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NEWSLETTER

Bob Ulizza's Bizarre Sightings

By Phyllis Budinger and Bob Ulizza

Many years ago I had the pleasure of being a friend to Bob Ulizza. I lost contact with him 40 years ago. Imagine my surprise in January, when I saw his name associated with his 'cylinder of light' sighting which occurred in the summer of 1959 or 1960! He reported his sighting in the CUP (Cleveland Ufology Project - www.clevelandufo.com) discussion group and also on the Brian Vike (www.hbccufo.com) and Jeff Rense (www.rense.com) websites. Radio interviews with Vike and Rense followed. Then I remembered he told me about this 'cylinder of light' those many years ago. He never officially reported it until a year ago. He has also had other sightings since 'the light' event. I immediately contacted Bob in January and renewed an old friendship. I stated that I didn't know he was interested in UFOs. He said: "I believe it was you who started me into the UFO 'thingie', and I really got interested in them after I had a few sightings." Bob and I collaborated to tell his story.

The Cylinder of Light (1959 or 1960)

This is Bob's most bizarre sighting. His other sightings pale in comparison to this one. The event happened in the late summer or early fall of 1959 or 1960. The decade of the fifties was the golden age of Rock and Roll. Names such as Elvis Presley, Little Richard, Chuck Berry, Buddy Holly, Fats Domino and others were the rage. We drove those hot, dinosaur gas hogs. Gasoline was less than 30 cents a gallon. Bob lived in a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio at the time. He owned a 1956 210 Delray Chevy with vinyl interior, four disk hubcaps and fender skirts. Bob was one cool dude!

He was driving his Chevy on a double date, going to a Rock and Roll party which advertised five or six bands. This took place at a popular amusement park (Geauga Lake Park), which was located in northeast Ohio on route 43 in Geauga County. It was already dark and the sky was completely overcast. As he approached the park, he found it was jam-packed. There was no parking space, so they were waved on by the entrance. There were lines of cars bumper to bumper also trying to get in and following close behind him. They continued down the road for

about a mile, then turned around and came back heading in a northwest direction.

About a quarter of mile from the entrance, a bright column of light suddenly appeared on the south side of the road (to Bob's left) in a marshy area with scrub brush and grass. It seemed like someone just turned on a lamp. Night was turned into day! All cars stopped and many turned off their headlights. Also, several people got out of their cars, including Bob and his friends. There were literally hundreds of witnesses.

The light was a perfect cylinder. There was a narrow creek running through the center of the circle of light. The diameter of the column was at least 150 feet, or more, and the height about 400 to 500 feet, i.e. at least to the height of the cloud base. It is unknown whether the column extended through the cloud layer. Looking upward, Bob could see the clouds going by where the light shined on/through them. There were static sparks coming off the sides of the column. The edge of the light was only 150 feet away from the car. Bob had no idea as to the source of the light. The night was pitch black, and there were no streetlights. Besides a few remaining car headlights, the only other light in the area was in the northeast. It was from the park, and it could barely be seen because of tall trees. After approximately 20 minutes, the light just blinked off.

Bob was awestruck, but the two girls that were in the car immediately went crazy with fear when the light blinked on. They were screaming: "The world is coming to an end! The world is coming to an end!" One started praying the rosary. They totally lost it! This emotional state continued for the full 20 minutes of the event. Bob wanted to get under the light, but his date wouldn't let him.

After the event, Bob's friend and the girls never spoke of the sighting. They never did make the Rock and Roll party.

Following is Bob's diagram of his sightings. (Note: Bob Googled the area where he was when

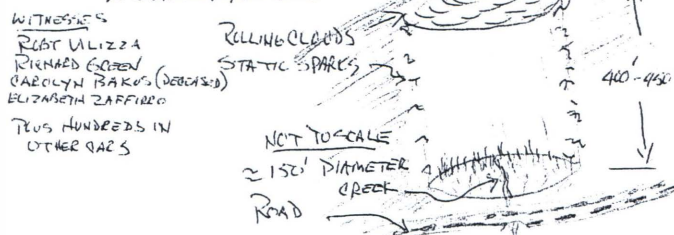
he observed the light. This is how it looks presently. There are a lot of houses and retail outlets that were not there in the 50s. At the time, this area of route 43 was swampy and rural with not much else. The area with the white circle represents where the cylinder of light was observed. The X marks the location of Bob's car.)



