight up for about 50 metres, after which it made a turn of about 60 degrees angle with the ground, rushing along until it disappeared over the horizon. He declared that the velocity exceeded that of our fighter planes by many times, though he cannot indicate an exact speed in km/h. He had the impression that the object "jumped up" when he came out of the house with the camera. He also thinks the whistling sound may have coincided with the green light-beam hitting the ground.

His eyes were not hurt or blinded by the beam, despite its intensity, nor has he felt any uneasiness either during the sighting or subsequently. He had no time to be frightened, it all happened so quickly. He estimated the object to be about 40 metres in diameter, and completely circular: Beneath it he could see a hemisphere about 20 metres in diameter, where there were four circular windows equidistant one from the other. The colour of the whole object was an intense green, the windows being green also but somewhat lighter. In the centre at the bottom was a little spot from which the light beam was emitted: It looked as if it was rotating though the hemispherical section itself was stationary.

Immediately after the observation, which lasted about a minute and a half, Overn fetched his wife who was in a first floor room facing away from the yard. She followed him out of doors, and saw the traces apparently cause by the beam.

The research division of NUFOC visited Overn's farm a fortnight later, on 19 November, and saw that the gravel within the circu-

lar print seemed to be afflicted with a green substance. Earth samples were taken for analysis. Investigators found no reason to doubt Overn's account, though it was surprising that there were no other witnesses to the incident. Overn's farm, situated between Hømfoss and Drammen, in southeastern Norway, is located in a rural situation in flat countryside: The yard in which the traces were found is surrounded by buildings on all sides, but the UFO itself would have been visible from a distance.



About 50 metres up in the air a saucer-shaped object was suspended.

REPORT ON THE SOIL ANALYSIS

Two soil samples were taken, one from the centre of the circle allegedly resulting from the light beam, the other from outside the circle at three metres distance. By 20 January 1979, some nine weeks after the sighting, growth was found in the soil taken from within the circle, none in that taken from outside it, though conditions for both samples were identical. There was a marked colour difference - inside, green; outside, grey. The algae growth was as though in the multiplying phase, though this was not the usual season. The plant type was *Polygonium aviculare*, a common grass type for the area. No heat sources such as drain pipes, septic tanks etc. were located beneath the circular mark. The pH values observed were 6.5 within the circle, 7.3 outside it. The State Institute of Soilresearch states that these values are not exceptional, even though the control spot was so close. An unidentified brown substance was also found.

The newspaper Drammens Tidende & Buskeruds Blad reported the sighting on 16 January 1979 in these words:

GROWTH PHENOMENON AFTER A UFO VISIT IN MODUM

On November 4 last year Kåre Overn observed a UFO just when it was on the point of ascending on an intense green beam of light. It left behind a mark in the ground in the courtyard of his farm at Vestre Spone. The observation has to be classified as a close encounter of the second kind, and is a very interesting one, concludes the Norwegian UFO Centre after a serious investigation, and with the evaluation of soil samples by experts from Oslo University.

First, one must consider the mark which the UFO left in Overn's yard. The soil samples show that growth within the field of radiation is considerably speeded up, a phenomenon which up to the present time nobody has been able to explain. The algae growing on stones in the radiated area are in the multiplying phase, which is unusual at the season at which the incident occurred, one of the investigators, Eldbjørg Fjeldberg, reports to Kåre Overn. She is supported by the report from the University of Oslo, which also mentions the finding of an unidentified brown substance.

With its customary thoroughness, NUFOC would like to follow through with the case. For example, has the witness noticed anything special since he saw the UFO leave? Has he had unusual dreams of any kind? Any disturbances, whether physical or mental?

No, says Overn. He has neither dreamt about UFOs nor had any emotional aftermath following the experience. He noticed no special odours or vibrations of any kind, either in the air or on the ground, though he heard a strong whistling sound which did not originate from any high-voltage wires, of which the nearest is some distance away. But, he declares, I did have this strange feeling of being observed!

