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NEWSLETTER

Frightening Experience

By Alan Zerla

MUFON State Section Director for Ohio

I received an unusual report from a friend of mine who lives on a horse farm near the small town of West Alexander, PA, on the Pennsylvania - West Virginia border. This family consists of a husband and wife and two daughters, 16 and 17. They make a habit of feeding the wild deer and turkeys.

This location is on the Allegheny plateau, as are most of eastern Ohio, northern West Virginia, and western Pennsylvania. The plateau itself is cut by valleys ranging up to 1,100 feet deep along the major streams making the area seem to be all hills and valleys. In short, it is pretty rugged country. The farm is about 40 miles from the actual Allegheny Mountains. It can be seen to be a plateau from any high point because the horizon is level in every direction.

The first day of the New Year, January 1, 2007, the deer and wild turkeys came to the house for their morning feeding but no deer or turkeys showed up to be fed in the evening.

The first day of school following the break, January 2, the mother drove the girls up the farm lane to catch the school bus at 7 AM. The lane is about 700 feet long and lined with pine trees on both sides. The car is a Toyota Corolla. The 17 year old was in the middle of the back seat leaning forward between the front seats to take part in the conversation. The radio was on.

The morning was dark and overcast.

When they reached the main road, the mother stopped the car and put

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Sighting of "Red Ball" UFO in 1980

By Donnie Blessing

Southern Ohio Section Director MUFON

Witness: Darren B. (alias)

age: 39

City: Franklin

County: Warren

State: Ohio

Time of event: Winter 1980

Time of sighting: n/a

Witness two: George S. (alias name)

age: 39

City: Franklin

County: Warren

State: Ohio

Phone: n/a

email: n/a

At the time in question Darren and his friend George were 7th graders approx. 14 years old. They lived in Franklin, Ohio. Darren's friend George had gotten a telescope for Christmas. The event took place not long after Christmas. George had wanted to try out his new telescope. Both boys had walked down to the intersection of Catskill and Hamilton-Middletown Rd. Darren told me their parents were in bed so it was late but does not remember the exact time. The skies were clear. A full moon was shining. The year was 1980.

While they tinkered with the telescope they looked up and saw what they first thought was the moon. However this object was blood red. While watching the object it seemed to move in a straight line down. As it got closer it looked to be bigger than a house. It suddenly stopped and hovered radiating a bright red in color. It stopped near a farm field across the road. At the very back of this field was a tree line and behind the trees was a deep valley. It only took a second or two for the object to move from far out in space to within 500 yards of the witnesses. Darren said the object now was very bright and the red glow lit up the surrounding area and shined in their faces.

It then began to descent into a valley and slipped out of sight. The whole sighting took no more than 2-3 minutes. Darren said he became scared and ran back to the house. George stayed to watch for the object and did not return to the house for 15 minutes. Darren told me it was if George was mesmerized and didn't move when Darren called to him to come back to the house with him.

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MUFON of Ohio Meeting Featuring Investigator Stan Gordon

June 16, 2007, at noon

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I asked Darren if he felt anything unusual took place while the sighting was taking place. Darren said it did not make any sound and it also seemed that everything was too quiet. The outdoor dogs next to his house always barked at everything but never barked at the object. Darren said it felt like there was cotton in his ears. He could not hear well. I asked if it was like a vacuum and he said, that was what it felt like.

Darren went on to say that after the incident, his friend George seemed to change in personality. He says that he never really was the same person and had some mental issues he thought that might have stemmed from the UFO sighting.

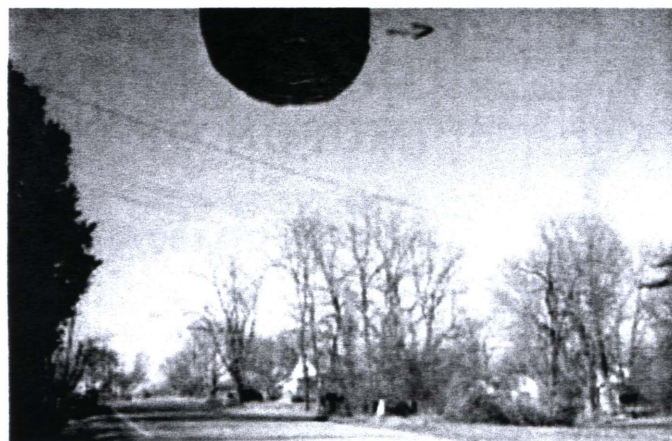
After talking to Darren I began to think that maybe something happened to him also. He has experienced some very bizarre things in his life that can't be explained. Darren has agreed to under go hypnosis to see if he can find out what if anything else happened when they saw the red UFO and to also explore some other things that have happened in his life. Darren said he did not know where George was now. That he may live in Florida. I have asked Darren to see if he could locate him and ask him if I could talk to him. If he is located and will speak to me then I will add his statements to this report.

