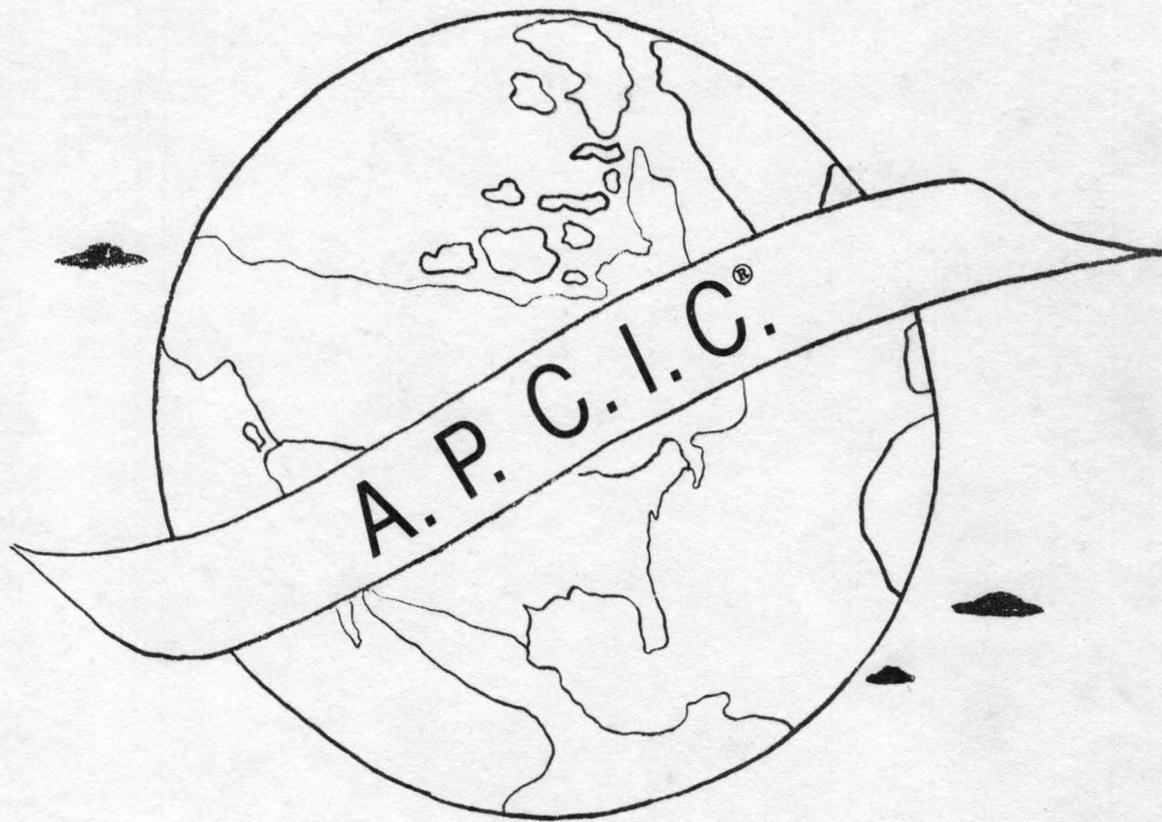


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More study of UFOs

All those satisfied that UFOs, unidentified flying objects, are just so much swamp gas, wayward balloons, mirages, mass hysteria and figments of imaginations are way out of line with the American Astronomical Society. And little wonder.

After all, 62 members of this star-gazing organization claim they have witnessed events that they considered unidentifiable and linked to the UFO phenomenon. And 80 per cent of 1,356 society members questioned believe the UFO should receive further scientific study.

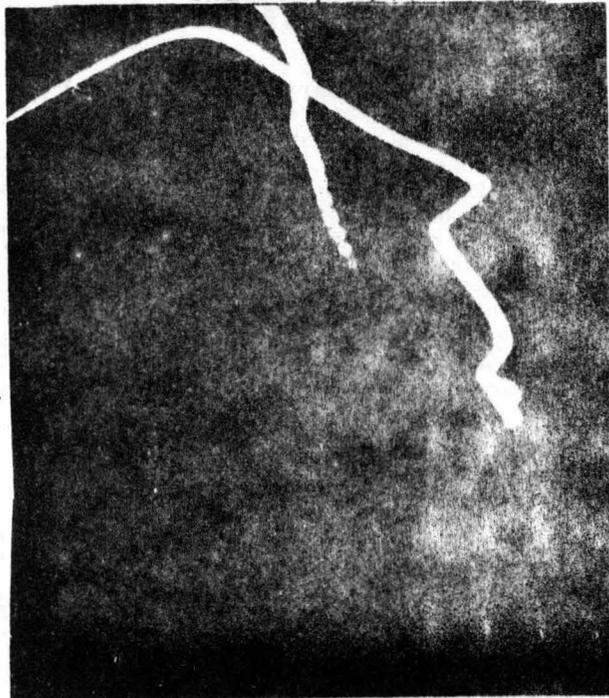
When the Air Force quit keeping tabs on UFOs, it left a loose leaf in its Project Bluebook study. Nor was there anything really conclusive in a controversial federally funded study that followed. There were just too many unexplained UFO sightings and by straight people. Too, investigators subsequently couldn't discredit one of the most cele-



STILL A MYSTERY

brated UFO cases in which a couple of fishermen claimed they were hauled aboard a strange craft and examined.

Certainly, it seems a bit ridiculous to set up antennae to listen for sounds of life in space when the possibility of foreign beings visiting the planet Earth is so blithely being denied proper scientific study. As one of the society's astronomers said, "There exists a fascinating and as yet unexplained phenomenon worthy of careful investigation." There sure does.



Martian Craft?

KENDALL--Dark clouds over coastal shores of Lake Ontario became a veritable fairyland of colorful lights shooting across the sky last night.

Authorities reported over 40 incidents in which the flashing streaks of red, white, and blue were seen by residents of the Kendall area.

First reportings of the lights--similarly referred to by all except government officials as U.F.O.'s--were phoned to the Orleans County Sheriff's Department about 9 p.m.

Residents seeing the "martian display" continued to report their findings to Sheriff's deputies and State Police until after 10:30 p.m., officials said.

Some claimed the bolts "zipped off at great speeds," while others said "they hovered in spots," officials stated. Others said the lights seemed to be "playing tag."

The sightings were reported by a majority of residents living in the vicinity of Route 98, Kendall Road, and the Peter Smith Road, authorities said.

David Sevor of Holley captured the flashes on film, and gave this picture--among others--to Sheriff's deputies investigating the panoramic view.

Until recently, the United States Air Force investigated reports of U.F.O.'s, but government officials decided to abandon the program for lack of substantial evidence to verify the existence of unidentified flying objects.

LACONIA EVENING CITIZEN
*****LACONIA, NH*****
*****MAR 1, 1977*****

Several Report UFO Sighting

MOULTONBORO -- "A ball of fire headed for Moultonboro," was reported at 8:20 last night to State Police by a Tamworth resident.

The unidentified flying object apparently was spotted in the Sandwich area, also. It was described as an object which kept changing colors. The lights on it suddenly went out, just as though someone had flicked a light

switch. And then, beginning as a pin head, the lights grew larger and larger, it was noted.

Others watched through field glasses and saw what seemed like other objects which kept landing and taking off of the original one. "It was really weird," one spectator commented.

The UFO was also discussed on Citizen Band radio.

UFOs back — reported in Berwick area

BERWICK — Wednesday night and its crystal clarity made for a perfect night for star gazers, except for the nearly full moon. A few area residents although not watching the stars or moon, claim to have witnessed something more mystical than either.

These few hearty souls reported sighting an Unidentified Flying Object. The reported sightings, both to this paper and to several area police stations, all had similar characteristics — a long object with a light at each end and one in the middle and an accompanying loud noise.

Most of the reports came from the Berwick area, one on Bowman street, and one near the high school. There were also reports from people hearing of

sightings on Jonestown Mountain by way of their CB radios.

The report received from near the Berwick High School, coming from a couple around 9 p.m., said first they heard a noise similar to one made when a jet aircraft is coming in low as if it was going to crash. They ran to the door and saw "an aircraft or whatever" making a loud noise.

The man said it had three lights in a straight line and it stopped and a floodlight shone out. He said it then moved on and became stationary over the Susquehanna River area. He said it stayed there for about 10 minutes and then "very, very slowly went in the direction of Hazleton."

He added it was very low, about as low as an "incoming prop job" landing at a local

airport.

A woman from Bowman street called the Press-Enterprise plant at about 8:45 and depicted the same scene in a different location. She said the object had three lights in the same positions, and it made a sound like an earthquake. An estimate of 400 to 500 feet was made as to the object's size.

One area state police substation reported receiving calls from people who heard about the UFO on their CB radio. These reports of lights in the sky and loud noises were from the Jonestown mountain area.

Calls made to various regional police came up empty. There was a report of a helicopter in the area Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, but the calls were later in the night.

SEASIDE, CAL. - LEDGER
*****MAR. 3, 1977*****

UFOs said hovering over Cannon Beach

UFOs, or at least unusual flashing lights, have been spotted in the sky above Cannon Beach, according to reports by Cannon Beach police.

Unidentified flying objects were first sighted Jan. 26, according to Police Chief Robert Kaufman who said he has also sighted unusual lights near the

moon. Cheri Lesch, the city's municipal court clerk and substitute teacher, reported the first recorded sighting to police on Jan. 26. She told police she saw a stationary star-like object hovering in the sky that changed colors from green, red and white. Police officer Betty Lamping, who was on duty that night, verified the sighting.

Mrs. Lesch's sighting is just one of many made, according to Kaufman. He said the unusual flashing lights were spotted during the cold, clear nights and may be "stars we can't usually see." Mrs. Lesch reported her sighting to the U.S. Coast Guard and the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle.

The police chief said he felt the sightings may have been influenced by a story on UFO sightings in the east county carried in an area daily.

Seaside Police received reports from Jennie Sigurdson and Matalie Schuette, both of Cannon Beach, on Sunday.

BLOOMSBURG, PA. PRESS
*****MAR 4, 1977*****

Can't find UFO, but chopper's here looking for uranium deposits

BLOOMSBURG — The search for Wednesday night's Unidentified Flying Object has not revealed what the craft might have been, but it did uncover a large Sikorsky helicopter equipped with highly sensitive equipment which is in the area searching for uranium.

The helicopter, one of the largest single rotor models made in the country, is owned by the Carson Helicopter Co., and is working for the Atomic Energy Commission, according to Fred Vietig, Bloomsburg Airport manager.

The helicopter, which arrived at the airport Thursday morning around 8, will be flying over the

area for at least the next week, Vietig said. It will use its detective equipment to check for uranium radiation at about 400 feet above the ground.

The Bloomsburg Airport will be the base for the helicopter, Vietig said, which will search out the uranium in roughly a region with a 15-mile radius from Bloomsburg.

Vietig said uranium was discovered in the Fishing Creek area some time ago, but the deposit wasn't rich enough at the time to make further exploration possible. The exploration, which covers a much larger area, now makes this type of deposit more profitable than the costly ground search, Vietig said.

GLENDALE, CAL. - LEDGER
*****FEB. 9, 1977*****

UFO Spotted

Robert Hembdt of Glendale said he was driving toward La Canada on the 210 Freeway Saturday night when he spotted a "bright ball of red" above the San Gabriel Mountains. Hembdt said the object was smaller than a full moon and was visible for only a few seconds. The incident occurred at 11:40 p.m.

Several Savannahians Report Seeing UFOs

Skies over southside Savannah were dotted with mysterious sights last night, according to a local disc jockey who received several calls reporting unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

Lamar Lynn of WQQT-AM said he recorded approximately 15 calls from persons spotting unusual objects on the horizon.

Lynn said most of the callers, who would not give their names, des-

cribed the sights as orange-red discs moving up and down.

Mrs. Hazel Royal of a Clark Avenue residence, said she first spotted a strange object around 2 a.m. while she was tending some horses on her property. She said she became enthralled and watched two different objects until dawn.

"It was a real weird, strange thing," she said. "It looked like a star, but it was brighter than any star I've ever seen. And it began to rise much faster than a star would."

Mrs. Royal said the objects continued to rise straight up over Arlington Apartments near Montgomery Crossroads.

No official sources, including Chatham County Police and the Federal Aviation Administration reported any sightings or calls.

"It's probably because it's spring," Ron Helmly of the FAA at Travis Fields said. "It's so nice and clear it's probably just airplanes and stars."

DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE
*****ROCHESTER, N.Y.***
*****MAR 19, 1977*****

40 report UFOs

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department is wondering what to make of dozens of calls about unidentified flying objects it received Thursday night from the northeast section of the county.

A few calls had been received the preceding evening, Sgt. David Wells said, but the bulk of the reports — maybe 40 telephone calls — came in between 7 and 9 p.m. Thursday.

Callers said they saw "lights in the sky, white, green and red lights," that hovered and then swooped off. No one was able to describe the outline of any of the objects, although they did see the lights, Wells said.

"I think it's a light phenomenon," Wells said.

A deputy's son, David Sevor, of Holley, took a picture of streaks of light in the night sky, Wells said.

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PHILADELPHIA, PA.
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California UFOs

A pair of diamond-shaped objects trailing blue streams danced in the skies of Southern California, then suddenly disappeared. Among the witnesses were seven airmen at an Air Force base, two sheriff's helicopter crewmen and two highway patrolmen. The objects didn't show up on radar.

THE WASHINGTON POST - D.C.
*****MAR 24, 1977*****

California Lawmen Report Seeing UFOs

From News Dispatches

LOS ANGELES, March 23—Police, sheriff's deputies, Highway Patrol officers and Air Force guards reported a rash of sightings of unidentified flying objects in southern California—at least seven in nine hours.

The law enforcement officers reported mysterious bright lights that hovered, cruised and zoomed in the skies over Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

All the sightings were reported Monday night and early Tuesday.

A Los Angeles sheriff's helicopter crew—Raymond Davis, 39, and Theodore Roach, 40—said they were about 600 feet over La Mirada on Monday night when they observed two lights in the Whittier Hills area.

They tried to follow them at 80 miles an hour but the objects were faster.

About eight hours later, at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, security guards at March Air Force Base in the desert 50 miles east of Los Angeles reported mysterious brightly lighted objects in the sky.

Nearby, two Highway Patrol officers, Robert Scholl and L. Orchard, noted in their log "a bright light with a vapor trail" that hovered over the Box Springs Canyon area north of the air base in Riverside County.

At the same time and 50 miles to the west, Los Angeles sheriff's deputies Lonnie Hicks, 28, and Robert Carr, 34, said they saw a bright light following another light through the sky over Firestone. A resident of the area called the sheriff's station to report the same objects, deputies said.

About 10 minutes later and 12 miles to the south, deputy John McSorley at the sheriff's helicopter station at Long Beach reported two mysterious bright lights eastbound over the airfield.

Another 12 miles to the southwest, and five minutes later, two objects were reported by police in Huntington Beach.

About the same time, officers in Ventura County, some 60 miles to the northwest, reported similar sightings.

Sgt. Vincent Rupp, monitoring radio traffic at the East Los Angeles sheriff's station, said there were many radio reports of such sightings between 3:45 and 4 a.m. in southern California and some from as far away as Salinas and Sacramento—more than 350 miles to the north.

An Air Force spokesman said nothing showed up on radar readings and no rocket or missile testing could have accounted for the strange lights.

He said the Air Force would not investigate the matter further because "the Air Force is no longer in the UFO investigating business."

He said the Air Force stopped its investigation in 1969 when a study of the subject, "Operation Bluebook," concluded that UFOs were not a threat to national security, "did not represent technological developments beyond the range of present-day scientific knowledge" and did not likely come from outer space.

UFOs Really Meteorites

A meteorite shower, which state police said was visible from Cincinnati, Ohio, to St. Louis, Mo., prompted a rash of calls to police from Marion County area residents last night.

Police said many residents of Northside Indianapolis called about 8 p.m. to report brilliant green flashes in the sky, which the citizens said they believed to be troubled aircraft, "falling stars," and "UFOs."

The shower, which appeared to be traveling from northeast to west, was reported by several persons in the vicinity of 62d Street and Allisonville Road and 42d Street and Franklin Road.

THE INDIANAPOLIS STAR - IND.
*****MAY 11, 1977*****

You can't say 'no' to UFO sightings —questions persist

By JACK MABLEY
Knight News Wire

The UFOs won't go away.

It's been 30 years since a pilot flying over Washington state was startled to see nine disks flying in formation over the mountains. They were unlike any flying objects he had seen before, and they became the first unidentified flying objects of this era.

In 30 years of organized and unorganized research, little has been proved about the UFOs. But little has been disproved.

Tens of thousands of sightings turn out to be stars, planets, aircraft, advertising planes, helicopters, meteors, the moon, spotlights, satellites, prank balloons or figments of the imagination.

Any time a sighting is reported, forces go to work to try to disprove it. Is the witness a reliable person? What was the weather? What does radar show? What were plane schedules at the time? How many saw the object? From what angles? Did it land or approach the ground?

When those questions are answered satisfactorily and investigators find nestlike indentations in the grass, or burned or chemically altered ground in the shape of the object, the possibility of the existence of UFOs can't be kissed off.

ONE THEORY — best appreciated by science-fiction addicts — is that they are part of another dimension of which we see only fleeting flashes. Such a dimension is beyond the comprehension of most of us. But so was the idea of sending pictures through the air incomprehensible a century ago.

A universe in another time frame, much more advanced than ours, could be existing on our planet. "There could be another you right next to you," suggests Sherman J. Larsen, president of the Center for UFO Studies.

Larsen sells insurance for a living and pursues UFO studies to nourish his

intellect. Chicago — or, more specifically, suburban Evanston — is the world center for UFO research. Dr. Allen J. Hynek, the distinguished Northwestern University astronomer, is the prime mover of the research activity.