STRANGE LIGHT AND SOUND, AND PRINT IN SNOW

By Gøran Granath

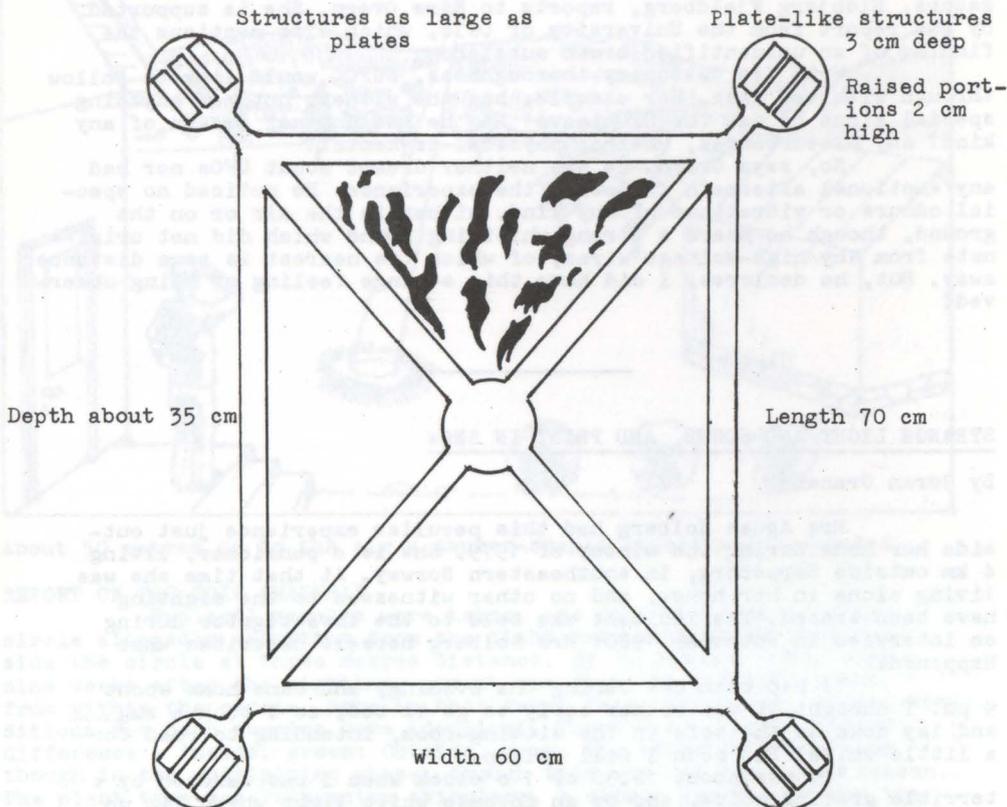
Mrs Agnes Solberg had this peculiar experience just outside her home during the winter of 1979. She is a pensioner, living 4 km outside Sarpsborg, in southeastern Norway. At that time she was living alone in her house, and no other witnesses to the sighting have been traced. The incident was told to the investigator during an interview in November 1980: Mrs Solberg herself describes what happened:

"I had been out during the evening, and came home about 9 pm. I thought it was rather early to go to bed, so I took a rug and lay down on the sofa in the sitting-room, intending to read for a little while: But soon I fell asleep.

"It was about 12.30 or 1 o'clock when I was wakened by a terrible grating noise, and by an intense white light which lit up the entire room. At first I thought someone had crashed into the rock just outside the house, so I jumped up from the sofa to see what had happened. The fierce light came in through a window beside the sofa, and illuminated the whole room as if it was mid-day.

"The light was so bright that I couldn't look directly at it without hurting my eyes; it was like looking straight into the sun. The loud grating sound was as if there was a huge grass-cutter going at full power outside my window. The intense light continued for some two or three minutes after my abrupt waking, then it suddenly disappeared and it was totally dark outside. The grating sound stopped too, but only gradually, becoming steadily lower until it was silent about 20 to 30 seconds after the light went out.

"After the light and the horrifying grating were gone, I became very frightened, because now it was dark and silent in the house. I went to the window where the light had come from, just to look outside, hoping I might discover something: But there too it was completely dark. I was terribly frightened, standing there, because I couldn't understand what had happened outside my house at one o'clock at night. Gradually I became calmer, and decided to try and get some sleep: In fact, that night I slept heavily.



The print in the snow.

"The next day, my grandson Pål came to visit me. As he always does when he comes to visit me, he had a look round for fox-prints in the snow in my yard. He had walked towards the window where the light had shone through the night before, when he suddenly called me and asked what were these strange prints in the snow? I went to the window and there, just outside, was a print of something heavy. It must have been heavy because the snow was about 35 cm deep and the print was pressed right down to ground level.

"The mark consisted of a square, measuring 60 by 70 cm, with a largeish extension, about the size of a plate, at each corner. These "plates" had some raised portions about 2 cm high, while they themselves were 3 cm deep.

"From each corner of the square a "diagonal" ran towards its centre and met in a circle; like the square itself, these diagonals were about 35 cm deep. In the triangle of the square farthest from the house, an oil-like black substance was distributed over a small area. Even today I am annoyed with myself for not collecting a sample of the substance, which I could have put in a bottle or something, and had it analysed and shown it to people.