I'd also like to mention that near the location of the sighting there is the Kinder Indian mound in Franklin where the enclosed photo and also Monsanto is in the back ground of one photo. Rumors about UFO reverse engineering has been told about Monsanto and for some unknown reason, UFOs seem to show up around Indian mounds also.

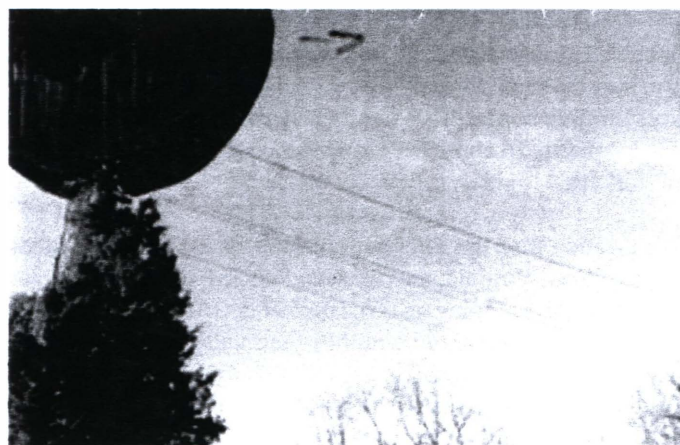
FOOTNOTE: Please keep in mind that the event took place at night. So this is what it would have looked like if the sighting had been in the daytime. Photos taken Dec. 29th, 2006



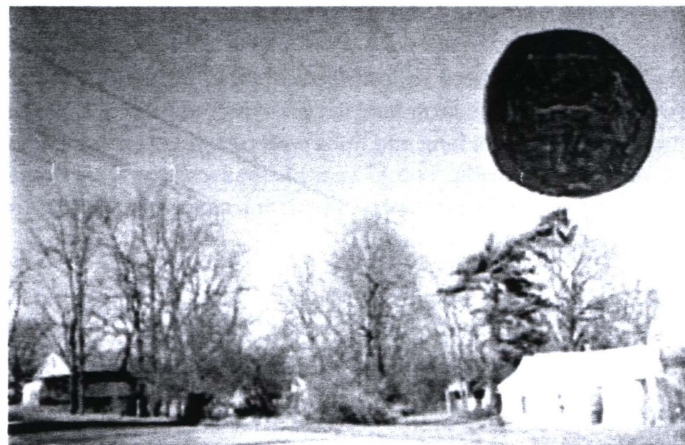
Above: The brick house to the left is where Darren lived in 1980. The road in front is where he and his friend set up their telescope on the night they saw the UFO. This road is Catskill Rd. Right beyond this point is Hamilton-Middletown Rd.



Above: Suddenly the big bright red ball that looks like the moon but is as large as a house appears above the road where they are standing and begins to move off to the right and hover over a field to the right.



Above: It keeps traveling the direction of a cemetery down the road from where they were standing

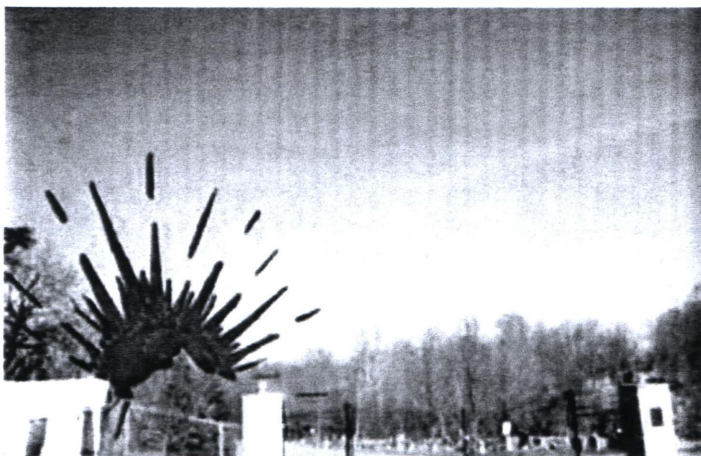


Above: The object stops at this point. Hovers over the field behind the white house.