Sightings come in "flaps." Researchers are now using computers to chart times and places of sightings, hoping they can anticipate a flap and form a welcoming committee of sorts.

The next flap in the U.S. is due in the 1980s, centered on the West Coast. Larsen and Hynek will be there, looking into the sky.

IN AN AVERAGE month, the Evanston center receives about 60 sighting reports. These are quickly narrowed to about 10 "possibles."

Despite continued efforts to knock down every sighting report — by skeptics and by believers — evidence that UFOs exist gets stronger every year, Larsen said. More scientists are believers — or at least are no longer disbelievers.

Here's a case to test your credulity. Three women — Elaine Thomas, 48, Louise Smith, 44, and Mona Stafford, 35, were driving on a country road a mile south of Stanford, Ky., at 11:30 p.m. Jan. 6, 1976. They said a domed saucer circled their car at treetop level and then the car sped out of control for 8 miles.

Under hypnosis, the three women related similar stories. They were taken into the craft by humanoids about 4 feet high. They were subjected to painful physical examinations, then released.

The women were of high character. Their stories were confirmed under hypnosis and lie-detector tests. There were unexplainable burn marks on the backs of their necks. They suffered other minor physical effects.

Every effort to disprove their story, to discover an attempted hoax, has been unsuccessful.

FAIRFIELD, MONT. TIMES
*****MAR 27, 1977*****

UFO sighted near town

An unidentified flying object, described only as "a large, bright light of varying intensity" was reported over a farm west of Fairfield Tuesday night.

What made this report particularly intriguing was that the light was seen shortly after a brief but intensive snowstorm had blanketed the area, and the next morning a strange series of circular patterns from four to six inches in diameter were noticed in the fresh snow atop some hay bales that were stacked about a quarter of a mile west of the farmhouse.

While a pragmatist would be inclined to explain away the "tracks" as an easily understood, natural phenomenon resulting from the variable winds causing stems of grass to describe circles in the snow, it is considerably more satisfying to let one's imagination provide a more exotic solution to the puzzle.

When a spokesman at the Teton County Sheriff's office was asked if there had been other reports of similar incidents in the area, he replied "No," but then, rather mysteriously added, "It must be close to a new moon. That's when we usually hear about such things."

The farm family to which this particular incident occurred reported no loss of cattle, no Sasquatch sightings, and no little green men asking directions. The Times was unable to confirm the rumor that passengers of the UFO were merely vacationers from the southeastern part of the country looking for a warm place to spend the winter.

Ball Of Fire Seen In Eastern Sky Thought Probably A Large Meteor

A ball of fire that fell across the pre-dawn sky of Memphis Sunday was probably a large meteor, the director of the Memphis City Schools' planetarium said yesterday.

Duncan Teague, who operates the planetarium at Craigmont High School, said he has examined descriptions of the strange object and is "75 to 80 per cent certain" that it is a bolide meteor.

Scores of persons reported seeing the unidentified object over the eastern sky shortly after 5 a.m. Sunday. According to those accounts, the object fell through the sky with a bright glow, throwing sparks along the way, and after about a minute, disintegrated into a puff of smoke.

First thoughts were that the object was a satellite, or part of a rocket. However, a spokesman at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida said yesterday no man-made objects fell from the sky over the weekend.

The spokesman said that the Air Force's

20th Surveillance Squadron at Eglin constantly monitors "all hardware in space," both U.S. and foreign, and that nothing entered the earth's atmosphere over the weekend.

He said that the Air Force does not keep track of meteors.

Teague said that a bolide meteor "is a rare occurrence, but not that rare." He said it is usually larger than regular meteors, and throws a large amount of debris as it falls to earth. The word bolide comes from a Greek term meaning "to throw a spear," Teague said.

Persons who observed the object said it moved in an easterly direction, but accounts of its speed ranged from "real fast" to "very slow." The unidentified object remained visible for about a minute and sprayed sparks before it burned out, leaving a cloud of smoke.

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

EVENING INDEPENDENT - MARCH 23, 1977

Up In The Sky Strange Lights Are Spotted In The Heavens Of California

LOS ANGELES — A pair of diamond-shaped objects trailing streams of blue danced above the skies of Southern California before several witnesses early Tuesday, then suddenly disappeared, authorities said.

Seven airmen at March Air Force Base, two Los Angeles County Sheriff's helicopter crewmen and two California Highway Patrolmen were among those who witnessed the erratic early morning display.

The helicopter deputies spotted the unidentified flying objects Monday night in the Whittier Hills area, about 25 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles.

They said they saw a bright orange light. They tried to follow it but it sped away out of sight, the officers said.

The airmen were next to sight the objects. "traveling at high speeds, south to north, at approximately 3,000 feet," said Maj. Brian Daly, information officer at March Air Force Base, about 50 miles east of Los Angeles.

The objects, "glowing silver with a blue stream behind them," were observed for about 15 seconds, Daly said, at 3:28 a.m.

The objects did not show up on radar, Air Force spokesmen said.

LANCASTER, N.H. - DEMOCRAT

*****MAR 17, 1977*****

UFO's are at it again

By Dennis Joos

STEWARTSTOWN, COLEBROOK, COLUMBIA — There must be something floating around up there.

Recently two Canaan women created a stir when they reported seeing a UFO in Stewartstown.

But they are not the only local people who have seen these strange saucer shapes recently.

It was Wednesday, Dec. 1, of this past year. It was dusk. Mrs. Roberta Rainville and her 18-year-old daughter, Leta, were driving out of Colebrook on Rte. 26. Suddenly to their right a saucer-shaped object seemed to materialize out of thin air. According to Mrs. Rainville, the object seemed to have the density of a cloud and then it seemed to transform into a solid object. She describes it as "Huge. I never saw anything like it before and I don't care if I ever do again. It was saucer-shaped, it had no legs, but it had lights all around the outside.

"When we got to Carlton Hill it went ahead of us. About a mile up onto Carlton Hill my daughter screamed and grabbed my arm. She yelled, 'It's going to come down on us.' I stopped and backed up. I don't know if it hypnotized me or not, but I was driving right at it. It was hovering right down on us. The trees

didn't seem to interfere with it.

"I wasn't afraid until my daughter screamed. I was just driving and trying to watch it at the same time. I didn't think too much about it until I got home."

The saucer rose back into the air as a pickup truck descended the hill. Apparently the driver of the truck was unaware of what was going on over his head because he didn't stop.

The saucer followed the Rainvilles to their home. Mrs. Rainville claims that she was in such a hurry to get in the door that she doesn't know whether the object dematerialized or simply floated off somewhere else.

Despite all this activity, the saucer made no sound. Mrs. Rainville says, "I never believed in things that materialize or dematerialize. If people ever told me they saw something strange, I'd look at them kind of funny."

Another sighting

Unfortunately for the people brave enough to report these incidents, most people do look at them kind of funny.

A short distance south, a well-known resident of Columbia says he spotted something strange a week or two after Mrs. Rainville's sighting.

He says, "Make sure you don't use my name, because people will think I am crazy."

"I was out in the woods on a woods road. This rig comes over real slow. It had a flat row of lights all in a line. This was nighttime, and it was like looking at a pie plate sideways. It came in real close. I got a good look at it. There was a white light on the top going off and on, but it wasn't in the middle of the thing, it was about two-thirds of the way across the top.

"When it passed over I hurried down to the valley to catch another look, but it was gone, unless it turned the lights off and went against the woods.

"I don't know what it is. It was quite large, about 40 feet across, and I dare to say it was not more than 100 feet off the ground.

"I got a side view of it. It made absolutely no noise. For a thing as big as it was, it should have made some noise. It could have been one of those new-fangled helicopters — but no, it couldn't be because it was too thin. And besides, they make a lot of noise, and there were no colored lights like they have on aircraft.

"I didn't ever believe in flying saucers and I still don't believe in them. All I know is what I saw, and I did see that. I don't know what it is. But there must be some logical explanation for it. The government has secret stuff, that's probably what it is."

'Following Light' Attracts Attention

By FRANCES WOLD

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It has been learned that the mysterious "light that follows" that was recently reported in this newspaper and that subsequently received national coverage is now drawing attention for scientific and educational circles. Mrs. Barney Strand, Jr., Regan, has received queries from the University of North Dakota and from a Center for studies of UFO's in Nebraska concerning her experience with the unexplained phenomenon. The original story told how the light followed Mrs. Strand and her daughter, Cindy, as they drove to their farm

home in Canfield Township from Regan on the evening of February 5. Other persons in the area also have reported being followed by the globe of light, or have sighted it off in the distance.

The person who called Mrs. Strand from North Dakota University explained that the Department of Geography at the school is investigating reports of UFO's and other phenomena, and he asked her to answer some questions concerning the light that she and Cindy observed. She gave him the information he asked, and in return, she learned that people in other parts of North Dakota have also had similar experiences.

"He told me that there have been similar incidents at LaMoure," Mrs. Strand said. "and quite a few have been reported from Carson." She asked her caller if he had any idea as to the source of the light. He didn't commit himself, though he said that "there is something there".

He also asked Mrs. Strand to request that anyone viewing the light notify the University Department concerned with such appearances. The address is: Department of Geography, Center for Unusual Phenomena, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND, 58201.

Mrs. Strand also received a letter from the director for Mutual UFO's Network at Crofton, Nebraska, asking for information about the light. "He enclosed a two-page questionnaire," Mrs. Strand said, "And he said that they had been seen in Nebraska, too."

Mrs. Strand says that she has seen nothing out of the way since her unusual experience, but she admits to a rather "uneasy feeling" when driving after dark. She is not alone in that -- many people confess to being a bit jittery when abroad on a dark night.

LANGLEY, WASH. - RECORD
*****MAR. 3, 1977*****

He saw what he saw, and he saw a UFO

ufo
Everett Anderson is certain of what he saw at 6:15 Monday evening as he took his dog for a walk in the darkness along Goodell Road north of Freeland.

HE SAW a pulsating light in the sky over Holmes Harbor that came from no conventional aircraft.

"I saw a flashing light through the trees," Anderson said Tuesday morning. "When it came to an open spot, I saw it was a large pulsating yellow light quite low on the horizon.

"It was going at a cruising speed, about 50 miles per hour, in a southerly direction," he continued.

"I got a good look at it for about three seconds. It was going slower than a plane, but it was too far away to tell its shape.

"The yellow had a reddish tinge at the low point of the pulsation.

"This is my first experience with anything like that," Anderson said, "but I know what I saw. It was very interesting to see that thing."

Anderson added he didn't call any authorities because he felt his report would not be accepted.

OTTUMWA, IOWA - COURIER
*****MAR 11, 1977*****

UFO probably meteorite shower

BLAKESBURG — An unidentified flying object (UFO) spotted in this area Thursday evening may have been a meteorite.

Similar reports were received in the Fairfield area, and a University of Iowa astronomer said the UFOs were probably meteorites. He said there was a "shower of meteorites" over southeast Iowa skies about that time.

In Blakesburg, a couple of residents reported at 6:55 p.m. that they saw a UFO just south of the elementary school and traveling southwest.

One observer said it looked like a rocket, another said a jet. It was flying quite low, and its size was compared to that of a small airplane. Another person said it was lower. There was no noise.

It had "running lights" which went off, starting at the back of the object, the observers said.

The Federal Aviation Agency office in Ottumwa reported today that no sightings nor reports of missing aircraft have been reported there. |

Coast buzzes with seven UFO sightings

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Police, sheriff's deputies, highway patrol officers and Air Force guards reported a rash of UFO sightings in Southern California — at least seven in a 9-hour period.

The law enforcement officers reported mysterious bright lights that hovered, cruised and zoomed in the skies over Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

All the sightings were reported earlier this week.

A Los Angeles sheriff's helicopter crew — Raymond Davis, 39, and Theodore Roach, 40 — said they were about 600 feet over La Mirada Monday night when they observed two lights in the Whittier Hills area.

They tried to follow them at 80 miles an hour but the objects were faster.

About eight hours later, at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, security guards at March Air Force Base in the desert 50 miles east of Los Angeles reported mysterious brightly lighted objects in the sky.

Nearby, two highway patrol officers, Robert Scholl and L. Orchard, noted in their log "a bright light with a vapor trail" that hovered over the Box Springs Canyon area north of the air base in Riverside County.

At the same time and 50 miles to the west, Los Angeles Sheriff's Deputies Lonnie Hicks, 28, and Robert Carr, 34, said they saw a bright light following another light through the sky over Firestone. A resident of the area called the sheriff's station to report the same objects, deputies said.

About 10 minutes later and 12 miles to the south, Deputy John McSorley at the sheriff's helicopter station at Long Beach reported two mysterious bright lights eastbound over the airfield.

Another 12 miles to the southwest, and five minutes later, two objects were reported by police in Huntington Beach.

About the same time, officers in Ventura County, some 60 miles to the northwest, reported similar sightings.

Sgt. Vincent Rupp, monitoring radio traffic at the East Los Angeles sheriff's station, said there were many radio reports of such sightings between 3:45 and 4 a.m. in Southern California and some from as far away as Salinas and Sacramento — more than 350 miles to the north.

UFO could have been Christmas lights, chopper

BLOOMSBURG, Pa. — There were no reports of Unidentified Flying Objects Thursday but there were some missing threads from Wednesday's sightings.

Fred Vietig, manager at the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport, said the UFO seen Wednesday night could have been a variety of things. He said helicopters are working every day in the area on pipeline patrols and

student training flights. He added military 'copters fly over the area frequently.

He said, the whole idea of UFO's is silly. Vietig said people on the ground see a plane shine its landing lights and they get excited.

A report of lights seen on the Jonestown mountain Wednesday night was made by CB radio. Huntington Mills received a call of a possible light plane crash on the mountain in connection with the lights and sent their fire company to the scene. The truck never made it, it broke down along the way.

Dave MacDermott, vice president of the fire company, said residents called in the alarm after they heard noises similar to jet aircraft and saw the lights. MacDermott said he made it up the mountain by using a four-wheel drive vehicle.

The lights that were reported to be either a fire or the UFO, turned out to be Christmas lights on someone's porch. Although residents of the Jonestown mountain area said they heard loud noises, no one reported seeing anything.

Lou DeFazio, Berwick Airport operator, reported no air traffic from his airport. He said he was called numerous times about the reported sightings, but when he checked with the Williamsport Flight Service, they said there were no flights in the area.

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Youngsters See

Flying Saucers

CLEVELAND, Tenn. — Four youngsters will tell you they saw two flying saucers over Oakland Drive here Tuesday night.

"One was reading big and orange — the other was smaller and blue," said Joel Swafford, 9, a student at Arnold School.

Young Swafford said they kept moving — and must have been about five miles apart.

Besides Joel, three of his friends also saw the weird objects. They were Timmy and Larry Lakins and Andrew Lee, all 9 years old except for Larry, who is 6.

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'Space people' visit humble, says ufologist

MADISON, Wis. — (UPI) — Reports that space people have landed in Mexico and Japan and other UFO reports deserve intelligent consideration, says the associate director of the UFO Education Center at nearby Appleton.

"We must take this to the village square, not with ridicule, but with mutual respect," said Thomas Heiman. He said there has been a "remarkable number of sightings in Wisconsin recently."

Haruhisa Koyama, of Japan, reported there have been "many sightings and many landings in Japan" recently. Cuitlahuac Liceaga, a Spanish spokesman for the UFO center, added "space people are landing in Mexico."

"They get in touch with the most humble people there because they do not have polluted minds," Liceaga said.

2 Unexplained Lights Seen Racing Over Southland

BY DALE FETHERLING and TENDAYI J. KUMBULA
Times Staff Writers

A pair of unexplained bright lights reportedly maneuvering in tandem in the sky were reported early Tuesday by military personnel and police officers as well as civilian observers in the Los Angeles area.

Seven March Air Force Base airmen, five Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies and two California Highway Patrol officers were among those witnessing the early morning flight.

There was no immediate explanation for the sightings, though one scientist suggested it could have been a rare double meteor.

But some witnesses disagreed.

"I've seen meteorites before and this didn't even resemble a meteorite," said Mark Hogan, a 26-year-old cargo handler at Los Angeles International Airport.

Hogan and a pilot friend said they saw the "teardrop" or "tin-can-shaped" lights sweep in at high speed

from the direction of Santa Catalina Island about 3:30 a.m. and then fly in formation over the airport runway.

The unobstructed sighting lasted 10 to 15 seconds, Hogan said.

"In my opinion, they (the lights) weren't natural. They were some sort of controlled vehicles" because the two lights remained at a fixed interval, he said.

Earlier, two helicopter-borne sheriff's deputies saw a very bright light with an orange tint passing one-quarter to one-half mile in front of them while they were over La Mirada at an altitude of about 600 feet.

About 3:30 a.m., veteran sheriff's deputies in Firestone and in Long Beach also said they observed two bright lights following each other across the sky. A Firestone resident claimed the objects bathed his home in a flood of blue light.

A Huntington Beach police heli-

show up on any radar readings, he said.

Dr. Edwin Krupp, a scientist at Griffith Park Observatory, said that what witnesses saw might have been a rare astronomical phenomenon, such as a double meteor.

But Krupp said he "didn't want to insist" that his explanation was correct because neither he nor anyone at the observatory saw the lights.

Maj. Brian Daly, an Air Force spokesman, said the Air Force would not investigate the matter further because it "is no longer involved in UFO research since we determined several years ago that UFOs posed no threat to national security."

Young Sabetha Men PAGE ONE Claim UFO Sighting

(by Rose Anne Phillips)

Two Sabetha men first hesitated to release the story of their UFO sighting. "People will say we were drinking," Darrell Schuette said, "besides Gary saw it first. "At the time, I hadn't been drinking," Gary Hartter stated firmly.