LOCATION ~ 1/4 MILE FROM ENTRANCE OF
GEGAUGA LAKE PARK
AURORA, OHIO
LAT. 41° 20' 43.59" N
LONG. 81° 22' 31.01" W
ON ROUTE 43 (N. AURORA ROAD)

TIME - LATE SUMMER OF 1959 OR 1960 AFTER DARK
CONDITIONS - COMPLETE OVERCAST - PITCH BLACK
WITH BASE OF CLOUDS ~ 400'-450' ALT

NOTE: IN 1960, THERE WERE NO STREET LIGHTS
OR RESIDENTIAL AREAS THAT ARE NOW SHOWN.
X IS WHERE MY CAR WAS.



The next day "The Cleveland Press" reported "hundreds of people saw the Aurora Borealis last night at Geauga Lake Park". Bob is adamant that it certainly was no Aurora. This is obvious. The light column was on the south side of the road and only about 150 feet away from him! Besides the Aurora could not have been seen that night unless you were in Alaska.

The question is what caused the 'column of light'? We can rule out a few possibilities. The first is a promotional beacon which might be advertising the Rock and Roll show. This is unlikely at 150 feet wide and with a creek going

through it in a swampy area about a quarter of mile from the park. The second possibility is a beam from a conventional aircraft above the clouds. However, how could it remain absolutely stationary for 20 minutes? Also, the light had static electrical sparks emanating from it. Again the column was much wider than a conventional beam. Furthermore, there was no engine sound typical of a helicopter or airplane. So what does that leave? We can relate this to the unknown. A UFO source may be highly plausible.

I suspect it was a good thing Bob didn't venture under the light that night, or he might not have been here to tell his story. As he stated to me, if it wasn't for his date ... "I'm still here instead of in a galaxy far away." Alternatively, he may have been seriously injured (burned perhaps) or transported to another dimension (as some believe). It is unusual that no one (the two girls and Bob's friend) ever mentioned the incident again, especially in view of the girls' intense fear. This is typical of a UFO event. Did they forget about it, or did they just choose to not talk about it?

It would have been interesting if the area had been investigated the next morning. Did it leave a circle of dead/burned grass? What would the analysis of soil and grass samples have shown? Was there any residual radiation and/or magnetic disturbance? Alas, physical evidence was missed! But, who would have "thunk it" back then.

Bob's sighting reminded me of three columns of light observed by Nancy Talbott and Robbert van dan Broeke in Holland in the summer of 2001. These formed crop circles. I asked Nancy if her columns resembled Bob's. She replied her sighting was different. Nancy saw "three tubes of light, approximately 2-3 feet in diameter lasting only 1 or 2 seconds each, coming out of the sky with great force straight down. We both observed a spiraling motion inside these tubes. They were so bright they lit up the entire area while they were present. They were terribly energetic, not static...and nowhere near as broad...." You can

find her detailed report of this event on her website (www.blresearch.com).

Red-orange UFOs (1957)

The cylinder of light was actually the second strange sighting Bob experienced. He spotted two UFOs also in the late fifties. I might also set the stage of the background for this one. 1957 was the dawn of the space age. The Soviet Union successfully launched Sputnik, the world's first artificial satellite. The space race was on, and it caught the world's attention and the American public off-guard. Bob, as well as many of us, would go outside hoping to see it cross the sky. Actually we were looking for its rocket carrier. Sputnik itself was no bigger than a soccer ball and weighed about 180 pounds.

At the time of this sighting Bob was at the local bar quenching his thirst with a cold beer. A few days previously, the Russian's had put Sputnik in orbit. The tavern owners came out and said that the Sputnik rocket carrier was about to go by. It was just getting dark. Bob went outside to wait for its appearance in the northeast sky. Finally he spotted the rocket carrier tumbling across the sky, at a 45 degree angle, and seemingly blinking on and off from the reflection of the sun. When it got due east, he looked to the north. Two red-orange dots were coming up behind the blinking rocket carrier. They were not blinking. They followed behind for a while, then below it, in front for a while and finally on top of it. When they were about the 135-degree azimuth, the two discs flew to the north and out of sight. The sighting lasted about five minutes.

The newspapers did report that thousands of people saw two unidentified objects dogging the Sputnik rocket carrier the next day. This confirms Bob's observation.

We can easily assume that besides the general public, UFOs would be very interested in this planet's first satellite. The UFO-nauts probably had a lot of fun playing tag with the rocket carrier as if to say: "Ya'll got a long way to go dudes".