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Above: The object proceeds to lower itself into a valley that is directly behind the white house.



Above: From where Darren and his friend stood, this is how it looked. You can see part of the roof of the white house to the left in the foreground.



Not far from where Darren lived at that the time was MONSANTO. Rumors of reversed UFO engineering have been talked about concerning this place. If you look closely you can see a white building in the far distance. (Above) That is Monsanto which has since closed.

Additional footnote: Darren has agreed to under go hypnosis to see if he can remember anything else that he may have forgotten. There is a good chance that he is an abductee. A follow up report will be sent if the results of the hypnosis is positive.

Frightening Experience (continued from page 1)

it in park with the engine and lights off but the radio was left on. Suddenly the back end of the car bounced up and down 4 or 5 times, perhaps the wheels even left the ground. The bouncing may have lasted 6 seconds. There was a very loud noise, described as like a white noise, so intense it was deafening.

During the bouncing, there was a noise like sheet metal bending and flexing, similar to thunder. It was described as beginning like a blue tarp wrinkling and immediately became like suspended sheet metal being hammered sounding initially as if it came from the back bumper then from the back deck/seat. The 16 year old daughter in the front passenger seat says she saw an arm banging on the driver's side rear door window.

Terrified, the mother first hit the brakes and turned off the radio to see if anything showed up behind the car in the light from the brake lights. She saw nothing behind the car.

The mother turned the car on and put it into reverse to light up the area behind the car with the back up lights. Neither the mother nor the daughters saw anything behind the car. The mother then drove forward, turned the car around and shined the headlights back down the drive way. She saw very large glowing eyes described as yellow blending into a cinnamon brown about 100 feet down the lane among the pine trees. She believes that the eyes were further above the ground and set further apart than a tall man would account for. The eyes stared back at the car, not blinking.

Examination of the car later found no damage or marks.

The deer and turkeys returned for feeding two days later. However, the family is still terrified and reluctant to leave the house after dark. If it is necessary to take care of the livestock after dark, two family members go.

I am unaware of any UFO reports or missing or unexplained animal deaths in the area before, during, or after this event.

Has anyone heard any stories like this before? Are there any similar cases known? Does anyone have any ideas about this case or suggestions for investigation almost two months after the event?

Exact details of location and car are slightly changed in this report to help conceal the identity of the family.

Featured Photo

Charles Berlitz at 1990 UFO Conference



Charles Berlitz is shown speaking with several of the attendees at the 1990 National UFO Conference in Miami Beach, Florida. One of the featured speakers at the convention, Berlitz is probably known for his best selling "The Bermuda Triangle", the first book propel the "Triangle Mystery" to prominence during the 1970s. Even though that by 1990 most of the key cases regarding the Bermuda Triangle had been generally solved to the satisfaction of most researchers, Berlitz continued to lecture on the subject at numerous UFO and foratean gatherings all around the country, Miami Beach being no exception. Although the Triangle was indeed old news, most in attendance generally enjoyed his presentation.

After "The Bermuda Triangle" was published in 1974, Berlitz went on to pen several other books on the Bermuda Triangle theme, as well as collaboration with William Moore on "The Roswell Incident" and "The Philadelphia Experiment: Project Invisibility."

Other speakers at the 1990 NUFOC included Ed and Frances Walters of Gulf Breeze fame, William Nash of the famous 1952 Nash - Fortenberry airline UFO encounter as well as 1950s "contactees" Howard Menger and Frank Stranges.

Perhaps the thing that I remember most about the 1990 NUFOC is the midnight skywatch held on the beach itself, attended by at least a hundred people and hosted by Ed and Frances Walters. No, nobody saw anything other than aircraft and stars, but it was a wonderful time for general fellowship and talking about our favorite subject.

- Rick Hilberg

Former Arizona Governor's Close Encounter with UFO

Thanks to Filer's Files

Fife Symington Arizona's governor for six years says "It was absolutely breathtaking, I mean when I saw it, I said this is definitely a UFO. I have never seen anything like this in my life." It was an event that is now the stuff of legend, called the Phoenix Lights. There was video taken in 1997 of those mysterious lights flying in formation over Phoenix. When governor Symington ridiculed the sighting and said, "He was just trying to keep everyone calm. What I was trying to do was have fun and make a spoof, and stop all the public hysteria that was going on at the time."