The incident occurred Wednesday night around 8:30 p.m. when Gary was driving home from a visit with relatives near Fairview. He was on old Highway 36, heading west when he saw a bright light approximately 300 feet high to his right. The light was steady, unmoving, and as the road turned, it always stayed approximately a half mile from him. It abruptly moved, skimming over Sabetha in a time estimated by Gary to be five seconds, at a lower altitude while passing the town. It then returned to its original position of 300 feet, again totally stationary—not hovering as a plane would have done.

Upon reaching his home, Gary called Darrell, asking him to look at it. At first Darrell thought it was a star then when it moved again, this time slowly, to a point approximately another half mile west, he realized it was neither star nor barnyard light, nor a plane. What it was remains simply an unidentified flying object.

Asked again if he had imbibed, Gary said feelingly, "Not until later!" 2

MYSTERY LIGHTS

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copter crew reported a sighting at about the same time.

Sheriff's Sgt. Vincent Rupp, monitoring Civil Defense radio calls at the sheriff's radio room in East Los Angeles, said he heard UFO sightings reported from Sacramento, Salinas, Los Angeles, Orange County and March Air Force Base between 3:45 and 4 a.m.

A March Air Force Base spokesman, while confirming that sightings had been made from the base, said there had been no rocket or missile testings which could have accounted for the lights. The objects did not

A majority of astronomers would like more investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects, a survey of 1356 experts disclosed yesterday. Stanford University astrophysicist Peter A. Sturrock says 53 percent of those who responded to his survey believe UFOs "certainly" or "probably" should be investigated further. Another 27 percent answered "possibly." The other 20 percent who answered the questionnaire, which was sent to 2611 members of the American Astronomical Society, said there already has been enough research into UFOs.

Glow alarms Westport

Westport police reported that several residents of Cadman's Neck in the Hix Bridge area reported that a glowing object came down from the sky last night.

A police spokesman said callers reported that "something in the sky glowing" hit the shore or water and exploded, causing windows to shake shortly before 7 p.m. He said that a check of the area revealed nothing, but indicated that the river patrol would be making a search today.

UFOs Seen Again

BY CORA DAVIDSON

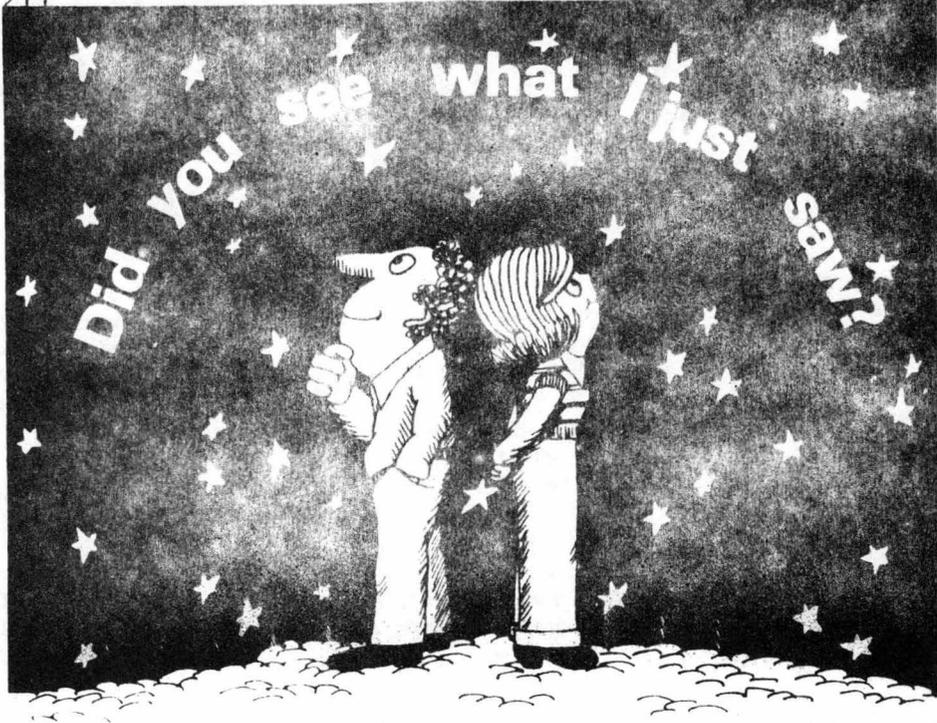
"If you folks really want to see something strange, look over in the southwest!" That's what the man said," explained Diane Robertson as she described an unusual sighting she and dozens of others in the Queen City area saw Feb. 12.

"We went to the window at the back of the house and watched it for almost 30 minutes," she said. "There were about 10 of us in my back yard with binoculars and telescopes watching it within a few minutes."

The call from a passing motorist on her citizen's band radio alerted the Robertson household, as well as the Quinn family in Queen City. "I'm not saying it was a space ship, or anything extra-terrestrial," said Carolyn Quinn, "but I'd never seen anything like it before, and I'd like to find out what it was.

"It was about four inches in diameter, and glowing with a bright white light in the southwest. It didn't move for a long time, then it slowly drifted to the south and returned to its original position; then it drifted to the south and returned again to the center.

"It was completely stationary for almost 20 minutes. Then it began drifting slowly towards



Linden and disappeared into the horizon."

The two women related what followed after the initial sighting. "A man we know was positioned on the dam of Wright Patman Lake," Mrs. Robertson said. "He called us on our base station radio and asked if we could see it. He came over with some binoculars and a telescope, and then we could see it much better.

"It seemed oval-shaped with a red light on the right and a green light on the left," she explained. "The colored lights, as well as the bright white light, pulsed constantly."

At another house in Queen City atop a hill, Mrs. Ola Faye Quinn was watching the strange light, too. "It sure didn't look like a plane, but I don't know if it was a real UFO or not," Mrs. Quinn began.

"Monday morning they told us a man was drifting across Texas in a hot air balloon, but it sure didn't look like that, either. I'd like to find out what that thing was."

Mrs. Quinn said that even when the object was close to her house, there was no noise, no rumbling of an airplane or other motor.

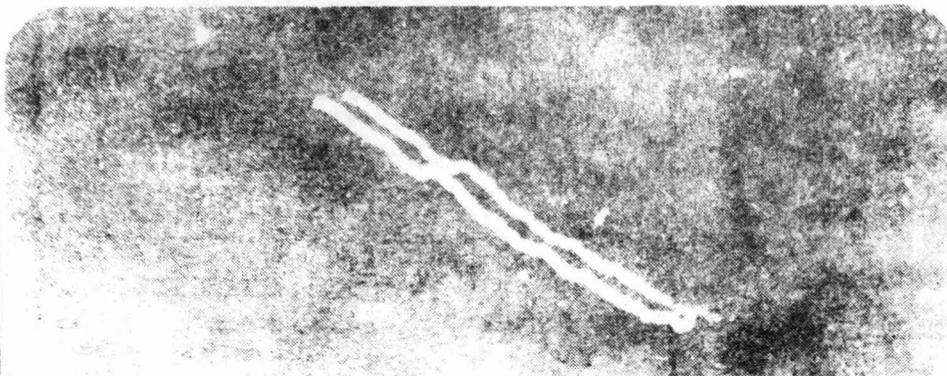
"One man reported that the sighting was the planet Venus," said one of the women, "but we kind of doubt that. If it was Venus they were celebrating Christmas with red and green lights."

"I don't have any idea what it was," added Mrs. Quinn, "but it was very beautiful to see." There were four people at Mrs. Quinn's home during the sighting.

Mrs. Quinn said that she and her husband were "usually very skeptical of UFO sightings," and that she wasn't implying that it was from Mars or anything, but that she "was very curious to find out what it was."

"All of the neighbors were in my yard," said Mrs. Robertson, "I guess there were 20 or more people all together that saw it." She continued that they reported the incident to the Cass County Sheriff's Department and were advised to file a UFO report.

Michael Taylor of the Sheriff's department was also a witness to the event. "It might have been a balloon, or something from Barksdale or even a UFO, but there was definitely a stationary luminous object in the sky Saturday night," Taylor said.



*Terry Wilt's
time exposure
of that night's sky.*

Boy Says He Saw UFO; His Camera Offers Proof

Ricky Brandenburg, 13, thought he saw a UFO about 4 p.m. March 10 so he ran into his home at 3153 Norwhch Court grabbed his Instamatic camera, and went to his backyard and began snapping pictures.

He took a total of six pictures and then he noticed the silver object he had been watching "just seemed to disappear into the clouds."

After the object disappeared, Ricky went back into his house and began telling his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morce H. Brandenburg, what he had witnessed.

THEY LISTENED to their son's story about how he had seen a silver disc-shaped object with a clear plastic-like dome circling the neighborhood as he walked home from School 108.

And they listened as Ricky told them about the pictures he had taken and he would prove to them he wasn't joking.

His father admitted yesterday that he thought the story was something from the imagination of a youngster who dreamed of outer space.

Morce Brandenburg said he didn't

see a story in The Indianapolis Star the morning of March 11 which explained that several persons had called police the previous night about spotting a UFO on the north and west sides.

Indiana State Police said the callers saw a meteorite shower which was visible from Cincinnati, Ohio to St. Louis, Mo.

HIS FATHER questioned him about the UFO, and although the boys said

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he didn't know for sure what it was, he believed it was a real flying saucer. "I wouldn't know what a fake one looked like and this sure looked real to me," Ricky said.

Brandenburg, an employe of Trans World Airlines, said he even laughed a little when Ricky told him the object was spinning "really, really fast but it wasn't making any noise."

But the youngster said he knew

what he had seen so the next morning it was off to the drugstore with the film.

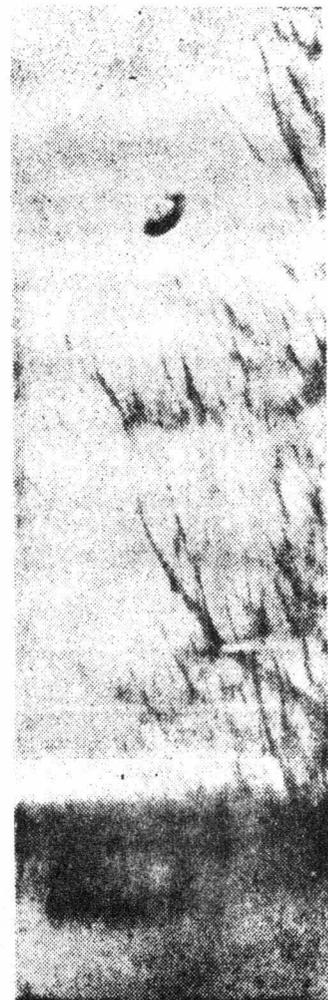
And when the word came the pictures were developed, Ricky and his father were off to the store on Friday.

Morce laughed just a little as his son hurriedly opened the package and then said, "See dad, I told you."

Morce Brandenburg isn't laughing anymore.



13-YEAR-OLD SEES DISC
Uses Small Camera



UFO ABOVE HOUSE
Object Circles Neighborhood

5 Huntington Cops See

By **ARTHUR R. VINSEL**
Of the Daily Pilot Staff

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Military authorities today are interested in accounts by five Huntington Beach policemen who reported sighting two unidentified flying objects streaking across the sky in formation at 3:15 a.m. today.

The stunned pilot of the department's police helicopter, which was flying at about 1,300 feet in crystal clear skies,

estimated the UFOs traveled at least 10,000 miles per hour.

No estimate could be offered for the height of the searing white objects that shot from the southwest horizon to the northeast horizon in no more than five seconds.

Patrol Sgt. Arden Beavers said the objects never varied from their tandem position and appeared to have reddish cone-shaped noses.

Flaming UFOs

Officer Jim Lail and his observer, Officer Tom Arnold, were aloft in a northwest area around Goldenwest Street and Warner Avenue when they made their sighting.

Patrolman Dan McKerran was in the southeasterly area of Huntington Beach when he spotted the brilliant lights, which all five officers said left a bluish vapor-like trail.

"It was hard to tell if they had a

shape. It looked like two bright lights and it all happened so fast. . ." he said.

The fifth officer who simultaneously reported the two eerie objects which flashed over at a 40 to 60 degree angle was identified as Patrolman Steve Parkerton.

"Odds of two meteors traveling in formation like that are too enormous," said another departmental spokesman.

COSTA MESA, CAL. - DAILY PILOT
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COPTER SIGHTS STREAKING UFOS...

Despite difficulty in judging size and altitude of UFOs, Officer Lail, the helicopter pilot, said they definitely appeared to be much higher than the police chopper.

No other law enforcement agencies contacted reported their officers on patrol at their hour told of seeing such an aerial phenomenon.

Some, however, have been known to discourage their officers from making formal reports on aerial phenomena

sightings which might appear in the press.

The Orange County Airport Control Tower was closed at the time of the sighting and spokesmen at Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles were unavailable for comment.

Laguna Beach Police Capt. Neil Purcell and Sgt. Terry Temple last Thursday reported an almost-identical object that appeared quite low shooting from southwest to northeast over their city.

UFO headquarters calls Door county sighting a 'scout craft'

By KETA STEEB

At least eight Door county men, women and children are among a growing number of state residents who have spotted unidentified flying objects (UFOs) within the past two nights.

Joan LeClair called Wednesday to say she and four other Jacksonport people had spotted an unusual object "hanging over the trees near West Jacksonport" at about 8:30 p.m. Tuesday. Grabbing her husband's binoculars, Joan climbed to the second floor of their Ivanhoe Bar to take a closer look.

"My hands were trembling," she reported, "but I kept the glasses trained on an elongated object. It glowed green on the top and bottom but had what appeared to be a red band around the center. There appeared to be another compartment on the bottom of this disc and I could actually see windows in this lower part. You won't believe this but there appeared to be a passenger inside."

A neighbor, who asked that his name not be mentioned, saw the same type of object hovering for about three minutes over the same clump of trees. This man, accompanied by his two sons and a friend, said he did not see any windows or figures moving about but he did describe the same colors and shape of the object.

"It was green with a red band around the middle," he said. "It just sort of hung there and then shot ahead at a terrific speed."

When asked if he had ever seen anything like this before the man said, "Yes, many years ago but I didn't say anything about it at the time."

Sightings were also reported Wednesday night by a woman living on the outskirts of Jacksonport and a Baileys Harbor man. Two of these people reported their findings to the sheriff's department and Deputy Mark Rispins was sent to West Jacksonport to investigate.

Both sightings took place at about the same time, between 8:30 and 8:45 p.m., but by the time Rispins got there the

object had disappeared. Sgt. Gary Bies, however, reported the incidents to the Midwest UFO Headquarters in Appleton and Associate Director Thomas S. Heiman immediately contacted LeClair. After hearing her description, Heiman asked for a drawing which is being sent to his office today. Heiman said in a telephone interview this Thursday that the description closely matches that of a "scout craft" which has been seen by residents in the Appleton area and as far south as Racine.

"This type of spaceship," Heiman said, "closely resembles an actual ship which was photographed in 1952 by George Adamski, one of this country's pioneers in UFO research. Adamski actually met a passenger off this ship and the meeting was confirmed by several witnesses."

Heiman, noting that Adamski died in 1965, said his work is being carried on at the national UFO headquarters in Valley Center, Calif., but that his photographs have been authenticated by a leading Nassau nuclear engineer. "This type of craft is not a true disc," Heiman added. "It actually has a dome and passenger

compartment such as LeClair saw."

The associate director stressed the fact that a communication gap must be bridged between government and American people regarding UFO's and said that these space visitors are friendly. "They mean no harm," Heiman said firmly. "We have to show we are not afraid to extend a hand in friendship."

This particular type of scout craft is, according to Heiman, about 20 to 30 feet or more in diameter and is capable of traveling at exceptionally high speeds. It is also able to maneuver rapidly in a number of directions.

"An awful lot of sightings have been seen around the state," Heiman stated. "The Appleton and Racine spotters saw the object described by your Door county people at 8:01 p.m. It will be interesting to compare the drawings."

Heiman asks that residents spotting unfamiliar objects to notify the police or call his office direct. The number is 414-731-5001 and there is someone on duty 24 hours a day.

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Spot Unidentified Object In Sky Over DuBois Area

Investigators of the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research were in the DuBois area today interviewing those who reportedly saw a "flying saucer" in the skies Saturday night.

Among those sighting the light-flashing spacecraft were a state police trooper and two Sandy Township policemen.

Officers Brady LaBorde and John Tokarcik of the Sandy Township Police went to Clear Run about 9:07 p.m. Saturday after people called and said they saw a UFO in the skies.

Both officers reported they saw an object in the sky with yellow lights on the top, a red light in the middle, and green lights on the side.

After receiving several calls from people sighting an alleged UFO in the Henderson Township area, State Police Trooper Phillip R. Dale of the Punxsutawney State Police was dispatched to the area between Routes 149 and 410.

He observed a cream-colored light low in the sky in the northwest section. He also reported he saw an object high in the sky over the Luthersburg area that appeared to have red and blue-green pulsating lights.

While investigating the reports of the UFO sightings, he was told via radio that people in the Troutville area could see a UFO in the sky.

Trooper Dale went to Troutville and also saw a cream-colored light in the sky. The object then started to turn light red in color and flew off in a northwest direction, low in the sky, then vanished. This was between 7:55 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday.

The UFO was also reportedly seen in the Falls Creek area and reliable sources in Brockway reported sightings of the unidentified objects.

Punxsutawney State Police notified the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research of the sightings reported to them, and the center stated investigators would be in the area today.

RICHMOND, IND.
PALLADIUM ITEM
MAR. 27, 1977*

A Farmland area woman who wished to remain anonymous reported Friday afternoon that "quite a few" unidentified flying objects buzzed her car Tuesday morning on Indiana 36 about a mile from the Carlos Road as she was on her way to work. She said they came within two or three feet of her car and her radio went out. The incident happened shortly after UFOs reportedly also were sighted in California, she said.