Highly polished Silver Disk (Summer 1969)

Lets jump ahead one decade to the summer of 1969. Bob owned a Stearman airplane. Stearmans were used in World War II as trainers. The plane was a WWI design. This was a double-winged airplane with an open cockpit. He decided to fly to a friend's house on Wilson Mills road in Chesterland, Ohio. It was a gorgeous afternoon with no clouds in the sky.

The following is in quotes as Bob told me in an email. "He had a landing strip in his yard, and I landed there. I was talking with him as he was polishing an airplane. I went to the other side of the plane so I could talk to him face to face. After about ten minutes I happened to look north (about 2:30 p.m.), and I saw a flicker of light reflecting off something low in the horizon. It was coming pretty fast. As it got due west of me, I could see the profile perfectly. It was a silver disc with a shallow dome on top. It was at an altitude of only 200 to 250 feet and a distance of only 400 feet. It was highly polished, and that's why I was able to spot it and follow it. Otherwise I would have missed it. It looked to be about 45 feet in diameter and appeared to have a thickness of eight to ten feet. It had to be going a couple of thousand miles an hour. The sighting only lasted a few seconds, and it was over the southern horizon. Boy, that sure got me excited. I yelled and screamed: "There goes a flying saucer!" On of my friend's neighbors said: "How do you know it was a flying saucer?" I (mockingly) said: "The guy stuck out his green arm and waved as he went by". What else could I say? That sighting really made a believer out of me. If there were any doubts in my mind that surely wiped them away. I didn't mention that to many people either." Of note was that there was absolutely no sound from the object. Unfortunately, by the time Bob alerted other people to the object, it was gone. He was the only witness.

Especially striking about this sighting was the close proximity of the 45 foot craft to Bob.

Shiny Silver Orb (About 1998 to 2000)

Forward to about 9 or 10 years ago. In Bob's words, "I was standing in between my house and that of my neighbors. The weird thing about it was we were talking about our UFO encounters. The sun had just set a few minutes prior, and it wasn't quite dark yet. As we were talking, believe it or not, an orb about three feet in diameter came out of the southwest and flew in a straight line to the northeast right over our heads, at a very low altitude of 150 feet! The orb was a shiny golden/silver ball going about 100 mph. It flew on to the northeast over Chardon Village. How do you like that?"

Bob and his neighbor just looked at each other and had nothing else to say. And they went into their respective houses.

This was another close encounter by a possible UFO probe! Was Bob being buzzed? It is interesting they were discussing UFOs when the event occurred.

Red-orange Disk (30 June 2007)

The following is also in Bob's words. "I was next door watching fireworks at my neighbors. During a lull in the show, I was sitting on a bench talking to his wife's aunt. The disc came from the north and flew south at about a 45-degree elevation. It was in sight for only a few seconds. There were trees on the left and right that blocked any lengthy views. It seemed to be the size of a penny at arm's length. This was the last of the UFO sightings I've had."

Bob's history of UFO sightings suggests he will see more. For an unknown reason it seems some people are prone to seeing UFOs; others are not. It is curious that three out of five of his events have been close encounters. As he said to me: "What can I say. If I saw that much, how much have I missed?" My comment: "How much have we all missed by not looking up?"

Thirty Years Ago - 1978

by Rick Hilberg

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Patton, who live just north of Sparta, Illinois, reported sighting a strange object early February 13th.

Mrs. Patton said that the UFO emitted a huge orange light which was visible for miles in the early morning darkness. She said that the light would compare to a large, two-story house on fire. She also reported that the object seemed to pulsate at times.

The Pattons first noticed the object at about 5:00 A.M., and it remained in the area until about 6:30 A.M. The object was described as fairly large with big lights on each side which flashed alternately. Mrs. Patton reported that at one time they saw something red descend from the object to the ground, and at another time they saw three white lights descend. She also reported that the object hovered most of the time, but would move around the area on occasion.

A Gillett, Wisconsin couple reported that they sighted a UFO at 11:55 P.M. on March 3rd. Edward Erickson reported to the Oconto Sheriff's Office that he and his wife were returning from Underhill, when his wife spotted a stationary group of lights blinking at tree top level off to the side of the road.

According to Erickson, the lights were red and green. As they watched, he said, the red lights went out and the object took off in a wide circle. When the UFO rose to a height of about two thousand feet, a rotating white light was observed on the object.

Erickson and his wife reported that they watched the object for more than an hour before it moved off to the southwest. David Cullen, a neighbor of the Erickson's, also reported observing the strange object from his home.