"The print was visible in the snow for about a fortnight, after which it gradually disappeared, due to fresh falls of snow and to changes in temperature. The oil-like substance, though, remained until the snow melted in the spring".

Comments by the field researcher:

I find no reason to believe that this incident is a hoax; besides, there were six witnesses who saw the print and testified to it. The witness told nobody of her experience until some time after the print had been observed by other witnesses. She was afraid they would suppose her to be growing old and a bit "gaga", as she told me.

Personally I got to know the story after nearly two further winters had passed, from one of the witnesses who had seen the print. Mrs Solberg herself told me that whatever it was that she experienced, and which made the print in the snow, it was not of this world. Her actual words to me were "It was probably one of these flying saucers they talk about so much these days, which visited me and left its trademark in the snow".

The witness doesn't rule out the possibility that this "something" could have been there already when she arrived home; it is always dark at that side of the house, and she would not have noticed if anything had been there. She also thinks she probably witnessed the "take-off", because the light broke off suddenly, but the sound faded only gradually.

Additional notes:

- + The snow around the print was completely untouched.
- + There were electric wires passing 15 metres over the print.
- + Distance from the print to the house was about 10 metres.
- + Distance from the print to the next-door house was about 30 metres.

UFO AND "MAN" SEEN IN A FIELD NEAR LÂNKE

This sighting was made at 7.30 in the morning of Saturday, 25 July, 1981. The witness, Mrs Hjørdis Hokstad, observed the phenomenon for about 15 minutes in a field about 200 metres from where she lives at Lânke, at Stjerdal near Trondheim. She had gone out to the field to watch the deer which usually appear there at that time of day; to her surprise she saw what looked like a metallic object lying in the grass and twinkling in the sunlight. After a little while the shimmering object began to move: What is more, it seemed to her that there was a little "man" walking behind the object. It moved along the ground till it reached the edge of a nearby wood, stopped by an aspen tree, then began to ascend and move away in a northeasterly direction.

NUFOC visited Lânke for the first time two days after the sighting, and we examined the site. We found no visible evidence that a UFO had been there, and tests for radioactivity were negative. We did not learn about the little "man" until a later visit, as Mrs Hokstad was embarrassed to mention him. Eventually she told us that it looked as if "he" was wearing a suit fitted with some kind of hood or cap drawn over the head. She thought this rather strange and laughed, until she finally realised what it was that she was observing. She had never experienced anything like this before, and the incident made a deep impression on her mind. Since the incident she has been quite upset, and continued to sleep badly.

No unusual observations were made by air traffic control at Værnes airport (outside Trondheim) and nothing was seen on radar. An aircraft left Trondheim at 7.40 am, so we may suppose that its flight was followed on radar.

The wind was coming from the southeast, with a force of 5 knots, but we cannot be sure that conditions in the valley where the sighting occurred were identical with those at the meteorological office. It is possible for wind to come in both from Trondheimsfjorden and down the Stjerdalen valley, and this may have affected the movement of the object: But if this is not the case, then it would seem that the object was moving at a right angle to the wind direction.

The behaviour of the object is suggestive of that of a balloon, which might have been heated by the early morning sun. This would cause it to ascend, and perhaps also rotate, thus giving the appearance of "twinkling". However, Mrs Hokstad had binoculars (10 X 50) with her to watch the deer, and observed the object through them: She is convinced it was not a balloon.

In the course of time, several additional witnesses came forward with details of strange observations which could indicate that they saw the same object, though not at the same time. The shape was reported to be like a cigar, sometimes moving in horizontal flight, whereas Mrs Hokstad was sure the object was moving vertically. Witnesses from places not far away, in Muruvik, Sparbu and Støren, reported the same thing as Mrs Hokstad. The witness in Sparbu observed, together with his wife, an object about 8 metres long which seemed to stationary in the air and without sound. After some time it disappeared at great speed.

In connection with Mrs Hokstad's observation it was later reported that some calves had behaved in a disturbed manner, and broke out of their enclosure - something that had not happened previously or since.

Unfortunately, after many articles had appeared in local papers containing contradictory statements and sensational details,

a fierce argument developed between two rival newspapers in Stjørdal. Despite this, the witness stands firmly by the report she made of her experience, and remains convinced that saw something unusual.

Additional data:

Weather conditions at Værnes airport: Temperature 13 degrees centigrade. Wind 100 degrees, 5 knots. Visibility extremely good, 60 kilometres.

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Map showing various
observation sites.