/ BE AWARE THAT people are still sighting unidentified flying objects, or UFOs. The best news, however, is from the International UFO Reporter, which is, believe it or not, a newsletter on all the strange goings-on.

The latest report is called the Kentucky Abduction, the story of three women who had been out bowling or something and who were driving along a dark country road when their car was taken over by a UFO and sent careening along at 85 m.p.h. as if by remote control.

Then the women were taken aboard the UFO, told to do all sorts of strange things against their wills and even tortured. They said the UFO types were about 4 feet tall and of dark skin.

Anyway, when it was all over, the women said they had lost all track of time and only through hypnosis could they sort of remember what had happened to them.

Now, that's almost as good as the story I made up when I was 6 going on 7. I insisted I didn't eat any of the cherry pie, but gave it all to the poor, starving wretch on crutches and in torn clothes who had come to the back door begging for something to eat. The trouble was, I not only burped, I also forgot to use a napkin.

THE PRIZEWINNER AS the worst of the month for March, from Dick Niehoff.

It seems two men were walking the streets of Paris, admiring the beautiful and historic architecture when they heard the sound of bells. Looking up, they saw a little, deformed mite of a man ringing the bells of Notre Dame Cathedral.

Suddenly, he lost his footing and while they watched in horror, the little man plunged to the ground.

One of the men turned to the other and said, "That sure looks like Quasimodo to me."

The other replied, "No, it can't be."

"Well, if it isn't Quasimodo," said the first, "he sure is a dead ringer."

RAY DUENSING was at a service station getting gas when one of the little nippers wanted to know what was wrong. Ray said he didn't know anything was wrong. They said:

"Before, he would wash the windows and put in oil before \$5 was in and now he doesn't have time to leave the rear of the car."

BILL AMBROSH said he saw a great \$15,000 home. They're asking \$49,000 for it.

DON OLLIE tells us that back in the 1930s and 1940s there was a Wisconsin tavernkeeper who hibernated each winter. He said his name was Gerke or Gehrke, or something.

But at the first sign of frost, he went to bed and didn't get up until spring. His wife ran the tavern and sent his meals up to his bedroom by means of a dumbwaiter.

Each spring and fall articles appeared in newspapers about him and pictures of him were printed often. Ollie said the man died some years ago and, of course, you have to be over 40 to remember him in the first place.

JAZZ EXPERT Dennis Hendley recommends Duke Ellington's 1940 " Fargo Ballroom Encores" on the Jazz Guild label, Woody Herman's 1976 two record album "40th Anniversary/Carnegie Hall" on the RCA label and two by Stan Kenton, "One Night Stand at the Commodore/1947" on the Joyce label and "Live In Europe/Holland/1976" from London Phase Four.

ALL RIGHT, FOR all the experts out there who think they know it all, Joe Albert says answer this one:

Who was the last major league pitcher to retire a side on only three pitched balls and when did he do it?

And don't try to phone the library. They don't know. And it probably isn't in the Guinness book, either.

E. A. RICHARDS says ask the little nippers what Alexander the Great, Atilla the Hun, Jack the Ripper and Smokey the Bear have in common. When they say they don't know, tell them all have "the" same middle name.

OUR THOUGHT FOR the day, dear friends, is some people refuse to repeat gossip — so listen good the first time around.

Bill Fiset

... Off the Top ...

Out in Pleasanton the Robert Coffey family were going to bed at 1:45 a.m. the other morning when they heard something like a swarm of bees outside. They looked, saw flashing lights and then made out a huge UFO, bell-shaped, with white, red and green lights. It hovered eight minutes near a high water tower, then disappeared. Coffey is a former Air Force weatherman. They telephoned a UFO sighting agency in Seattle and were told: Several similar sightings—objects with the same shape—were reported last year, but the Coffey sighting was the first in 1977. Listen, I believe In case you're a bit paranoid, an outfit in San Antonio is advertising to sell four armored bullet-proof cars—a 1977 Cadillac limo, a 1977 Seville, a 1977 Mercedes 450SEL and a 1977 Ford LTD. Sounds like the order from some Arab oil magnate was canceled Rather neat description a young lady gave of her hair. "I'm a suicide blonde. Dyed by my own hand."

UFO sightings reported again

Those lights were back in the sky over Yuba County last night, according to the Sheriff's Office. No landings were reported.

Don Dutra, of 2558 California 20, told deputies he saw "real bright orange lights" in the sky over the District 10 area about 7 p.m.

"They stayed in the same place for nearly an hour, then drifted lower," Dutra said. "There were two bright orange lights, about 100 feet

apart, with a dark red light in the middle. I couldn't tell how far away they were."

Beale AFB authorities said they had no information on the sightings, however PG&E reported to the California Highway Patrol that a transformer in the hill area blew up, causing some light. The CHP said they sent officers to look for the transformer but could not find it.

UFO SIGHTINGS — Police, sheriff's deputies, highway patrol officers and Air Force guards reported a rash of UFO sightings in Southern California — at least seven in a 9-hour period. The law enforcement officers reported mysterious bright lights that hovered, cruised and zoomed in the skies over Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. All the sightings were reported Monday night and early yesterday. 7318

Mystery Surrounds Sighting of UFOs

By ARTHUR R. VINSEL
Of the Daily Pilot Staff

Mystery continues to surround the origin of two brilliant, silver-white unidentified flying objects that streaked through Southland skies early Tuesday, leaving an eerie blue trail and scores of skeptics who are now believers.

Witnesses to the predawn phenomenon include many police officers on patrol, Air Force personnel at March AFB near Riverside, an airline pilot and many shaken citizens.

Several people reported being awakened at the precise moment the two objects shot over in precise formation by an unexplainable agitated feeling and a compulsion to go outside.

Theories about the strange lights that seemed to glitter with fading blue diamonds range from a rare double meteor to a meteor shower, or perhaps space junk re-entering earth's atmosphere.

"That was no meteor," says an emphatic Huntington Beach Police Officer Dan McKerran, one of the first eyewitnesses to see the objects.

He and Officer Steve Parkerton were standing with Sgt. Arden Beavers on a police call at 3:15 a.m. when the sergeant saw the UFOs streak over the southwest horizon toward Catalina Island.

"Look," Beavers gasped and they watched in wonderment.

Seconds later, the twin cylindrical or teardrop-shaped UFOs slashed the night sky over the police helicopter canopy bubble and officers Jim Lail and Tom Parkerton stared in awe.

They estimated the lights vanished on a 40 to 60-degree heading to the northeast, within five seconds.

Discrepancies in times and locations of Tuesday's UFO sightings — reported variously in Orange, Los Angeles and Riverside counties, Salinas and Sacramento — add to the intrigue.

Descriptions also vary from witness to witness.

Some say they were cylindrical, with some length, like a rocket or torpedo, while others described them simply as bright, silver-white blobs with a slight

orange tinge and a blue vapor trail.

The Southern California sightings were between 3:15 and 3:30 a.m. Estimates of altitude and size varied, most likely due to atmospheric conditions and lack of anything for comparison.

Mark Hogan, 26, a cargo handler at Los Angeles International Airport, was standing with an airline captain acquaintance when they spotted the UFOs shooting in from Catalina's direction.

"In my opinion, they weren't natural," Hogan said. "They were some sort of controlled vehicles."

Hogan explained the two objects remained at a controlled interval, a description confirmed by the five Huntington Beach policemen who likened it to flying in formation.

He said they flew over the Los Angeles runway.

Spokesmen for the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) in Washington D.C. told the Daily Pilot today they are attempting to again run down similar sightings checked by them at the same time (E.S.T.) Monday night.

"We have to run it through the Space Defense Center computer and that may take a little time," said Information Officer Kay Carmier.

Military authorities Tuesday ruled out any possibility the aerial phenomenon was some type of missile test being conducted by the Air Force or Navy.

A current series of tests is under way involving the new A-6 Tomahawk cruising missile, coordinated among the Pacific Missile Range headquarters at Point Mugu; the Underwater Demolition Training Center at San Diego; China Lake Naval Test Center, and Dugway Proving Ground, Utah.

Pacific Missile Range Public Information Officer Al Frascella, a civilian employe, confirmed the 550-mile-per-hour Tomahawk was launched from a ship off San Clemente Island Saturday night and flew successfully to Utah, accompanied by two escort jets.

"It hasn't flown since and that was the first time a missile has flown over a populated area since the 1950s, when we were testing the Regulus I and II," said Frascella.

Likewise, Lt. Col. Dave Cole, deputy chief secretary of the Air Force's public information office in Los Angeles said Tuesday the UFOs cannot be anything involved with the Air Force.

"The various times we have been given for sightings do not coincide with any of our activities," he emphasized.

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UFO Sighting An Experience

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Seeing an unidentified flying object is an experience to remember according to Roger Basham.

Basham is a member of the staff of the Brownsville-Edmonson County Ambulance Service.

Sunday morning about 5 a.m. as he and Carl Wayne Webb, also a member of the ambulance service staff were returning from a service run to Bowling Green-Warren County Hospital Basham said he saw a V-shaped (sort of funnel shaped) object high in the sky.

The object appeared to be traveling laterally in an eastward direction, Basham said.

He said the object was visible for three or four minutes and after its disappearance a bright glow was visible.

Basham said he and Webb contacted the Glasgow Police Department which said reports on the object had been received from the Scottsville Police Department.

Spring brings on merry chase of lights . . . but were they UFOs?

By JOHN MARELIUS

In spring a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of — UFOs?

Well, that's what seems to have happened.

No sooner had spring arrived Monday when reports of UFO sightings began springing up all over the state.

Two Los Angeles County Sheriff's helicopter patrolmen were flying in the Whittier Hills area around 8:30 p.m. when they spotted what they described as a very bright light with an orange cast.

It looked like an airplane landing light, they said.

The only difference was that there was no airplane attached.

The deputies said they tried to chase the light over Colima Pass at

about 80 miles per hour but it disappeared.

Then about 3:30 a.m. yesterday a couple of other deputies saw the light.

Two sheriff's deputies patrolling the Firestone area reported seeing two very bright lights — one following the other.

At about the same time, a Firestone resident said he was attracted by a very bright light outside his home. He said he went outside to investigate and said he was struck by a brilliant glow which bathed his home in pale blue light.

Meanwhile, at about the same time, security personnel at March Air Force Base about 50 miles to the east reported seeing a couple of lights.

Also at about 3:30 a.m., two California Highway Patrol officers in Riverside wrote in their log that "a bright light with a vapor trail" was hovering over the area.

Between 3:30 and 4 a.m., deputies monitoring civil defense frequencies picked up reports of UFO sightings from Sacramento, Sainas, Orange County, Ventura County and other locations.

At the same time, a Huntington Beach police helicopter pilot contacted the Long Beach Airport control tower to report seeing a couple of bright lights.

Officials at the tower said they hadn't seen anything and hadn't been watching the radar screen.

After all, nothing ever happens at that hour of the morning.

RIDGWAY, PA. - RECORD
*****MAR 22, 1977*****

PARAGRAPHS

Investigators of the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research were in the DuBois area today interviewing those who reportedly saw a "flying saucer" in the skies Saturday night. Among those sighting the light-flashing spacecraft were a state police trooper and two Sandy Township policemen. Officers Brady LaBorde and John Tokarcik of the Sandy Township Police went to Clear Run about 9:07 p.m. Saturday after people called and said they saw a UFO in the skies. Both officers reported they saw an object in the sky with yellow lights on the top, a red light in the middle, and green lights on the side. After receiving several calls from people sighting an alleged UFO in the Henderson Township area, State Police Trooper Phillip R. Dale of the Punxsutawney State Police was dispatched to the area between Routes 119 and 410. He observed a cream-colored light low in the sky in the northwest section. He also reported he saw an object high in the sky over the Luthersburg area that appeared to have red and blue-green pulsating lights. While investigating the reports of the UFO sightings, he was told via radio that people in the Troutville area could see a UFO in the sky.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA. - PRESS
*****MAR 15, 1977*****

As If UFOs Aren't Enough, Whose 'Copter Was That?

Remember the old line "It's a bird, it's a plane, it's SUPER-MAN"?

Well, it might not have been Superman over Newport News Sunday night, but there was something in the sky.

Newport News police got a call about 9:30 p.m. about a flying object and two men were sent to check.

The object, according to one of the residents was round and "kinda red and made a sizzling sound."

"It stayed around about ten minutes, according to a whole group of people," one of the officers said, "and then they claimed it took off toward Hampton."

The residents said they called Langley Air Force Base and that Langley was sending out search planes.

A spokesman for Langley con-

firmed the call, but said no planes were scrambled.

Which all leads to another very interesting point — while the officers were on the scene a helicopter and two planes came over as if they were looking for something.

"I know they were there because I saw them with my own eyes," one officer said. "They came from the the James River area and then went off in the direction of Hampton while we were in the back yard of the man who made the complaint."

The aircraft, he added, had white lights underneath which could have been search lights or possible landing lights.

"It might have been just a funny coincidence that they came over while we were there checking out the complaint, but I know for a fact that they were there because I saw them myself."

Bright Object In Sky Baffles Experts

By WILLIAM STEVERSON

A ball of fire that blazed through the eastern sky of Memphis early yesterday morning apparently has local and federal officials baffled over its identity.

Officials with the Federal Aviation Administration at the Memphis International Airport acknowledged a number of reports of the unidentified flying object, including one report from an air traffic controller who said it appeared to him to be a satellite burning upon re-entry to the Earth's atmosphere.

However, spokesmen with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and Eglin Air Force Base in Florida said they have no reports of any satellites falling from the sky, and they don't know what the object over Memphis could have been.

William F. Nichols, an air traffic controller at the Memphis airport, said that he was going to a club breakfast early yesterday and observed the mysterious object between 5:05 and 5:10 a.m. as he

was driving east on Holmes Road near Interstate 55. He said the object was so "spectacular" that he pulled his car to the side of the road and watched it.

"It flared up real bright, and then for about a minute it sprayed sparks all over the place," Nichols said. "You couldn't help but see it . . . It was a beautiful sight."

Nichols said the object, which was moving at a high speed in an easterly direction across the sky, "sprayed sparks" and then burned out, leaving a cloud of smoke.

He said it could not have been an aircraft because "it was too high up and going too fast for a plane." Also, Nichols said that he does not think the object was a meteorite because "it left too much debris" when it burned up. He said as an air traffic controller he has seen meteorites before and it did not resemble one.

"It could have been a satellite, or part of a satellite, . . . but I really have no idea of what it was," Nichols said.

A public information spokesman at Eglin Air Force Base, which conducts rocket and space experiments over the Southeast, said there is "no chance" that the object could have come from there.

The spokesman, Jim Swinson, said that Eglin launched a series of rockets earlier this month which brought a flurry of UFO reports, but that the last rocket was launched last Monday.

He said the object "could have been a satellite," but that Eglin radar officials who keep constant track of all satellites in orbit, did not report to his office any satellites falling from the sky yesterday.

George Brown, associate planetarium coordinator at the Pink Palace Museum in Memphis, said that the theory of the UFO being a satellite "is a good idea, but there are several things wrong with it." He said the main problem he has in believing it was a satellite is that virtually all U.S. satellites re-enter the Earth's atmosphere in a north-south direction, and do not move from the west to the east.

"It could very well be a Soviet satellite, but there's really no way of knowing. They don't announce when their's go down," Brown said.

In addition, Bill Busler, planetarium coordinator at the Pink Palace, said that no meteorite showers are expected for the Memphis area this time of year. "If its not a satellite or a booster re-entering, or a meteorite, I have no idea of what it could have been."

A security guard at the Johnson Space Flight Center in Houston, Texas, said last night that he had received no reports of U.S. spacecraft re-entering the Earth in the Memphis area. The space flight center was closed for the weekend, but the guard said he is usually told of any man-made objects or meteorites falling to Earth so he can answer telephone inquiries from the public.

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ODDS and ENDS

By ED MATHEWS

THE REPORTED SIGHTING of Unidentified Flying Objects in Clearfield and Jefferson Counties brings to mind a report here not too long ago about a sighting of UFOs in the area. One of the individuals who reportedly saw one, Tom Collman, told us there were others who saw something as well. There was no report to the police at that time or at least there was no report given out by the police. What makes it come back so quickly is the new reports from this part of the state coming so quickly on the heels of the local reports. UFOs are fascinating subjects because it lets the mind imagine all kinds of things. Then when you watch shows like Star Trek and others on television it adds to the fascination.... Attorney Joe Agresti was telling us that his father, Egidio Agresti, 1126 W. 27th St., just celebrated his ninetieth birthday and is getting along very well. According Joe he keeps right on top of everything going on in the city and the world. That is a great feeling to have your father that sharp at that age. We imagine he has a few comments for his family every once in a while so that they don't forget who is boss.