A small UFO flap was reported going on in the Syracuse, New York area after a sighting by a local area family was first reported in the news media. On April 4th the Dennis Kiteveles family of Baldwinsville reported spotting an oval-shaped object with red, blue, yellow and green lights on it.

At the same time of the sighting, power went out briefly in the area of the reported UFO. Hancock Field radar reported that it had a mysterious blip on its screen at the same time.

In days to follow, the local Sheriff's Department reported that scores of reports had come in from citizens in the area. "I'd say 90 percent of the sightings have been in the Route 48, Sorrell Hill area near Baldwinsville," noted Sgt. M. J. Tuohey. The objects sighted were of varied shapes and sizes, ranging from boat-shaped, rectangular to one report that described a diamond-shaped object.

On June 6th two people in different locations reported seeing the same UFO at 11:15 P.M., according to police in Linden, California.

Janet Calle, a University of The Pacific student, told police that the UFO was over one hundred feet long, pinkish-orange in color, softly luminous and definitely saucer-shaped with the top going into a bell-like shape. The object had three white lights and one large red light, and sounded somewhat like an electric fan. She also stated that the light seemed to be coming out of windows or ports in the object.

Ken Snyder, a Linden firefighter, saw the same object as he was driving through town. His statement to police matched that given by Ms. Calle. Police could offer no explanation.

On June 17th Linda Arosemena took a photograph of President Carter's helicopter as it departed from Fort Clayton, Panama. The time was noted as being around 1:20 P.M. When the film was developed an oval-shaped UFO was seen close to the helicopter. No one reported seeing the

UFO, and it was not picked up on area radar screens, although the photo shows what looks like a substantial solid object.

Linda is a professional photographer, and yet there is no explanation for the UFO. She took the picture with a Nikon camera using Kodak Tri-X black and white film shooting at 1/250 second at F/16.

A UFO was sighted the day before in the same general area by some women fishing. The object that they drew for police is very similar to what was photographed.

At 11:00 P.M. on June 28th, fourteen residents on Franklin Church Road in Richland County, Ohio saw a bright yellow light hovering for about thirty minutes. The light then dropped below the skyline for a few seconds, and then rose back up and dimmed, as if taking off. Officials at the Mansfield Airport could not explain the UFO.

Richland County was also being plagued by reports of a seven to nine foot tall creature seen in the hilly wooded area around Mohican State Park. Called "Bighead", the creature has red bulging eyes and a head as wide as a tractor tire.

The creature is usually seen in the woods near Butler, Ohio on Ohio Route 95. Butler police have stated that the large footprints found indicate that the creature is extremely large and heavy. The creature was first reported seen after the June 28th UFO report by fourteen county residents. Maybe there is a connection here?

On July 18th Mr. and Mrs. Milton Guth and their son and daughter all saw a huge oval lighted object from their home in Lyndhurst, Ohio.

At about 9:40 P.M. Mrs. Guth was passing by a window inside the house when she was surprised to see "very bright white and red lights with a blue flicker outside, not far from our house. I immediately ran outside to see what it was," she related. She called her family together to see the

strange object, which was moving from north to south.

"We stared in amazement while it seemed to have paused, hovering over a neighbor's house two doors away! It seemed no higher than that tree top (a tree in her back yard). I was amazed to see so many flashing bright lights, and the bottom lights were red and square in shape. It paused over the house and spinned [sic] rapidly out of sight. We viewed it approximately thirty seconds in the back yard and thirty seconds in the front yard," Mrs. Guth said.

On August 23rd a young woman was startled to see a huge boomerang-shaped object while driving between Clague and Columbia Roads on Detroit Avenue in Westlake, Ohio at around 6:30 A.M.

Glancing at the object, she thought at first that it was an aircraft of some sort, but then noticed that the object wasn't moving. She described four white lights spaced evenly on the underside of the "boomerang" that to her seemed brighter than street lights. She also described what appeared to be some sort of opening or "door" on the underside of the UFO.

The witness then became scared and drove away. After gaining her composure she went back to the scene to have a better look, but by that time the strange object had vanished.

Chile: Winged Creature in Angol

Edited By Scott Corrales

Mr. Oscar Solar Valdebenito, married, a sergeant with the Carabineros, was performing his duties as a security guard in the Preventive Custody Center of the city of Angol on Friday, April 28 2000. The facility was under construction at the time.