*From the Roundtown UFO Society website:
www.roundtownufosociety.com*

UFOs and Psychology

**By Pete Hartinger The Circleville Herald Friday,
February 23, 2007**

Psychology is an important part of the UFO phenomenon. UFO sighting reports have been kept to a minimum because many of the witnesses are reluctant to report them. However, this is slowly changing as more people are accepting this subject as a reality. Many UFO witnesses have come forward in recent years and they have informed me about their dramatic sightings. I feel they are relieved that they have someone with whom they can confide in. I can see this change as I have studied this UFO subject since 1958. Over the years they have been subjected to ridicule, harassment, and disbelief. This is because the skeptics have never seen a real UFO; talked to credible people who have seen them; or more importantly, they have never researched the subject intently with all the evidence available to see.

To a lot of people, when you mention UFOs, they form a mental block. The fear of the unknown causes many to disregard this subject. As a great President once said, "You have nothing to fear, but fear itself." Some can be psychologically disturbed if they find out that UFOs exist and since they would be technically advanced of us, some could accept this and others could not.

I have always enjoyed studying history, which of course, is of past events. Ufology, the study of the UFO phenomenon, represents the past, present, and the future. There are many UFOs still being seen, and who knows what the future holds?

On Nov. 7, 2006, a saucer shaped craft was seen hovering over Chicago's O'Hare Airport. It was a daylight sighting that lasted several minutes and the object left by creating a hole in the cloud cover above it. This event was witnessed by several United Airline personnel and it included pilots. It even made the CNN news. Since this occurred, many of the personnel have been told to keep quiet about this sighting. Who would want to talk and lose their jobs? This has happened many times over the years with other UFO sightings. However, after many years when they retire or in failing health, some of these witnesses have come forward and told about their personal experiences.

I know of a similar UFO sighting that occurred over Cleveland Hopkins Airport. Several years ago two witnesses, employees at the nearby NASA Lewis Center, saw a disc-shaped craft hover some 50 feet above them. The one witness described it to me in detail, as it was also a daylight sighting.

I recently had a person tell me that he prides himself on being a scientific skeptic. But with the different television programs about UFOs, like the History Channel shows, he has begun to wonder. I would welcome a debate with anyone on this subject. I try to stick with facts and only the facts. It is very easy to speculate.

Some witnesses to a UFO sighting will shrug their shoulders and say
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so what, because they can't do anything about it. Others, like myself, try to find out more about the mysterious phenomenon. Some have inquiring minds.

I have found repressed memories in many cases. Until someone is asked if they have ever seen a UFO, sometimes they will say they have, and are amazed at why they never recall it until asked. I have had many people tell me that they had forgotten about their own UFO sighting or experience until I mentioned the subject to them. For instance, a couple of years ago a witness didn't recall his sighting until I showed him a magazine article relating to the same time period and location he was at that described many UFO sightings. This occurred in Texas in August of 1965. You can try this yourself by using the one on one approach. Just ask the person if they have ever seen a UFO. Ask them when no one else is around. I have found out that you get a better response. Some people feel embarrassed or apprehensive when with a group of people if you ask this question.

If you have any questions or concerns about this subject, please contact me at 740-477-6252, rufos@columbus.rr.com

Other Ohio UFO Groups

You can find the **Roundtown UFO Society (RUFOS)** website at www.roundtownufosociety.com. The group meets in Circleville, Ohio. Contact them at rufos@roundtownufosociety.com.

The **Cleveland Ufology Project (CUP)** website can be found at www.clevelandufo.com. Their meetings are held the third Saturday of each month. Contact them at info@clevelandufo.com.

The **Tri-County UFO Study Group** meets in Alliance, Ohio. They can be contacted at nightsky_us@yahoo.com.

Book Review by Jon Fry

from the Roundtown UFO Society Website:

www.roundtownufosociety.com

Heavenly Lights: The Apparitions of Fatima and the UFO Phenomenon

by Dr. Joaquim Fernandes and Fina D'Armada

EcceNova Editions, Victoria, B.C. Canada, 2005, 264 pages, softcover, price \$22.95

For six months, from May 13, 1917 to October 13, 1917, Fatima, Portugal was the sight of strange apparitions seen on a monthly basis. Three children saw and heard a feminine figure in the sky and bright lights. The apparitions culminated in a spectacular event on October 13, 1917 seen by 50,000 people. Heretofore this has been interpreted as a religious event by the Catholic church. However, the authors of Heavenly Lights point out the startling parallels of these events to UFO sightings. Was Fatima a UFO event that was misinterpreted by the church as a heavenly visitation?