MOUNT KISCO, N.Y. - PATENT TRADER
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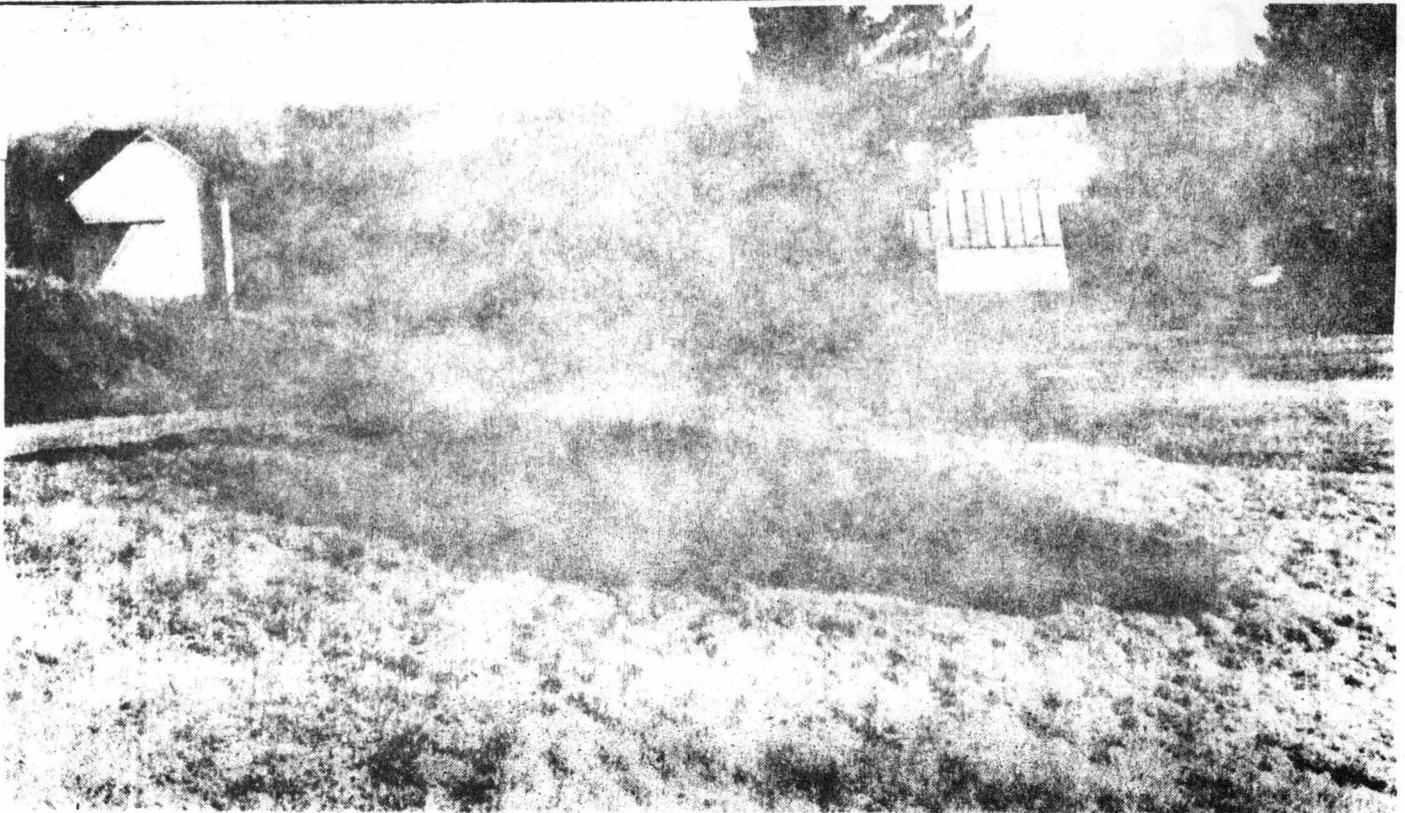
UFO sighted

ARMONK - A UFO, with green and orange flashing lights, was reported to North Castle police at 9:45 p.m. Monday.

Robert Pittarro of 39 Lime-stone Road reported he saw what appeared to be a moving "lighted building" as he was traveling north on Route 22. He

told police he spotted the moving object on the west side of Route 22, and it flew from the area, at a high rate of speed, heading north.

Ptl. Daniel Oderifero checked the area and contacted the radar operator at Westchester County airport. Nothing was found.



MANY ARE NOW SAYING THE GREAT BALL OF FIRE spotted in Fawn Grove, Pa., on Saturday was a UFO. All that remains of the mysterious occurrence is a large patch of burnt grass.

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Fawn Grove, Pa.

Was The Mysterious 'Ball Of Fire' A UFO?

**3 Holes In Ground Near
Scorched Spot Remain**

All that remains is a large circular area of sparsely burnt grass. In the center of the circle are three small holes, outlining a triangle of unburnt grass.

The large ball of fire is gone. Where it came from or what it was, no one knows. But for two to five minutes, the burning ball illuminated the night sky, disappearing as quickly and as mysteriously as it came.

Eyewitnesses to the bizarre event are as baffled as the fire officials. Even the most skeptical don't have an explanation for the mysterious event that occurred near Fawn Grove, Pa., on Saturday night.

"It was like a big ball of fire, about the size of the moon," said Mrs. Everett Miller, an eyewitness to the event. "It just stood there in the air for about two to five minutes. It kind of drifted a little, but remained level. Then it just disappeared. Right before my eyes."

Mrs. Miller was called to the window by her eleven-year-old son around 7:30 Saturday night.

According to Captain Douglas Winward of the Citizens Volunteer Fire Company in Fawn Grove, there was a fire on the property of Mr. Robert L. Brown at approximately 8:15 the same evening. Mr. Brown's property is about a mile or two from the home of Mrs. Miller.

According to Capt. Winward, the burning ball was nothing more than a meteor, which landed and burned an area of approximately 50 square feet. But this explanation has been ruled out by other officials.

The only depression left in the ground were three small holes, about an inch and a half deep and the same size in diameter. According to Robert D. Barry, director of 20th Century UFO Bureau, there are strong indications that a UFO landed on Mr. Brown's property Saturday night. The UFO then took off to wherever it came from, he believes.

The three small holes, which were discovered by Mr. Barry on Sunday, are spaced about five and a half feet apart. They mark where the UFO may have landed. "Whatever caused the depression is typical of landings of UFO's found in fields across the United States," he said.

The large ball of fire that was witnessed by approximately seven persons may have been the UFO taking off from the ground. Reportedly, UFO's send off sparks of fire as they take off from their landing site.

Fawn Grove is also located near the Peach Bottom Nuclear Power Plant, and there is documentation stating that UFO's hover over such areas as atomic plants, military air fields, naval bases, and electrical power plants, Mr. Barry maintains.

One explanation for the ball of fire was a meteor. But meteors reportedly only burn for 16 seconds. This globe of fire burned for at least two minutes, according to reports. And the ball of fire did not fall as meteors do. In fact, witnesses say it appeared to stand still. If moving at all, it was drifting on a level course, across the tree tops. Meteors also leave large holes in the ground. There was no such depression left after the fire.

Another explanation was that perhaps someone threw a flammable object in the air. Capt. Winward said he has ruled out such a device.

The other viable explanation to the mysterious occurrence was that someone threw a burning object out of an airplane. But Mrs. Miller said she heard no airplane that night. There have been no other reports of an airplane flying overhead.

A Geiger counter has not yet been used to measure the radioactivity. If there was a UFO, it is assumed there may be some radioactivity. Nor were any of the local or state police notified of the event.

The only certainty in the strange occurrence is that whatever or whoever caused the burning ball of fire is gone. And the only evidence remaining are the three small holes, surrounded by a burnt patch of ground.

UFOs or Power Lines Sparking?

THE WASHINGTON POST - D.C.

 MAR 25, 1977

Was it an unidentified flying object or just power lines short-circuiting?

Bright blue and white lights were seen suspended in the sky early this morning by Mr. and Mrs. Martin H. Schweitzer, LaFave Road, from 1 to 5:30 a.m.

Charles G. Gray, area manager for Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., suggested that problems the firm had with snow-burdened transmission lines early this morning could have appeared as lights in the sky, but he said this theory was not a solution to the mystery.

"I wish somebody else had seen it besides us," said Mrs. Schweitzer; "I was tempted to call our neighbors, but I hated to so early in the morning."

She did call the sheriff's office and military police at Fort Drum, but neither agency could see the lights.

The flight service at Watertown International Airport, 655th Radar Squadron at Dry Hill and Wheeler-Sack Air field at Fort Drum reported no sightings. All aircraft at Drum were grounded by snow.

Mrs. Schweitzer said her husband who could not sleep, saw the lights at 1 a.m.. He then awakened his wife, who also saw them.

Mrs. Schweitzer said they watched from their living room picture window, but also checked from other windows, always seeing the same thing.

"There were two lights that would get bright, and they would light up the whole sky. Then they'd fade, and as they faded, sparks flew off of

it," she recalled.

"It looked like two round balls. At first it looked like it was coming closer, but as it faded, we could see that it was in the same place. It was suspended in space — it didn't appear to move at all."

Mrs. Schweitzer said they were looking to the southeast from their home, and believed the lights were located beyond Champion Hill.

"We realize there are towers on the hill, but these lights were way too high," she said.

"It almost looked like fireworks at times," she said.

Her husband also observed the lights with binoculars.

The Lewis County Sheriff's office also received a report of lights in the sky, but on Tuesday evening. The sheriff's office said they were determined to be caused by malfunctions at an electrical transformer station near Glenfield.

Mr. Gray said that from LaFave Road, the power firm's Black River switching station "is in the general direction" of the sighting.

"We were having problems with our transmission lines in that region," he said, setting the approximate time at 4 a.m.

He said there are high and low towers and with the mountainous terrain, snow, reflections, and blue colors of the electrical sparks, "it could have made an arch which appeared to be in the sky."

George A. Bonadio, local astrologist, said the appearance was definitely not a star. "Stars would definitely move over that many hours," he said.

For future reference, Mr. Bonadio said persons witnessing such sights should alert their neighbors to get substantiation, check from various windows to rule out reflections, and look from the outdoors.

He said the snow, haze, and position of the moon can create illusions of what is seen.

UFO spotted by area man

A UFO was spotted in this area this morning.

Ralph Tanner, who lives on Matson Road, Rt. 3, Jonesboro, said he was in his back yard about 11 a.m. when he saw an object in the distance.

"I thought at first it was an airplane," he said. "But suddenly it was within 500 yards. It was oval-shaped and made a little noise — it wasn't really a noise."

The object stayed at that point hovering for four or five seconds, he said, then zipped back to its original spot, remained a couple of seconds and disappeared.

"I don't think I was seeing things," Tanner said.

It was solid in appearance, he said, "something like a cigar, fatter in the middle." He described it as "almost the color of the sky, perhaps darker."

The object moved in straight lines, he said.

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PUNXSUTAWNEY, PA. - SPIRIT
 *****MAR 23, 1977*****

More UFO Sightings Reported

More sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) were reported in the area Monday night as UFOs were sighted in Reynoldsville, DuBois, Brookville, Sandy Township, Falls Creek and Big Run. Reynoldsville Policeman Ralph August said he saw a "sausage-shaped" object emitting a steady flashing light while hovering over the Engle farm off Route 322 west of Reynoldsville. Five eyewitnesses corroborated August's description. The object moved over towards Brookville after a while. Residents in Falls Creek reported that the object hovered over the community for approximately a half-hour and gave off a "loud rushing noise." No sightings were reported last night, probably due to the bad weather conditions.

RIVERSIDE, CAL. - ENTERPRISE
*****MAR 23, 1977*****

UFO like 'lit cigar' reported at March

"People may think I'm bananas," offered a Riverside County sheriff's deputy after reporting an unidentified flying object early Tuesday.

"I don't know if it was a UFO or not, but there was something," said deputy Jim Evans, who, with partner Bob Boytor, saw what they described as "a cigar with a light on each end" at about 3:30 a.m., while they sat in their parked patrol car in Edgemont.

Two California Highway Patrol officers and seven March Air Force Base security guards also reported seeing UFOs at about the same time, and other sightings were reported from Los Angeles to Sacramento. Descriptions varied in size, shape and color.

Another person reporting a sighting was Ronald Cash, 34, a Riverside grocery clerk, who said he saw two bright objects cross the sky as he was about to get into his car to go to work at 3:30 a.m.

He said they crossed the sky from west to east and had two long white tails behind them. The objects, he said, traveled very fast but were visible for perhaps half a minute to a minute.

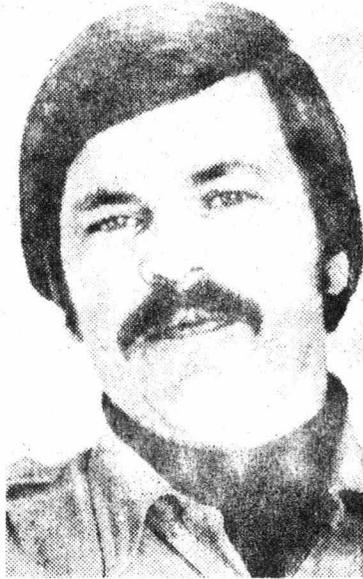
Cash said he had never seen anything like them. "I never saw any shooting stars like these . . . and I never heard of two comets side by side," he declared.

However, a scientist at Griffith Park Observatory said that what witnesses saw might have been a rare astronomical phenomenon, such as a double meteor.

Dr. Edwin Krupp added that

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LOS ANGELES - Police, sheriff's deputies, highway patrol officers and Air Force guards reported a rash of UFO sightings in Southern California - at least seven in a nine-hour period.



Deputy Bob Boytor
. . . cigar with lights

he "didn't want to insist" his explanation was correct because neither he nor anyone at the observatory saw the objects.

The deputies said the object passed quickly through the sky and disappeared from view over Pigeon Pass. Evans said the lights were white. Boytor said he saw green lights.

At March Air Force Base, security guards reported seeing two "diamond-shaped objects glowing silver with a blue stream trailing behind," Major Brian Daly said.

The guards, who were together at the base, said the two objects passed over quickly at about 3,000 feet just before 3:30 a.m., according to Daly.

Two Riverside area California Highway patrol officers also reported seeing a UFO yesterday morning, according to officer Dave Rogalia.

The Los Angeles County sheriff's department said deputies saw similar objects at five different locations during the early morning and had monitored civil defense radio reports of sightings as far north as Sacramento.

Los Angeles deputy Beverly Celetano said the object was described as a "bright light with an orange tinge" and was seen by deputies in the Whittier Hills, the Firestone area, near the Long Beach Airport, and in Huntington Beach.

FARMINGTON, MINN. - TRIBUNE
*****FEB 10, 1977*****

Couple Reports Noiseless UFO On Dodd Avenue

LAKEVILLE -- An unidentified flying object was spotted along Dodd Rd "near the NFO building," Sunday at 10:40 p.m. by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Benson and at least one other motorist.

Benson said he and his wife were coming south on Dodd Rd. after visiting in Mendota Heights. They saw two parallel lights, only about 150 feet off the ground.

Benson said he stopped the car, got out to look and found that the object was just hanging in mid-air, and was making no noise.

It appeared to have pontoons and some kind of a center, but it did not resemble a helicopter in any way.

Suddenly the machine shut off its lights and continued down the Dodd Rd. heading northeast. It did have a red light at that time, but it still made no noise.

When asked if he and his wife were frightened, Benson said "I was glad we were continuing in opposite directions."

One other motorist came along, hesitated, and then continued on his journey, apparently not too impressed.

But it made no noise...just the whisper of wind traveling around the object, Benson said.

PASADENA, CAL. - STAR-NEWS
*****MAR 23, 1977*****

'UFOs' sighted over Southland

A pair of diamond-shaped objects trailing streams of blue fumes danced above the skies of Southern California early Tuesday, then suddenly disappeared before the eyes of bewildered witnesses, authorities say.

Seven March Air Force Base airmen, two Los Angeles County Sheriff's helicopter crewmen and two California Highway Patrolmen were among those who witnessed the erratic early morning flight of the mysterious objects.

However, a scientist at Griffith Park Observatory said that what witnesses saw might have been a rare astronomical phenomenon, such as a double meteor.

'Double meteors' theory cited

Widely seen UFOs undetected by radar

The UFOs reported seen by law enforcement agents and other persons early Tuesday did not appear on radar systems operated by the U.S. Air Force and the Federal Aviation Administration, officials of both agencies said Wednesday.

Seven March Air Force Base security policemen, two Riverside County sheriff's deputies, two California Highway Patrol officers and others in the Riverside area said they saw two bright lights in the sky at about 3:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Other sightings were reported by Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies and others reported seeing lights in the night sky. A helicopter crew from the sheriff's office, flying over La Mirada said they saw two lights over the Whittier Hills, but when they attempted to pursue the lights they were unable to follow although they estimated their speed at 80 mph.

Joan Osaka, an Air Force spokesman in Los Angeles, said the Air Force's North American Air Defense (NORAD) radar sys-

tem at Luke Air Force Base near Phoenix did not pick up any strange activity.

She said the Air Force did not intend to investigate the incident. "We would not investigate unless there was something that was a threat to national security," she said.

Jack Nelson, the deputy chief of the FAA's radar facility at Ontario International Airport, said air traffic controllers did not notice any unusual activity in the 52-mile-radius area that the FAA radar system covers.

Nelson said the radar system, however, is designed to eliminate deflections from any flying object which is either traveling very rapidly or very slowly.

Dr. Edwin Krupp, an astronomer at the Griffith Park Observatory in Los Angeles, said the bright lights could have been a rare astronomical phenomenon called double meteors.

He said, though, he was unable to say that the lights were double meteors certainly because neither he nor anyone else at the observatory saw the lights in the sky.

UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO - CHIEF-UNION
*****MAR 26, 1977*****

Twins sight UFO

FINDLAY - The 9-year-old twin sons of an Upper Sandusky junior high school teacher claim they saw a UFO Friday night while playing in their backyard at 1135 W. Sandusky St.

According to the story in the Findlay newspaper, Greg and Scott DeRodes spotted an unusual object in the western sky at twilight. They described it as bright gold and said it made a strange buzzing sound. Each of the boys drew a picture of the UFO which showed a circular object covered with points and balls that looked like legs.

Their father, Donald DeRodes, who teaches general math at Union School in Upper Sandusky, ran out when Scott called, but was able to see only a gold light that looked as if it were over the Findlay airport. DeRodes said he regretted that he left the house without his glasses because he wished he could have seen the UFO.

DeRodes and his wife Cherry said the boys are not the type to imagine things. Both are third grade students in Findlay and are familiar with the sight of airplanes passing over their house to the airport. Greg and Scott do not believe what they saw was an airplane.