Mr. Solar was alone and was making his rounds of the construction site's interior. Once he returned to the guard shack on the southern side, using a passageway located in the back, he

noticed the presence of an "animal" standing 1.20 meters tall, average complexion, with a small head in proportion to the rest of its body. The creature sat on top of a metal pole ending in four luminaries, standing some 8 meters tall. The animal landed at the very same time that the watchman turned his attention to the site. Solar was able to see the lights go out and the pole shake as a result of the creature's descent. The estimated weight of this strange being was some 40 to 50 kilograms (according to the eyewitness). Its head featured two medium-sized ears, sideways and pointing upward, with rounded tips, pricked up like those of a police dog. Two long wings with pointed ends emerged from its shoulders. It never folded its wings, keeping them unfurled "like a vulture under the sun" (eyewitness's description). He saw no feathers, only a kind of velvety skin, dark grey or black in color. He was unable to make out the face. The wings extended to the creature's lower body, where he could also see two legs. A pair of stubby arms could also be seen under the head.

The witness was accompanied by four dogs, a beige bitch in the lead. Apparently, the "winged animal" pounced on the dogs, but these took off running and howling in a southward direction, abandoning the construction site. Five or six youths coming down from the north along the train tracks that go beside the site, also took off running when they saw what was going on. The witness explained that he was standing some 30 meters from the pole. He didn't manage to move or turn on his flash light, such was the degree of fright and surprise inspired by the situation described. He recalls having heard a sharp, loud squawk as the "animal" landed on the pole. Judging by the tone of this squawk, it was reminiscent of a loudspeaker's crackle.

The "animal" eventually landed on the ground after making a flight in a gentle curve. It landed on a conical pile of dirt. After the dogs took off, it flew off with two gentle flaps of its wings, flying over a 3 meter wall, above which five wires are suspended, providing light to another streetlamp on the corner. The creature never came close to

touching them. The animal came within 10 meters of the witness's position. Its descent to the ground left prints on the mound of dirt - the witness managed to see "three thin holes" and fenced them off, but they were erased and destroyed on the next day at the order of the construction supervisors.

Personnel from Carabineros (state police) reported to the scene the next day, along with the Servicio de Investigaciones (civil police) who displayed their annoyance with the construction supervisor for having erased the prints, despite having been informed of the situation.

Further details:

The witness confesses that when "the animal" was close to him, flying off with a gentle beat of its wings, he was unable to control a bowel movement, a fact that he has tried to keep confidential on account of the customary jokes that tend to emerge in such cases.

The young men who were walking along the train tracks were never located, although efforts are under way, and Radio Los Confines apparently succeeded in this endeavor. But this rumor has not been confirmed.

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Confirmation That J. Allen Hynek Communicated with Neil Armstrong

By William E. Jones

In two previous issues of this newsletter I told the story of a meeting that allegedly took place between Leonard Stringfield, the Cincinnati, Ohio researcher who specialized in cases dealing with the crash retrieval of UFOs and the evidence of alien artifacts in government custody, astronomer J. Allen Hynek, and Apollo 11 astronaut Neil Armstrong in Stringfield's office at his place of

employment. Len took great care to keep the identities of his informants in confidence. According to the story he told this writer, during this meeting Dr. Hynek and astronaut Armstrong attempted to convince Len to place the identities of his informants in a bank lock box under terms that would have allowed Hynek and Armstrong to access those names at Len's death. Typical of the protective devotion that Len felt to his informants, he refused, apparently relying on his family to keep those names secret upon his death.

In my articles I quoted Dr. Mark Rodeghier of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies in Chicago that there was "at least one letter between Allen and Armstrong that makes it clear that they have communicated, if not met." At the time the original copy of this letter had been purchased by a private collector of astronaut memorabilia as part of a fund raising effort by the Center. Thus I felt it would not be proper to publish the letter or its contents in the newsletter, although I had seen it. Now that the collector has recently donated this letter back to the Center for possible future fund raising efforts, I feel that this restriction is no longer of concern. In fact this article may interest one of you to offer to purchase the original copy as a way to help fund the Center. Thus we are reproducing a much reduced copy here so that its content and appearance are part of the public record.

This letter certainly does not prove the validity of Len's story. As Dr. Rodeghier noted, it doesn't even prove that Dr. Hynek and Neil Armstrong ever met. But it certainly shows that they corresponded and even infers that other communications had already taken place. To the best of my knowledge, Neil Armstrong has never indicated an interest in the subject of UFOs. If this meeting took place, his interest and involvement in the subject is probably much deeper than we could ever have reasonably imagined.

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Dear Allen:

I really don't know what to make of all of it. Some sources appear to be flakey, but others appear to have some credentials. However, I appear unconvinced.