Here are some of the weird phenomena that occurred at Fatima in 1917 which also has parallels in the UFO field. Luminous globe-like lights in the sky, a buzzing bee-like sound came from the apparition, telepathic communication, strange odors or smells, rocket-like sounds, strange moving clouds out of which globes came in and out, ramps or beams of light, animal effects. Also, after the rain, the wet clothes of the observers were suddenly dried out when a light came near them. This book is the first in a trilogy. The second book is called Celestial Secrets and the third is called Fatima Revisited. Dr. Jacques Vallee, a renowned Ufologist wrote the forward. This book is highly recommended.

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MUFON UFO SIGHTING REPORT
INVESTIGATED BY DONNIE BLESSING
SOUTHERN OHIO SECTION DIRECTOR

Witness: Rachel Weidringer (name used with permission)
Address: Sabina, Ohio
Occup: College Student

Here is the report in Rachel's own words.

On March 7, 2007 around 10PM I was walking to my friends house and was passing the front of Shawnee State University. I was pretty much right in front of the long straight side walk that goes through the middle of the entire campus. I wasn't really paying attention but something caught my eye from the sky. I looked up and I saw something moving. It was very dark, I think the color was black or dark brown, maybe both. It blended into the sky. It took me a second to figure out it was a UFO.

The ship was right above me so I got a good look at the underbelly. There were no lights on it anywhere. There was a glare from the lights on campus.

This ship was HUGE. I'd say it was about the size of three planes put together. Maybe 200 feet in diameter. It was moving from the South. The Ohio River is in front of Campus. So it came from the river area and moved west. The shape was so bizarre looking. It was nothing like I had ever seen before in pictures. It was the shape of a boomerang and it moved forward with the rounded nose piece in front.

It had all theses different size circles under it. I didn't think of them as being lights. Just some kind of circles indented in the bottom. The ship also was not smooth on the surface. It had theses spikes and ridges and was very odd. Now that I think about it looked like something that would be in a cave. Those stalactites hanging in caves. However, theses were bent back against the ship.

There was no sound. It was only about 200-400 feet above my head

and it was moving slow. The ship moved over campus and down the sidewalk. I watched it for about 45 seconds. I watched it till a light got in the way and I couldn't see it anymore. The impression I got, it was observing the campus. There were a few people walking on the sidewalk but they were far away and they didn't see the object. You would have to had been right under it to see it since it was dark like the sky.

This is the second time I have seen a UFO over Shawnee State. About a year ago I was walking home when there was some type of aircraft that flew over the campus. It was moving slowly too. It was the typical round UFO with a single light white light on it that never blinked. It did not make noise either. It was cloudy that night.

Thank you for listening to my story.
Rachel

Investigator's notes: I talked to Rachel shortly after her sighting and she sounded very credible to me. Her friend Eric, also a student at Shawnee State University had seen a Triangle shaped object not long ago and his report has been submitted to MUFON.



Rachel Weidringer

drawing by Rachel Weidringer

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Please help us organize and plan better. If you have any comments or suggestions, please let us know.

What is your interest in the UFO phenomenon and MUFON of Ohio?

What kind of events and information are you hoping to get through MUFON of Ohio? (Please circle)

MUFON of Ohio Newsletter

Lectures/Presentations

Group research projects

Individual research projects

County responsibility for monitoring UFO events

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MUFON of Ohio Meeting Featuring Investigator Stan Gordon

June 16, 2007, at noon

**Ashland Justice Center
1205 E. Main Street
Ashland, Ohio 44805
(map and directions on back)**

\$5.00 entrance fee for non-members



Since 1965, Stan has been conducting on-scene investigations of mysterious encounters in Pennsylvania. He has been involved with the examination of thousands of UFO and other strange reports from across the Keystone State. He is internationally recognized as an authority on the subject of the UFO and Bigfoot phenomena and has been featured in dozens of news stories about his investigations. Numerous magazines and publications have done feature items, or have recognized him for his research efforts.

Stan was the Founder and Director of the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained (PASU) in 1981. Stan was also the Pennsylvania State Director of the Mutual UFO Network for many years. He was the first recipient (1978) of the annual MUFON "Meritorious Achievement in A UFO Investigation Award." His paper titled "UFO's in Relation to Creature Sightings in Pennsylvania" is included in the 1974 MUFON UFO Symposium Proceedings.

Stan remains active in this field as an independent researcher and investigator. He continues to investigate information concerning the controversial UFO crash/retrieval case which occurred on December 9, 1965 near Kecksburg in Pennsylvania. He has been the primary investigator of the event for many years.



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