Whatever it was, it was flying pretty low, according to the twins, and then flew slowly higher beyond Ashland Oil Company toward the airport.

CROSS COUNTRY NEWS - FORT WORTH, TEXAS
*****MARCH 3, 1977*****

People Are Saying ...

OOOPS, another case of being taken aboard a UFO and examined, has been reported from Kentucky. Three women said their car was stopped in the backwoods of that State last January, and they were apparently taken aboard the craft and examined by "humanoid beings."

The three women, Louise Smith, Mona Stafford and Elaine Thomas, are now making their story known AFTER they reportedly passed extensive lie detector tests about the experience by a polygraph expert.

The three said the incident occurred shortly before midnight one night last January when they spotted what looked like a huge metallic-gray disc-shaped spaceship following their car.

Immediately after the reported encounter, all three women returned to their homes in Liberty, reporting an illness and burning sensation over their bodies. They also realized they had no recollection of a "Missing" 90 minute interval during their journey home.

A consulting psychologist, Doctor R. Leo Sprinkle, subsequently interviewed the three women separately under hypnosis and all three reportedly recalled details of being taken aboard the craft.

The women said they were placed in separate compartments and apparently were examined individually by the four or five beings. One of the women, (Elaine Thomas) recalled the alleged abductors were four-foot-tall "humanoids with dark eyes and gray skin."

All three of the women say they suffered skin irritations for days following the incident. Two said they suffered extreme losses in weight.

The Tucson-Based 'Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, which has been investigating the strange account, says its investigators have concluded that all three of the women are regarded by friends and neighbors as being completely reliable.

Polygraph Expert James Young states that his tests indicate that the women believe they are telling the truth.

COLUMBIA FALL, MONT. - HUNGRY HORSE NEWS
*****FEBRUARY 24, 1977*****

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schmidt at 370 Woodland Road, both of Columbia Falls, saw a fast flying unidentified object about 10:10 p.m. Saturday.

It was described as having a red light on top, green light toward its tail and was overhead heading north.

With the Schmidts were their son, Gary and son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Treat, Martin City. Later that night the Treats and Gary saw the same lights "hovering over Columbia Falls." It was still hovering in the Columbia Falls area about 3 a.m. Sunday, and they heard a beeping noise.

Mrs. Schmidt said the family heard a beeping noise steadily earlier in the evening from 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. and were unable to locate the source. Then they saw the unidentified object overhead at 10:10 p.m. and their family saw it again some hours later. Mrs. Schmidt added: "It couldn't have been a helicopter, it doesn't fly that fast," and she said it was faster than a plane.

Monday evening the Schmidts heard the beeping noise again. They'd like to know what they saw and heard.

Michelle Jandron, Coram, reports seeing the unidentified object in the sky early Sunday morning over Martin City and then Coram.

She added: "There were red and green lights. It often stayed still, and then would come closer to the ground and then go back up." She didn't hear noise, and wasn't very close.

Fish Thief, Streaker, UFO Keep Fostoria Policemen Hopping

FOSTORIA—Police were kept busy Thursday investigating reports of a fish thief, an unidentified flying object and a streaker.

Richard Brown, owner of Tropical Cove Pet Shop, 118 W. North St., reported during the afternoon someone stole two marble angel fish. Brown said one of the fish is "rather rare with thick lips."

A woman motorist reported at 8:50 p.m. that she, and some friends, were driving near Fostoria High School when the car radio went dead and they observed a cone-shaped glowing object in the sky.

At 9:30 p.m., the department received a report that a nude man, wearing a paper sack over his head, was running back and forth across Columbus Avenue. The man allegedly stopped a carload of girls and played "leap frog" in front of the vehicle. At one point, a neighborhood resident, armed with a four-cell flashlight, chased the man, but lost him.

Calif. reports rash of UFO sightings

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Nearby, two Highway Patrol officers, Robert Scholl and L. Orchard, noted in their log "a bright light with a vapor trail" that hovered over the Box Springs Canyon area north of the air base in Riverside county.

At the same time and 50 miles to the west, Los Angeles sheriff's Deputies Lonnie Hicks, 28, and Robert Carr, 34, said they saw a bright light following another light through the sky over Firestone. A resident of the area called the sheriff's station to report the same objects, deputies said.

About 10 minutes later and 12 miles to the south, Deputy John McSorley at the sheriff's helicopter station at Long Beach reported two mysterious bright

lights eastbound over the airfield.

Another 12 miles to the southwest and five minutes later, two objects were reported by police in Huntington Beach.

About the same time, officers in Ventura county, some 60 miles to the northwest, reported similar sightings.

Sgt. Vincent Rupp, monitoring radio traffic at the East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station, said there were many radio reports of such sightings between 3:45 and 4 a.m. in Southern California and some from as far away as Salinas and Sacramento — more than 350 miles to the north.

SHARON, PA. - HERALD
*****MAR 23, 1977*****

THE FRESNO BEE - CALIF.
*****MAR. 24, 1977*****

Tollhouse Couple Also Saw Objects

Those mysterious diamond-shaped objects spotted in Southern California skies by several persons early Tuesday morning also were seen about the same time from the Fresno area by Mr. and Mrs. Larry Reeder of Tollhouse.

The Reeders were delivering The Bee on their rural route in east Clovis about 3:30 a.m. when they saw the two objects.

The lights were as small as "sparklers from fireworks, traveling from west to east," Reeder said. "I thought they were traveling side by side. Low too. Faster than any jet I ever saw. All you could see was just an object. No sound."

The couple watched the lights for 20 to 30 seconds. When Reeder stopped the car and he and his wife got out to get a better look the objects "just disappeared," he said. "I couldn't believe it."

After reading a news story yesterday about the sightings, the Reeders decided to tell their story.

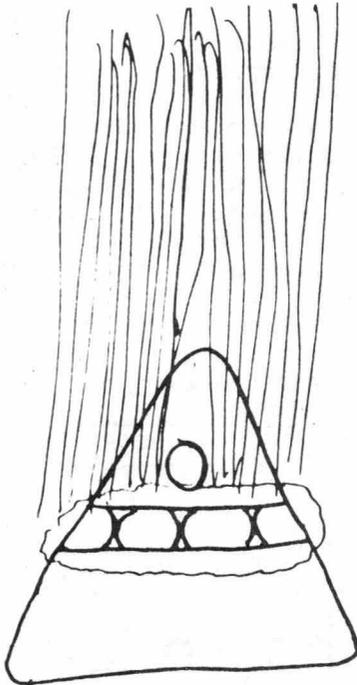
Seven airmen at March Air Force Base, about 50 miles east of Los Angeles, spotted the objects at 3:28 a.m. Tuesday. They also were seen by two Los Angeles County sheriff's helicopter crewmen and two Highway Patrolmen.

In each instance, the objects suddenly disappeared.

The objects did not show up on any radar readings, according to spokesmen for the Air Force and at the Fresno Air Terminal control tower.

PINDLAY, OHIO - COURIER
*****MAR. 12, 1977*****

Local Scouts Spot UFO's



A close up drawing of the object

Do UFO's, Flying Saucers or visitors from other planets exist? Well according to two local cub scouts they do. Robby Tanner and Ken Spears spotted one of our visitors over Lake Eustis while at a cub scout meeting.

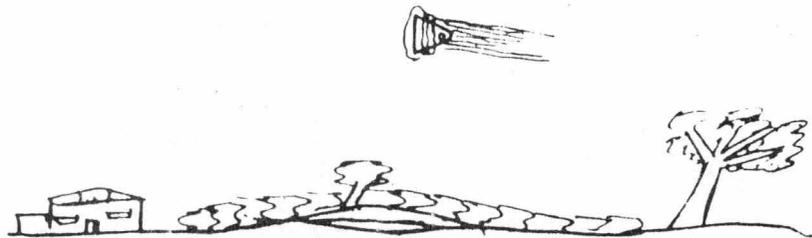
The boys both described the object as cone or diamond shaped with a band or red, green and blue lights they went in a circle around the object and it left a trail behind it like a falling star. They spotted the object between 7 to 7:30, they are not real sure of the time, on Tuesday February 15th. The object settled slowly behind the trees over Lake Eustis then shot back up at an incredible rate of speed and

disappeared. It all happened so fast the boys were not able to show anyone else.

Robby Tanner described it like this "it came down behind the trees, then it shot up and across the lake real fast, at first I thought it was a falling star, but falling stars don't fall up."

Ken Spears description was "there was no sound it was silent and real bright it came down then shot up real fast and dissappeared."

Well, whether you believe in visitors from outer space or not, these two young men were convinced that February night they saw their UFO.



Robby Tanners drawing of what he saw over Lake Eustis

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CHATTANOOGA, TENN.
*****MAR 17, 1977*****

Youngsters See Flying Saucers

CLEVELAND, Tenn. — Four youngsters will tell you they saw two flying saucers over Oakland Drive here Tuesday night.

"One was reading big and orange — the other was smaller and blue," said Joel Swafford, 9, a student at Arnold School.

Young Swafford said they kept moving — and must have been about five miles apart.

Besides Joel, three of his friends also saw the weird objects. They were Timmy and Larry Lakins and Andrew Lee, all 9 years old except for Larry, who is 6.

THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS - ALA.
*******MAR 23, 1977*******

Southern California sees UFOs

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UFO? Mars? What Was Light Seen Out on Lake Michigan?

By DAVE PITT

Jack and Betty Zaremski saw it. Harbor Springs Police officers Tim Watts and Al Reber saw it. Emmet County Sheriff's Deputy Don Arman saw it. The United States Air Force heard about it. The Federal Aviation Administration at Pellston heard about it. Several other people have seen it and nearly everyone is talking about it.

It is an unknown object or light which was spotted last Tuesday out over Lake Michigan somewhere between Big Rock Point and an area south of Beaver Island.

Several people, including a number of law enforcement officials, saw a steady white beam or a red and amber light or a red glow which hovered in the sky not far above frozen Lake Michigan.

The Zaremskis were driving along Spring-st. in Petoskey near the tennis courts and the Perry-Davis Hotel about 10 p.m. when they spotted a motionless light. The light was southwest of Petoskey out near Beaver Island.

Zaremski notified the Emmet County Sheriff's office of the strange occurrence and he and Arman, who was on duty at the time, watched the light.

Veteran Pilot

"At first I thought it was a star and then I thought it was too low for a star and too high for a boat," Zaremski said. "I'm more curious than anything to find out what that thing was. It was even too motionless for a helicopter."

Zaremski said he has been a commercial pilot for 21 years and has never seen anything like that before. The light descended into the horizon and turned reddish, he said.

"There was something out there," he said. "I don't know what it was and I'm not saying it was a UFO (unidentified flying object)."

Arman said he saw a red and green or amber colored light out over the lake, but he couldn't tell if it was moving or if it was up in the air or on the ice. Arman contacted the FAA at Pellston who in turn notified the Air Force at Kincheloe, an air force base near Sault Ste. Marie.

There are reports circulating that a pilot from White Fish Bay

was in the air at the time of the incident and noticed a strange white light on the end of each wing. A FAA spokesman, however, said he heard the story "about third hand" and could not confirm it because there was nothing in the log concerning the incident. Patrolman Watts and Sgt. Reber in Harbor Springs both heard the light reports and went out to Harbor Point with binoculars to check it out.

"I observed the thing and Sgt. Reber did also, though I don't know what it was," Watts said.

Watts said it looked like there was a red blinking light on top and amber on the bottom bobbing up and down on the ice. He said it was out on the lake north of the Medusa Cement plant.

UFO Researchers

John Shepherd, from Central Lake, Northern Michigan's foremost UFO researcher did not pick up any strange objects or disturbances on his electro magnetic detection equipment last Tuesday.

Shepherd has sensitive electronic equipment which he uses to track UFOs. He also tries to home them in with a pair of transmitters—one which emits a code beep and another which sends out voice transmissions.

When last Tuesday's occurrence was described to Shepherd he said it sounds like Zaremski and company saw the planet Mars. He said such a sighting in the west with the present atmospheric conditions and with the rotation of the earth would indicate the possibility of Mars being in view.

He said UFOs have erratic movements and don't remain

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GREEN BAY, WIS. - PRESS-GAZETTE
*****MAR. 23, 1977*****

More Reports of Door-Co. UFOs

STURGEON BAY (PG) — Sightings of unidentified flying objects continue to be reported in Door County.

A number of persons in the northern part of the county, near Baileys Harbor and Sister Bay, reported sightings Monday and Tuesday nights.

A check with the Cherryland Airport revealed that a

number of pilots were flying training maneuvers from the airport both evenings. A spokesman said this might possibly account for some of the Sturgeon Bay area sightings.

But he said training planes from their airport would not ordinarily be found as far north of the city as the reported sightings.

WYANDOTTE, MICH. - GUARDIAN NEWS
*****MAR. 16, 1977*****

Flying saucer spotted

Believe it or not, a flying saucer was spotted over Wyandotte last Wednesday.

According to the young Wyandotte man who sighted the object, it was ringed with flashing lights and had a flickering red light on top.

The saucer-sighter was near Oak and Van Alstyne streets at approximately 6:30 p.m. when he saw the object flying over First and Superior. The saucer came from the south, heading toward northern Wyandotte, he said.

The object disappeared, the Wyandotte man said, when he went into his home to get binoculars.

No other reports of an unidentified flying object have been filed. Area residents who may have sighted the object or persons who can offer an explanation for the phenomenon may contact Family Focus Editor Joan Dyer at 284-3400.

'Streams of Blue'

11 Californians See Sky Object

stationary for long periods of time.

Shepherd said he gets calls from people every two or three months concerning similar type occurrences and get one or two good leads per year which he follows up on. He said he does document everything in hopes of finding some type of pattern.

The Central Lake resident said he hadn't received any calls about the incident near Petoskey, but did receive some information about a similar sighting at Manistique in the Upper Peninsula.

Shepherd said several people sighted a red and green light at a 45 degree angle over Lake Michigan at Manistique Point on Feb. 13.

The equipment Shepherd has wouldn't have picked up the strange light, he said, because it is geared toward detecting electro magnetic disturbances. He said many times there are strange electro magnetic effects—such as radios going dead and lights going out—when UFOs are spotted.

The 25-year-old researcher heads a self proclaimed project entitled STRAT (Special Telemetry Research and Tracking) and has been seriously involved in tracking down UFOs since 1970.

Again Monday Night

Emmet County Sheriff Richard Zink said he checked the reports and also said local CBers constantly jabbered on the air Monday night about seeing a strange light. Zink said he drove out in a high hill area to get a better view and saw a light, but he believes it was just a star or planet in the sky.

What makes the situation so baffling is that light at night is deceiving and it is difficult to even pin down if an object is over Beaver Island or Wisconsin.

Capt. Gordon Nedom, the information officer at Kincheloe Air Force Base, said the air force has received reports of the light, but said the air force is no longer in the UFO business. He said as a result of the project Blue Book Study back in 1969 the Air Force dropped its practice of UFO investigation.

He said, though the Air Force doesn't investigate UFOs, it is researching the light sighting of last Tuesday. He said the Air Force didn't send a plane down from Kincheloe to investigate the sighting.

Nedom said this is the first report of this type in the 10 months he has been at Kincheloe.

So the debate goes on.

"I always said that if I ever saw anything like that and I was alone I'd never tell anybody," Zaremski said. "I wasn't alone though. A lot of other people saw it too. I just wish I knew what it was."

Zaremski said he watched the light until about 11 p.m. Watts said the light was visible from about 9:15 p.m. to 1 a.m. There were rumored reports of its sighting from as far south as Elk Rapids and as far north as Manistique.

Everybody who viewed the light said they saw what they saw, but they just didn't know what they saw.

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The objects did not show up on radar, Air Force spokesmen said.

Then, they were spotted nearly 50 miles away in the Firestone area of Los Angeles county by two patrolmen. A Firestone resident said his home was bathed in a flood of blue light from the objects.

Within the next few minutes, they were spotted over various locations of Southern California, appearing to flit from location to location, covering as many as 50 miles in a matter of seconds.

The Air Force stopped its investigation of UFOs in 1969, concluding that UFOs were not a threat to national security, "did not represent technological developments beyond the range of present-day scientific knowledge" and did not likely come from outer space.

What, then, were those things in the sky that were seen by so many people in so many places?

"Beats the hell out of me," said Daly, "I wish I knew."

ST. MARY'S, PA. PRESS
*****MAR 23, 1977*****

UFOs SIGHTED

DUBOIS — Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) were out in full force Monday night in the DuBois area, according to hundreds of reports of sightings.

Reynoldsville Borough Police Officer Ralph August saw a "sausage-shaped" UFO above the Engle farm just west of Reynoldsville off Route 322, and has five eyewitnesses.

The object emitted a steady flashing light while remaining stationary above the farm, he stated.

It then sped off toward Bookville, he said. Brookville residents reported seeing a UFO over that Jefferson County Borough, also, hovering above the armory.

UFO' gives area residents a scare

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By Greg Olson

Look up in the sky! It's a bird!
It's a plane! No, it's a UFO?

According to many Laurens area residents strange things have appeared in the western sky this past month.

People who have sighted an unusual object say it appeared to be large and oval shaped, with a

reddish-orange glow.

"I would guess that it was as big as a car," says one person who spotted the glow, Jacqueline Stelter of Marathon. Miss Stelter, who spotted the object just west of Marathon Feb. 11, said it appeared to be about one or two miles away and floating just above the horizon. "It moved northward along the horizon and then disappeared."

Miss Stelter also said she spotted a similar glow three nights later just south of Storm Lake. "This time it was greenish in color and appeared much farther away."

Doug Burns of Marathon and Kim Sunner of Laurens also said they saw the "UFO" later that same week. On Feb. 17 at about 9 p.m., Miss Sunner and a group of her friends first spotted the glow over Marathon. They drove to Marathon, where they met Burns who said that he had also spotted it.