The Air Force report from Maine is particularly suspect. I have great difficulty in believing that classified reports of this nature would ever be shown at a "Commander's Call", unless it were genuinely known to be a hoax.

I will let you know if ever I find anything that I believe has any substance.

All the best.

Sincerely,



UFO Sighting in Perry County, Ohio Monday, June 30, 2005

**Investigator: Frank J. Reams
Witness: Michael Summers**

I was driving home from work along SR 204 heading east. As I reached the intersection of SR 204 and SR 668 I looked over to my left to watch for deer. As I did I noticed what I first took to be a blimp moving over the trees to the northeast of my position.

I didn't think too much about it at first but as I watched it I noticed three odd things. It had no airfoils (fins) on the back like a blimp would have and there was no gondola or flight cabin. I pulled off to the side of the road and got out to see better. Then I noticed that it seemed to "see saw" from front to back as if it were having problems staying level in a windy situation, But there was no wind that I could detect. The weather was calm and there was hardly a cloud in the sky.

The object moved at least 10 mph along my view point before I lost sight of it and its altitude never changed. It appeared to be no more than 1,000 feet above the treetops and I would estimate that the object was about ½ mile from me and could easily be the size of a Zeppelin.

The object was cigar shaped with no windows or other outward structures that I could see and there were no lights. I also did not hear an engine, which if it had been a blimp, would have been very noticeable. This object was silver all over except for what I could only take as a dark shadowy area along its belly.

I watched this object for about 10 minutes as it went along its path until it went behind a group of trees that blocked my view. I got back in my car and headed up the hill ahead of me in hopes of getting another view of the object but by the time I reached the top it was gone. I saw no vapor trails or any other evidence that it had even been there.

The weather that day was calm and sunny; there wasn't much of a wind. There were hardly any clouds in the sky and the heat of the day wasn't much more than 75 degrees. There was no humidity to speak of either, so I don't believe I saw a mirage being reflected off anything.

The next day at about the same time in the afternoon I was driving home and noticed several white utility trucks running together in the same area where I had seen the object. These trucks had a blue shield on the side of their doors and inside these shields were three letters. I didn't catch the first letter but I do remember the last two letters were CC. The trucks were in a hurry and even ran stop signs. In the back of each truck was a set of what looked like communications gear, but not that like is carried by satellite TV companies. I had the feeling that they were trying to locate the object I had seen the day before. I have never seen these trucks in my area before nor have I seen them since.

I will say that there was a slight thrill at seeing a possible UFO in full daylight. I was not

frightened nor did I have feelings of anxiety. I don't know what it was that I saw, but it wasn't normal.

More Huge Flying Creature Sightings in Pennsylvania by Stan Gordon

This past February, I wrote about a man who reported a very close observation of a giant bird in neighboring West Virginia in late September or early October, 2007. The man was driving on a rural two lane roadway outside of the town of Clendenin, at about 8 A.M. when he had to step hard on his brakes to avoid hitting a giant flying creature in the middle of the road. The giant bird was only a few yards ahead of him, and was feeding on road kill. The witness, an avid hunter, was startled by the size of the creature, which stood at least four feet tall, with its head extending above the roof line of his vehicle.

The bird was covered with very dark brown or black feathers. The head seemed dominant, but not over proportioned to its body. The neck seemed long and slightly crooked. The beak was very long and large, and the eyes were very dark. But the feature which stood out was the massive wingspan of the bird. The wingspan was easily as wide as the two lane road. The witness stated, "The wings were as I can remember, as arms of a human are attached. It had shoulders. It had a very muscular upper torso and the wings were as if they were its arms."

The wing tips stirred the dust and gravel on both sides of the roadway as it ran to become airborne. The witness later returned to the site and measured the distance across the road from edge to edge. It was 21 feet. The witness stated that he was in a slight state of shock as he watched the creature fly off. The witness later tried searching for the identity this bird, but the closest creature he could find in a book was the drawing of a *terrororn*, an extinct bird. For more details on this case, see my report, "Was This a Close Encounter With a Thunderbird?" at www.stangordonufo.com.

Rick Fisher, a researcher from Lancaster County, and Director of the Paranormal Society of Pennsylvania (www.paranormalpa.com) received a report from a witness who also saw a strange flying creature. Rick indicated that the witness appeared to be very credible and sincere, and wanted to remain anonymous due to his profession. This sighting was believed to have occurred about June or July of 2007, near the community of Granite Run. The witness was driving through the area at about 1:30 A.M., when he stopped to get some gas.