The group then followed it westward out of Marathon. They said it appeared "reddish-orange in color with light rays coming out of the sides." Burns also said that it

moved along the horizon at what looked like a distance of two miles.

No one seems to have any type of logical explanation as to what is causing the glow. What is certain is that it has given some area residents a scare.

NASHVILLE BANNER - TENN.
*****MAR 21, 1977*****

UFO Sighting Apparently 'Just Meteor'

! The State Civil Defense office today reported it was swamped with calls Sunday morning from people claiming to have sighted an unidentified flying object just before dawn.

Officials feel certain the UFO, described as a bright ball of fire which left a trail of sparks and disappeared in a puff of smoke, was nothing more than a meteor falling to earth.

Lacy Suiter, operations officer with the State Civil Defense office here, said his office made calls to the UFO Center in Washington and the Kennedy Space Center in Florida to determine the nature of the object. It had been reported by residents in Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama.

"We must have had 1,000 calls from people in the course of two hours," Suiter said. "One man said he saw it land at the 205-mile mark on Interstate 40. That would have put it right in downtown Nashville.

"Another said he saw it land at the Kentucky-Tennessee border. Cape Kennedy said they had no reports of any space garbage falling to earth, so the thinking here is that it was just a meteorite."

SHELBY, N.C. CLEVELAND TIMES
*****MAR. 8, 1977*****

UFOs Spotted Off Kings Road

It was 5:54 a.m. about two weeks ago when Giles Shytle was running his regular "Charlotte Observer" route in Shelby. "I was putting a paper in a box and I looked up and there were two things in the sky. They were just about 200 feet up. They were giant things. They had a wing span of about 200 feet and were just sitting up there hardly moving at all. They had red, white and blue flashing lights on them and I just figured it was something the Army had made. I got a good long look at them and I got kind of afraid when I realized they weren't making any noise. There were two right beside each other. They didn't have a smell or anything but the bottom part of it was turning. It was so big that it was like they could look down and see

me, but I couldn't see them. The lights were red on the end and then white in the middle and blue on the other end and they alternated. It just puzzled me when I didn't hear anything. It got me uneasy. I would have gotten out and rang somebody's door bell so they could have seen them too, but there were dogs all around right there. They were just left of Carl Spangler, Jr.'s house. I told him about them later, but he just laughed about it. I guess anybody would. I would have called the newspapers or told the radio or something, but I figured they would say it was just another nut," he joked.

He went on to explain the sighting. "I drove down the street a piece away from them. I figured when I got out at Dr. Harris' I would get a better look at them. I have to get out of the car to put his paper in the box because it's

on the other side of the road. When I looked back, they weren't there. I didn't see anything and I had not heard anything. I just wasn't expecting to see anything like that. Now, I look every morning when I get to that box to see if I can spot them. They were both just like two giant box kites. It couldn't have been flying saucers because they weren't shaped like saucers," he commented. Unidentified flying objects are many different shapes, according to UFO books).

Shytle isn't the only person in Shelby who has sighted strange objects in the early morning hours or the early evening hours. More than 50 persons in the Shelby area have reported such sightings in the last several years and many more are probably keeping the sightings to themselves until more people have seen the same thing.

SHERIDAN, ORE. - SUN

MAY 10, 1977

Was It UFO? Or What

BY JEANNE REICH

If you thought you saw a strange object in the sky last Wednesday--be relieved...you weren't the only one.

The unusual phenomenon was seen over Sheridan by several of its citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Ogle were among the Sheridanites who observed the occurrence February 2.

Ogle first observed "a round ball of light much bigger than a star while driving home from McMinnville around 8:30 p.m. He watched the object change position as he drove home and

continued to observe it from his family room once he had arrived at his Cherry Hill residence where height gave a good opportunity to view the unusual sight.

The Ogles watched the object for an hour as it descended rapidly, then stopped and hovered while changing colors, blending slowly from white to amber to red. Then...it

moved from sight below the hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cummings, neighbors of the Ogles, observed the same phenomenon. Their son, Roger Waller, called Walt Allen, Sheridan High School science teacher.

Mrs. Allen reports that she and her husband saw the object "hanging over the

MARYSVILLE, CALIF. - APPEAL-DEMOCRAT

MAR. 7, 1977

Six UFO Reports

Yuba City police last night received six reports of an unidentified flying object.

Wayne Dahling, 836 Bridge St., one of the callers, said he and his neighbors spotted the bright object over Sutter about 7:30 p.m. and that it remained in the sky at least until 10 p.m.

Dahling said he used field glasses to get a better look at the object and said it was circular in shape and honeycombed in texture. He said it drifted slowly westward towards the coast, then returned to its first location. It was between 3,000 and 4,000 feet in the air, he said.

Police received five other reports between 7:28 p.m. and 8:18 p.m. yesterday.

Spokesmen at Beale Air Force Base and the Yuba County Airport said they knew of nothing that could have accounted for the object.

SHERIDAN, ORE. - SUN

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Is Definition Of UFO?

mountains toward the west. Using a telescope, they watched the object descend in a vertical path and change colors from red to orange to white several times.

Mr. and Mrs. David Wart were others who watched the object on their way home from McMinnville that evening.

When called, Ralph Turner, who heads the Rock Creek

Experiment Station, said he wasn't home that evening. Turner, a planetologist, worked for several years at the Lunar and Planetology Lab in Arizona.

Turner remarked: "It is premature to call sightings like that 'UFOs.' It is a catchword that bring all sort of things to mind."

He did feel the descriptions are "a good thing to have and

the sightings of several observers would help to plot the object's position."

Turner's first reaction was to say it was a weather balloon "or someone fooling around."

Ogle said, at first, he thought it might have been a balloon, also, but it didn't descend like a balloon.

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines UFO simply as

"an unidentified flying object," then goes on to say "especially flying saucer."

Whatever one's feelings are on the controversial subject of UFO, the object on view last Wednesday night certainly answered to part of that description -- "an unidentified flying object."

Or, as Turner staged, "Unknown to us anyway."

Washington Whispers

Chances Now for Tax Rebate ... Official Word Coming On "UFO's" ... If Ham Jordan Won't Answer a Call—

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT
*****APR. 18, 1977*****

Odds now are better than 50-50 that President Carter's proposal for a \$50 tax rebate will be killed in Congress.

Before the year is out, the Government—perhaps the President—is expected to make what are described as "unsettling disclosures" about UFOs—unidentified flying objects. Such revelations, based on information from the CIA, would be a reversal of official policy that in the past has downgraded UFO incidents.

VICTORVILLE, CALIF. - DAILY PRESS
*****MAR. 23, 1977*****

UFOs leave three men up in the air

By MIKE HERNANDEZ
Daily Press Staff Writer

APPLE VALLEY — Three Kaiser workers from Lucerne Valley and an Apple Valley commercial licensed pilot in two separate sightings were among the many observers statewide that reported seeing Unidentified Flying Objects early Tuesday morning.

Ruben Barajas, 23; Hector Lugo, 23, and Rick Ashley, 28; reported sighting two objects (2-3 miles past the dry lake before Deadman's Point) at 3:15 a.m. Tuesday as they traveled on Highway 18.

Barajas said he first saw the two bright shining tubular objects while driving. No markings were seen or noise heard as the objects approached the car at approximately 800 feet of altitude.

Upon stopping the car, the UFO's accelerated and appeared to dis-

appear. Barajas said the objects "left a tail emitted from a power source that was silver with a blue streak through it."

Bill Lennington, a WW-II pilot, reported seeing an object in the sky approximately 4-5,000 feet at 3:25 a.m. Tuesday.

The object he said was traveling from Phelan (at what appeared as a distance of 50 miles from his location on Rancherias and Rincon Roads) towards Apple Valley in excess of 1,000 miles per hour.

When directly over him, the object seemed to separate and continued to travel parallel to the road in a Southwest direction and then finally disintegrate with a puff of smoke.

The George AFB Information Officer reported no calls on any UFO sightings. Officials said no UFO sightings had been reported for over a year.

WEST WARWICK, R.I. - TIMES
*****MAR 23, 1977*****

Many UFOs seen

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UFO sighted at Keokee and Big Stone Gap

Spring this year has not only brought the budding of trees, the popping up of early blooming flowers and new rich, dark, green grass but also the sighting of a UFO.

That's an unidentified flying object for the uninitiated.

Leon Sturgill of Keokee reported seeing what looked like a huge keyhole, a triangle with a circle in the top, and brilliant white, glowing in the sky just before daylight Sunday morning.

Sturgill was on his way to work in Norton from Keokee when he sighted the object.

"It was stationary for awhile, but after I stopped my car and got out, it began moving into a cloud." Sturgill said the UFO made no noise.

He said the sky was cloudy and there was no chance of the sun reflecting on a metal object.

Sturgill said he later reported the incident to the Big Stone Gap Police Department where one of the patrolmen on duty told him he also saw the object early that morning.

Sturgill said that Anna Mae Huffman of Big Stone Gap and Mary Green of Keokee had also reported seeing the UFO.

BIG STONE GAP, VA. - POST
*****MAR. 24, 1977*****

2 UFOs spotted by A.F. pilots

FONTANA — Two diamond-shaped objects, listed as unidentified flying objects, were spotted this morning by seven March Air Force Base airmen, a spokesman for March AFB said today.

The airman said the UFOs seen were gold and silver diamond-shaped objects leaving a blue stream behind them. The objects were in view for 15 seconds and then disappeared.

The airmen were flying a patrol at about 3,000 feet when they spotted the UFOs traveling from south to north at high speeds at 3:28 a.m.

The Air Force will not follow up its sighting since it terminated its study of UFOs in 1969 and no longer investigates such reports. However, the March AFB spokesman said this is the first UFO that has been reported to him since he began working at the base nearly a year ago.

The spokesman said he knew of no individual spottings of the object from the ground, but he said at least six inquiries from the media were made. A Norton Air Force Base spokeswoman had no information in the sightings, but reported she had received inquiries from four radio stations and six newspapers from as far away as Los Angeles.

FONTANA, CALIF. - HERALD-NEWS

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VENTURA, CALIF. - STAR-FREE PRESS

MAR. 23, 1977

Disk-shaped objects seen hovering in county skies

Several persons in Ventura County and a number of law enforcement officers elsewhere in Southern California reported a rash of UFO sightings late Monday and early Tuesday.

Mysterious bright lights that hovered, cruised and zoomed were reportedly seen in the skies over Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

The East Valley Sheriff's station in Ventura County received several calls about UFOs.

Steve Haas, a supervisor at Chase Brothers Dairy, Oxnard, said he saw the objects about 3:30 a.m. Tuesday but would have forgotten about them if he hadn't heard radio reports of sightings by a Los Angeles sheriff's helicopter crew.

Haas was on Highway 101 near Montalvo when he saw the two disk-shaped objects with vapor trails. The objects were a glowing gold color, he said, and were

"in such tandem that they looked like they were attached at first."

They appeared to be coming from over the ocean and going toward the mountains, he said. They made no noise.

He said they were "definitely something I'd never seen before."

A spokesman at the Point Mugu Navy base said none of the base's missiles or aircraft were aloft at the time.

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Nearby, two Highway Patrol officers, Robert Scholl and L. Orchard, noted in

POMONA, CAL. - PROGRESS-BULLETIN

MAR 22, 1977

Sheriff's helicopter crew reports UFO near Industry

By JACK BURSON
PB Staff Writer

An airborne sheriff's helicopter crew late Monday night reported encountering the same fast-moving unidentified flying object near Industry which resulted in similar sightings north to Sacramento.

The sighting occurred while the crew, Pilot Raymond Davis, 39, and Observer Theodore Roach, were at about 600 feet. They were approaching Industry on routine patrol after having taken off a few minutes before from the Long Beach Airport.

The deputies said they noticed a

very bright light, attached to nothing, approaching them from the northeast. It passed in front of them at a distance of about one-quarter of a mile and they turned to follow. When they did, it accelerated away at great speed, they said.

The sighting was made over Colima Pass in a cloudless sky, the crew reported. Both Davis and Roach are experienced airmen, having logged thousands of air hours, a department spokesman said.

Several hours later, Deputy Lonnie Hicks, 28, and his partner, Robert Carr, 33, spotted two moving, very

bright lights in the sky in the Firestone area. They said the lights were four to five times larger and were far brighter than any stars in the sky. The objects moved in a westerly direction and passed from horizon to horizon in less than half-a-minute, they said.

At about the same time another deputy, John McSorley, 52, assigned to the sheriff's aero detail at the Long Beach Airport, reported seeing apparently the two same lights. He said they appeared to be at about 1,500 feet and were moving at great speed.

their log "a bright light with a vapor trail" that hovered over the Box Springs Canyon area north of the air base in Riverside County.

At the same time and 50 miles to the west, Los Angeles sheriff's Deputies Lonnie Hicks, 28, and Robert Carr, 34, said they saw a bright light following another light through the sky over Firestone. A resident of the area called the sheriff's station to report the same objects, deputies said.

About 10 minutes later and 12 miles to the south, Deputy John McSorley at the sheriff's helicopter station at Long Beach reported two mysterious bright lights eastbound over the airfield.

Sgt. Vincent Rupp, monitoring radio traffic at the East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station, said there were many radio reports of such sightings between 3:45 and 4 a.m. in Southern California and some from as far away as Salinas and Sacramento — more than 350 miles to the north.

McSorley's report was followed within a few minutes by a call to the sheriff's department by Huntington Beach police who said their helicopter crew also had spotted two unidentified lights. Those officers said they were far brighter than any aircraft landing lights they had seen.

The sheriff's department spokesman added that deputies monitoring the civilian defense radio frequency in the department's communications office in Los Angeles heard reports of many similar sightings of the unidentified flying objects.

'We fled for our lives'

How one Calif. family survived a UFO attack

by STEPHANE WARD

A man, his wife and their children recently fled their home in Colusa, California, when one of two UFOs hovering near their home on the outskirts of town started to act in a threatening manner.

Bill Pecha, 39, mechanic and his wife Lenda, 34, both saw the unidentified flying object, as did their children and another couple to whom the Pechas fled for refuge.

Before the terrifying UFO attack, Pecha said he had always been sceptical about the existence of UFOs.

"But I believe now," he said after his shattering experience. "There's got to be something."

His wife added: "It was something I have never seen before and I have a feeling it was not something our people have made."

A local policeman, Bill Wheeler spoke to Pecha while investigating the incident. He said: "Pecha is a very reliable person I would say. He was quite convinced of what he had seen. I don't think he is an excitable type. I would say he was very sane and could be relied on."

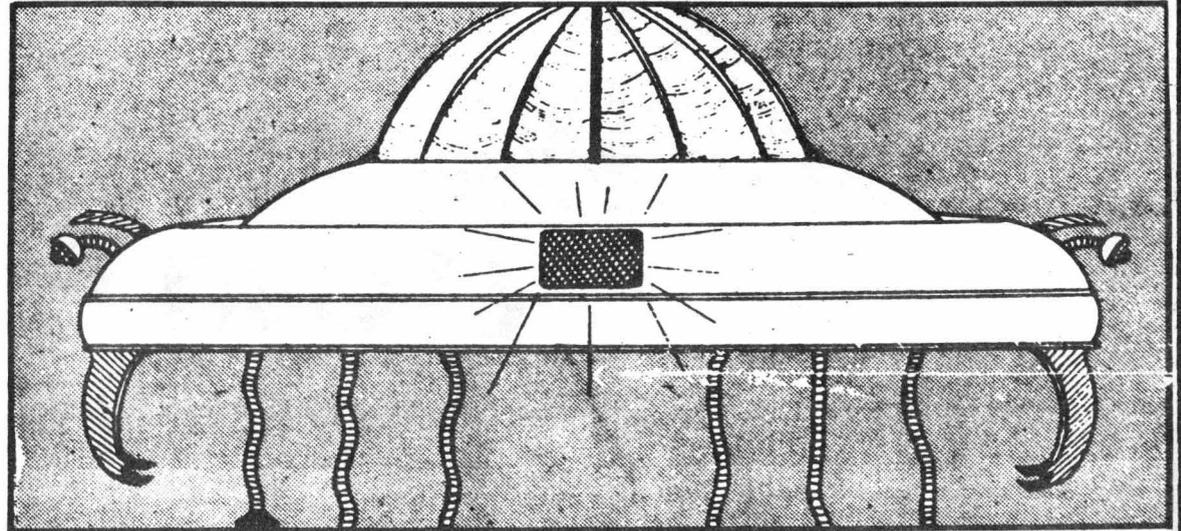
Pecha would never have seen the alien spacecraft if his T.V. set had not suddenly gone off due to a power failure. The air conditioner went off at the same time, and he decided to check outside to see if a power line was down.

But when he went outside he saw a flying saucer hovering above his home. He described the object as being about 140 feet wide. Said Pecha: "At first I couldn't believe what I was seeing. Then I felt all my hair standing on end.

"It was a crystal clear night, about 12.45 a.m., and I could see it had a ribbed dome that was a dull silvery color. The edge of the saucer area looked like stainless steel and was rotating. But there was no sound."

Then, Pecha says, the saucer started moving away, retracting six dangling objects that looked like metallic cables along with two long hooks. It then switched on two white lights and a shaft of white light that ended in mid-air.

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This is an artist's drawing of the UFO which tried to hunt the Pecha family down just after it turned the 500,000-volt power lines near his home red-hot

Terrified, Pecha ran back inside his house and he and his wife saw the UFO speeding towards a ridge of hills about 20 miles away. It reached them in a few seconds and flooded them with light. Then, it turned around and headed back for Pecha's home.

Now thoroughly terrified, he decided to get his family to safety. In explaining his actions, Pecha said: "It was more horrifying the more I saw of it."

Pecha piled his family into his pickup truck and drove off towards the home of friends at 90 miles per hour. When he reached the home of Les and Gayle Arant he pounded on their front door.