While pumping the gas, he heard a scratching sound which appeared to be coming from the roof of a nearby building. The man observed a dark shadow which he described as a being which stood from 3 to 4 feet tall, in a hunched position. He was able to observe that it had wings, but no feathers. The wings were above the creature's head. The witness felt that the creature was observing him, and from what he could see from the shape, it didn't appear to be that of a bird.

The witness left the location for a brief time, and when he returned, he heard a whooshing sound and wings flapping, and could see that the creature had flown over to another nearby structure. The man had to be somewhere, and he left the area, still wondering about what he saw. When Rick interviewed the witness, he was certain that this was not a bird, owl, or anything he was familiar with.

Rick Fisher also received another giant flying creature report, which occurred about 8 miles outside of Harrisburg, in a very rural area. This sighting is believed to have taken place during the early morning hours of February 23, 2008. The driver said that he was driving about 35-40 miles per hour, when a huge bird like thing appeared from above the trees, came down and seemed to hover above his vehicle. The witness made Rick aware that he is an active hunter and angler, and had never seen anything like this before. He stated that the thing was huge, but wasn't sure that he could call it a bird. The shadow of the creature covered his entire truck.

The driver who had a gun permit, and had the weapon with him, stopped his truck, and got out to get a better look at the creature. Whatever it was, had now flown above the trees and was moving away. The witness, who has watched many birds in the woods, said this thing kind of soared or glided without a flapping motion. The witness admitted that he was quite scared during the observation, and stressed how huge the creature was, and stated, "It was like prehistoric almost." The witness went on to say that he knew what he saw, and if people want to call him crazy that is fine.

Another more recent sighting of a giant winged something, just came to my attention. Jim Brown, an experienced paranormal researcher from Fayette County, provided me with details about this case which he is currently investigating. Jim has a very interesting web site: www.jimsdestinations.com.

This incident occurred on May 20, 2008, at about 2 P.M. in Washington County, Pennsylvania. The weather was in the 50s, and partly sunny at the time. The location of the sighting was about two miles north of US Route 40, from the southbound lanes of PA Route 43. The roadway is a four lane divided highway, two north and two south, with a grass median between them. The witness who Jim interviewed, was traveling south on the four lane roadway, about two miles from the Route 40 interchange. The communities of Brownsville and California were off to his left, across from the Monongahela River.

As the man traveled down the road, his attention was drawn to what he thought at first was an aircraft moving over the trees. He soon noticed that the wings were moving. The flying thing was moving in the direction of his car, so he pulled off the road, and got out to get a better look. The winged thing passed over the car and moved behind the witness, about 100 feet overhead. At that point this creature appeared to be gliding, and getting lower, and it looked more like a giant bat than a bird.

The witness could see no feathers, only short dark gray or black hair on the body. The wings appeared to be a membrane stretched over bone. It was a little difficult to see the details due to the sky being so bright. The witness commented that a small amount of light could be seen through the membrane. He emphasized that it was not solid like metal. As the man watched, the creature dropped lower from the sky behind his car. Apparently other motorists also caught sight of the huge flying animal.

One car stopped down the road, and a person got out. That driver had a camera with him, and was seen taking pictures of the flying creature. As they watched, the creature glided down to no more than 20 feet above the road surface, and was seen flapping its wings once or twice. With each wing flap, the creature appeared to rise about 20 feet higher above the roadway. Since the creature was flying so low, its huge wingspan was very evident to the witness. The man told Jim that when the creature spread its wings, they extended beyond the one edge of the pavement, to the other side of the two lane road. That would be about 20 feet or more in length.

The creature flew off towards the west, and was lost from sight over the trees on that side of the road. The man with the camera was seen running into the woods following the creature. The witness expressed to Jim that he was not going to stay around that location any longer and decided to leave. He was concerned that he could be attacked. He commented that this flying creature was big enough that it could easily pick up a man. There were no sounds or other effects reported as the creature moved over. The entire observation was estimated to have lasted about 45 seconds to one minute.

We are hopeful that the person who took the pictures of this creature will contact Jim Brown or me. If anyone else has had a similar encounter, I am interested in hearing from them.

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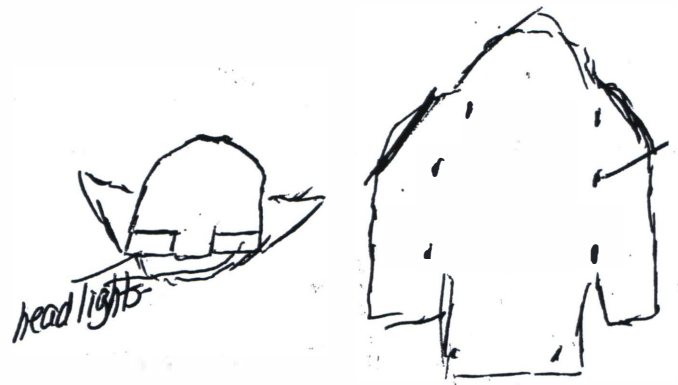
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UFO Sighting, N.E. Pickaway County, Ohio July 5, 2007

Investigators: Delbert Anderson, Pete Hartinger,
and Jon Fry
Witness and Major Author: Anonymous Female

On July 5, 2007 at about 11:30 pm EDT I was driving east on Old Tarlton Pike when I noticed an object in front of me that looked like it was going to land. There were like two headlights on its front shining through the fog. I stopped the car so it could land but it also stopped – in mid-air. I turned right on Morris-Leist and it turned with us. We would go, it would go; we would stop, it would stop.

I rolled down my car window and looked up. I saw a triangular shaped object with a few pink and blue lights. It appeared to be twice the size of a mid-size car in width and one and ½ times in length. It made no sound. The bottom of the craft looked like the underside of a car. It was perhaps 60 feet above me.



My daughter, who was with me, was crying for me to drive. When we got home and went inside I went to our front window. The object was hovering in front of the house and slowly starting to go towards the two story house across the road, barely over the trees. Then it turned right and continued on its course to the west.

Investigators comments: The two headlights make it at least possible that an aircraft was involved, except for the way it later maneuvered. The witnesses claim that the object was in view from 3 to 11 minutes, with an emphasis on the longer period of time. The investigator drove over the same roads and it took about 5 minutes at 20 mph. They rate this sighting as unknown and of ordinary significance.

NASA Is Sponsoring a University Course on How to Talk to Aliens

English students at the University of Wyoming are being encouraged to consider the possibility that humanity might one day make contact with aliens and then not know what to say.

"Interstellar Message Composition", a creative writing class, is believed to be the first of its kind to engage writers in a potential cosmic conversation, say its founders.

"We've thought a lot about how we might communicate with other worlds, but we haven't thought much about what we'd actually say," Prof Jeffrey Lockwood, the course leader, told ABC News.

The course, currently being taken by 11 students, is partly financed by Nasa's Wyoming Space Grant Consortium, which sponsors educational and research projects in the state that support the agency's missions.

Among questions tackled in Prof Lockwood's class is how aliens might communicate, whether they would be able to translate human language, and whether they would be able to see or hear.

One student, Dixie Thoman, created a poem about menstruation with syllables arranged in a mathematically harmonious order, known as the Fibonacci sequence.

Recordings of the Brandenburg Concerto and Johnny B Goode are among those that have been

beamed into space over the years in an attempt to provoke an extraterrestrial response.

The course is being advised by Douglas Vakoch, director of interstellar message composition for the Search For Extraterrestrial Intelligence Institute in California.

"It could be tomorrow that we'll need to be ready to decide if we reply [to aliens]," he said. "It's really critical to have people start thinking about it and it makes sense to start with writers. These are people who are really trying to express the human condition."

Source:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstopics/howaboutthat/1989062/Nasa-sponsors-course-on-how-to-talk-to-aliens.html>

Thanks to Jean Seifried of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, past MUFON State Director for OK.

SECRET PLANES BURIED AT AREA 51

As big as football fields and deep enough to bury aeroplanes, the graves at Groom Lake lie scattered around the government's secret installation, 90 miles Northwest of Las Vegas. There are no headstones or markers to denote the final resting place for such high tech aircraft. But the people who worked there and researchers who track aviation history and the governments so called 'black budget' programs say some planes that crashed and other experiments that failed were hauled to the bottom of 40 foot deep holes and covered overnight with mounds of dirt. One former Groom Lake worker, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the wreckage of a classified plane that was buried at the base was for months in what's called a "Scoot-N-hide," a shed off a taxiway where secret planes are kept out of view of orbiting satellites. "They put it on a flatbed truck and put it in a hanger. Then one day, they scraped it off the flatbed into a hole and buried it. They attached a cable to the aircraft and just pulled it off. The thing was shattered like an egg". Source: *UFO News UK*, Vol 1, No. 3.