Said Gayle Arant later: "He was yelling at me to look up in the sky. This very large object was going across the sky from east to west. I was dumbfounded. I really believe it was from outer space."

Whatever it was, the mysterious object cannot be pooh-poohed away by those who claim flying saucers don't exist. It was the UFO that chased Pecha and another smaller one which caused the power failure in his home. When he first went out he saw them hovering over the 500,000-volt power lines not far from his home. The lines, he said, were glowing red.



Bill and Lenda Pecha are lucky to be alive

Door-Co. Residents Sight UFO

By ANNE HAUSER

Press-Gazette Correspondent

STURGEON BAY — More than a dozen persons in an area stretching from Sturgeon Bay to Sister Bay in Door County reported seeing an Unidentified Flying Object on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

The UFO was described by most of those claiming to have sighted it as "sausage or oblong-shaped," brightly colored and bathed in light.

According to a number of reports, it was first noticed by Jim Richmond of Jacksonport Tuesday about 8:30 p.m.

"A weird experience," is the way Richmond described the sighting.

Richmond said he was sitting in his living room looking out the window when he saw what he first believed was a bright star moving back and forth in the western sky.

Realizing it couldn't be a star, Richmond said he picked up his binoculars and went out on the front porch for a better look. Through the binoculars he was able to see the UFO mov-

ing from side to side, stopping and then moving again.

"I knew it couldn't be a plane," Richmond said.

In a short time, news of Richmond's discovery spread, first to the Robert LeClair family across Highway 57 and then to a number of their friends in the village.

Jim Kaus, his two sons, Dennis and Daniel, were visiting a friend, Don Badtke when Mike LeClaire telephoned. Kaus said the four then went outside and spotted "this awful big outfit" above the treetops to the west.

"I've never seen anything like it before," reported Kaus. "It can make a believer out of you. The lights kept glowing from bright to dim."

Kaus and Joanne LeClaire both described the UFO as sausage-shaped, with a red middle section and green on the bottom and top.

About the same time in Sturgeon Bay, 16-year-old Kevin Moore and his mother, Mrs. Edward Moore, watched as an oblong-shaped object which was "red in the middle" moved up and

down and crosswise in the sky for about an hour.

Wednesday, between 8 and 9 p.m., Russell Lundquist of rural Sister Bay said he saw something unusual from his window and went out into the yard for a better look. Lundquist, who was cautious about calling it a UFO, said, "Whatever it was, it was quite bright with some kind of light surrounding it. It was jumping around, not like anything you ever saw before."

About the same time Wednesday, Mrs. Dale Orsted and her son, Rande, who live on County EE of Baileys Harbor, spotted what they described as a "big ball" when they looked out their window.

Mrs. Orsted said the object, which was quite a distance away, was green on the bottom with a middle section of the "reddest red I've ever seen" and moved crosswise for about 15 minutes before disappearing "in a blink of the eye."

A check with Thomas Heiman, associate director of the UFO Education Center in Appleton, disclosed that there had been an unusual flurry of

sightings in the Fox Valley in the past week.

The center, a nonprofit organization funded by private donations, provides a clearing house for UFO information, Heiman said.

There is a good rapport between local law enforcement agencies and the center, Heiman said. When persons claiming to have seen UFOs report the sightings to the agencies they are referred to the center or the agencies calling the information.

About 90 per cent of sightings are unreported, Heiman said, and he added he was encouraged so many persons in Door County were sharing their experiences.

Any person believing that he or she may have sighted an object is urged, Heiman said, to call the center in Appleton or write P.O. Box 1436, Appleton 54911.

He stressed that persons interested keep a camera handy and log any sightings. He said it isn't necessary to use a flash because of the amount of light usually given off by the objects.

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'Texas Trapezoid' Attracting UFOs?

By IMA JO FLEETWOOD
News-Herald Staff

"You've heard of the Bermuda Triangle," Barbara Petsch said this morning; "The Texas trapezoid has been worked out after being under scrutiny since 1974.

"Ruby Lamb provided the solution," Mrs. Petsch said. "It includes the four fields of

sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects. The Texas trapezoid is considered the location for the open door to electric energy."

A trapezoid is a plane four-sided figure with two parallel sides.

"Mrs. Lamb figured the Texas trapezoid, starting at Del Rio, extends to Langtry, Baker's Crossing on Devil's River south of Juno, thence to Rocksprings and back down to Del Rio.

Mrs. Petsch was slated to appear on the Allen Dale talk show early this afternoon. She will talk by telephone from her Studio Green; there at the adjacent boat storage building, "Skyline 606" is inscribed in large letters. Since the letters were painted, air traffic over the area has doubled, Mrs. Petsch said.

"I am sure I will be asked if

it bothers me that I am considered a kook," Mrs. Petsch said. "I will answer that in Del Rio each person is allowed his own psychic space; if another does not share this psychic space I just tell them I will pray for them. We are interested in reporting UFO sightings; reports of them may be called to Dennis Dupree," Mrs. Petsch said.

GREEN BAY, WIS. - PRESS-GAZETTE
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UFO Sightings Continue But Not In Erie Area - Yet

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"Has anyone reported any UFO's to your department lately?" the Times asked Erie Police Captain Walter Tofel, in the wake of sightings reported in Punxsutawney.

"UFO's?" Tofel said. "Naw, that's a phenomena"

Then he speculated that no UFOs have been seen in the Erie area because there has been too much ice on the car windshields.

"People always seem to start seeing them about this time of year," he said, a little more seriously. "It must be some sort of atmospheric condition associated with the season."

Robert L. Cowell, co-director of the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research, Irwin, Pa., disagreed.

At least one sighting in Punxsutawney appeared to have been valid and involved "a pretty bona fide UFO," he said.

The UFO was seen by Kay Bowser, a 28-year-old housewife. She had just left her

mother's house in the Big Run area with a friend and her eight-year-old son when she looked toward the top of a hill and noticed what appeared to be two large headlights. Then she thought that the bright yellow light belonged to a new drilling rig, common in the area.

"But then we noticed that the lights were a lot bigger and closer together," she said. "I remember saying, 'My God, what is that?'"

She said she drove to her home, and noticed that the object was following the car. Her husband then drove her to a girlfriend's house, and the object followed the car to the girlfriend's house, then followed it back again to the Bowser home.

It hovered over the residence for some time, and state police were called.

State Police Trooper Phillip Dale confirmed that he saw the object, as did a radio technician at WPME Radio, Punxsutawney.

The UFO was described as about the size of a basketball in the sky.

"That's pretty large," Cowell said. "If you hold a dime out to arm's length, it would cover the full moon. Something appearing to be the size of a basketball had to be quite large."

Cowell said that in all, six sightings were reported in the Punxsutawney area Saturday night. On Monday, 15 to 29 ad-

ditional sightings were reported. Most of Monday's sightings, he said, appeared to be only a reaction to the publicity given to Saturday's sightings.

He said that Saturday's sighting by the Bowser family appeared to be a "genuine UFO."

"It was certainly unusual," he said. "I can't imagine what kind of conventional aircraft would go around following people."

Cowell said that Saturday's sighting was the type the federal government would investigate.

"Personally, I still believe the government is investigating UFO sightings," he said. "Several people in Pennsylvania reporting good sightings have been contacted by Air Force and government officials asking for all the information they could possibly get."

Cowell said he believed President Carter would find it hard to fulfill his campaign promise to release all the information to the public that the government had on UFOs.

"I think he's probably found he can't do that for reasons of national security," Cowell said.

The Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research has been in existence for about four years.

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UFO group reports weird sightings

SEBRING—Reports of Bigfoot sightings and UFOs were told to those present recently at the monthly meeting of the Tri-County UFO Study group held at the Lakeside Pines Restaurant in North Benton.

Effie Glover of Alliance who is the group research coordinator on the creature referred to usually as Bigfoot, spoke on her research of the subject.

Pat Kaforey of Akron, research coordinator for the group, showed slides of his ufology research and related a Bigfoot case that Larry Moyers of the Akron AFSIC UFO Group is investigating.

It involves a shooting

of a creature by three young boys in a northern location of Ohio. Supposedly the creature approached the boys with out-stretched arms with its palms up.

The unidentified boys described the creature as covered with hair except for its face, which appeared like leather, a very foul smell was also noticed. The creature grasped its arm after being shot, cried out and ran off into the woods. Tracks were found and other sounds of cries were heard like several different creatures.

James Rastetter of Sebring, chairman of the group, played a tape recording and showed clippings sent to him

from Earl J. Neff ufologist from Cleveland on Betty Hill's UFO talk.

Rastetter also stated that the Cleveland Ufology Project UFO Group will celebrate their 25th year of having monthly UFO meetings for the public. Neff, who is often referred to as "The dean Of Ufology" throughout the U.S. and Canada because of his many T.V. Radio and public appearances, is the director of the group. Rastetter and several members plan to attend this meeting on March 19 for the celebration.

Next month the meeting will be moved

to the Third Saturday, April 16 and a special lecture by Paul J. L. Rozich will be presented. This will include an explanation of the 5000 year old Piri Reis Map.

The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. at the same location and is open to the public.

UT Physics Professor Offers Possible Explanation About Mysterious UFO Sightings At Hickory Creek

By Jack London

HICKORY CREEK — The mysterious sightings of bright orange lights glowing in the sky at night still continues here—but the 'Orange Rascal' (the name the CB Radio operators have placed on it) is not quite as strange as it once appeared.

Since my article appeared March 2 about the mysterious phenomenon, a deluge of people have contacted me with helpful information and acknowledgements of sightings. After assembling all the evidence, we decided that it was best to call in some professionals to pursue the matter in order to obtain credibility in case there were something unusual to the sightings.

To rehash the situation again briefly, near a small town called Hickory Creek (between Wolfe City and Leonard) a rash of strange orange glowing lights have appeared in the sky on approximately 22 of the last 28 days. These 'sightings' consist of stories of bright orange glows that land in fields, seemingly disappearing (or losing their lights) at will, and flying at fast rates of speed.

Several hundred people have witnessed the sightings—yet no

one can give a good description of what they saw.

Dr. Tinsley

With this in mind, I contacted Dr. Brian Tinsley of the University of Texas at Dallas Physics Department. UTD is one of the most respected aerospace and astrological universities in the world, and several pieces of equipment on the moon today were built at the Dallas County School.

Dr. Tinsley is a native of New Zealand who has been in this country for 13 years. Yet, his travels have not taken him thru many rural areas of Texas and he was quite unprepared for the night of activities that occurred on Friday, March 4.

You see, it was on this day that many interested individuals got together and mapped out a game strategy to try and figure out exactly what this 'Orange Rascal' was. Scouts were set up in a circumference all the way from near Greenville northwest thru Celeste to Leonard, then East by Hickory Creek to Wolfe City. All monitors stayed on channel 20, and as soon as anything suspicious appeared the message was to be relayed to the Command Station set up west of the junction of FM 272 and 870.

Scouts

Since the professor was late and didn't have a CB radio, all scouts were alerted to watch out for a red-bearded man in a small brown Datsun with no 'ears' (CB antenna). So its easy to understand that when he was cited, how all personnel converged to Hickory Creek at one time to tell him where to set up the powerful telescopes and heat-seeking detectors he was supposed to have with him.

You can imagine his surprise when fifteen different vehicles headed him off at the pass! I suppose if he had been a member of some minority, that he would have thought that he was getting kidnapped. But since I don't believe that New Zealanders are really disliked by anyone, his worry didn't last two long.

Dr. Tinsley's presence at the sightings was necessary not only for authenticity, but to offer a plausible explanation of what the mystery might be. Too often I had heard over the CB radio someone describe what appeared to be the orange rascal landing in a field between Leonard and Celeste—which is exactly where DFW airport would appear to a person watching from Hickory Creek. Possibly some of the

sightings of the light landing in a field far away were merely a jumbo jet turning at an angle to land at DFW and having its bright light fade out. But certainly not all, because of the closeness and confirmation by reliable individuals.

Anyway, the professor set up his telescope and—you guessed it—the Orange Rascal didn't appear. However, he did offer some interesting insight into the possibility of what the phenomenon might be.

Helicopter

Since I never served in Vietnam, I was unaware that the US has a type of Reconnaissance helicopter that is very quiet. This would explain why no engine motor is ever heard, even by those who have seen it up close.

The possibility exist that some Naval Air Station around here is testing helicopter pilots at night. Perhaps they are required to fly without lights while practicing picking up supplies (or, in war, wounded soldiers) using their radar to fly above the treetops and terrain. Then upon leaving, perhaps they have a bright producing light that would keep enemy soldiers from 1. knowing what the object is, and 2. what to shoot at.

We need to remember that different parts of the world have different cultures, and perhaps in a place like Asia where superstition runs wild, the bright orange glow would scare the enemy.

Steve Davis

Anyway, whether this explanation is feasible or not, it would certainly explain the odd event that happened to Wolfe City resident Steve Davis and two of his friends the other night.

Steve is the type of man (6'5", 230 lbs) that when he speaks, people listen. As he was plowing land north of Hickory Creek the other night, two friends stopped by to chat when he reached the end of one windrow. The three were talking as the tractor remained running with its lights on, when a bright orange light appeared above the treetops a couple of hundred yards away coming at them. The three went to investigate when it apparently saw the tractor lights and flew away—going up and down over the tops of the trees like a roller-coaster.

The big man from Wolfe City was not shaken by the incident, but he does add that he doesn't plan to do any more plowing at night.

Dr. Tinsley left to go home

about 9:30 Friday night, apparently convinced that whatever we had been seeing was not a UFO even though he was disappointed that it didn't appear while his telescope was set up.

Celeste

It was about the time he left that the CB started blasting away with reports that it had been sighted landing in a field near Celeste.

About half a dozen cars drove down the winding farm road to Highway 69, where we turned left and proceeded three miles to small dirt road east of an abandoned schoolhouse. There, two Celeste high school youths, David West (16) and Steve Glasscock (14) were waiting to point out where they saw it land while we talked to their father, Edwin West (who goes by a CB name of Mr. Ed), on the radio.

Seems that David's mother had seen a bright orange light in the field and sent the boys to investigate. Once the youths were out, they saw the orange glow appear very bright in a field and rise when it vanished (or its lights went out).

This reported sighting was consistent with other reports, and its interesting to note that Mr Ed

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said that the boys felt as though they were scared out of ten year's growth.

It is refreshing to hear and interview young men like these two Celeste youths. You could be sure by their manners and politeness that they are reliable witnesses.

Muddy

Now you're going to ask "why didn't we go out in the pasture to see where it landed?" Well, to put it bluntly, since the weeds in that field were very high and the ground very muddy, we waited until the next morning.

Despite the wide area where the landing could have occurred, it was hard to spot anywhere that touchdown definitely did occur—even though we did find one place where it appeared the weeds had been rested on by some sort of object. But nothing that could be determined positively.

I had rented a telescopic camera with a 4x lens for the occasion, and got only one picture that night of the orange rascal as it appeared above Celeste. Some CB operator whom I only know by his handle 'the Boomerang' gave a good description of how it lit up the countryside.

Summary

In summing up the mystery of the Orange Rascal, at least as far as I'm concerned, it is some sort of man-made phenomenon that has never caused anyone any harm. I have since talked to people who say they have witnessed it on and off for the last three years, and I even know one young

man who thought he was chasing it when it turned out he was really following the planet Venus as it set in the west.

Others and myself will continue to look for it periodically, and if any closeup pictures ever are taken, then we'll try to have them published in a reliable publication such as the Daily Favorite. It's very unfortunate that a Greenville newspaper misquoted officer David Wright of the Wolfe City Police Department. When I talked to officer Wright, he said that he never confirmed that it was a helicopter but merely implied that it took a path similar to that of what a helicopter might take.

It appears to me that from a journalistic point of view, such an issue as the Orange Rascal should be investigated, instead of written off without even giving the witnesses a fair chance to express themselves.

So if anyone wants to believe that the Orange Rascal is a bunch of little green men bent on conquering the world—then you're welcome too. But don't be surprised if someone tries to sell you some 'valuable' real estate in Arizona within driving distance of a mountain. And it even has water.

Sometimes.

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*****MARCH 23, 1977*****

Twin Meteors?

Mystery Shrouds Sightings of UFO

Two mysterious diamond-shaped objects that zipped across Southland skies streaming trails of blue fumes likely will remain a mystery since no official investigations are planned.

Seven March Air Force Base airmen, two Los Angeles County Sheriff's helicopter crewmen and two California Highway Patrolmen were among those who saw the pair of bright objects traveling across the sky early Tuesday morning at high speeds.

Maj. Brian Daly, information officer at March Air Force Base, said the Air Force would not investigate the matter because "the Air Force is no longer in the UFO investigating business."

The Air Force ceased investigating UFOs in 1969 when it published the results of a 21-year study and concluded that UFOs were not a threat to national security, did not represent technological developments beyond the range of present-day scientific knowledge and did not likely come from outer space.

A scientist at Griffith Park Observatory speculated that what witnesses saw might have been a rare astronomical phenomenon, such as a double meteor.

Dr. Edwin Krupp added, however, that he "didn't want to insist" his explanation was correct because neither he nor anyone at the observatory saw the objects.

An Air Force spokesman said the objects did not appear on any radar screens.

Other law enforcement agencies in the county are not equipped to investigate UFO sightings.

ALLIANCE, OHIO - REVIEW

*****MAR. 9, 1977*****

Sighting Of UFO Is Related

A young Rogers' couple was "shook-up" Monday evening when they observed a low flying UFO as they were traveling on Rte. 517 between Lisbon and East Fairfield.

The 8 p.m. sighting was described as a bell-shaped object flying horizontally. They first noticed the UFO approaching them looking like landing lights on a plane but then noticed the lights projected a beam of light to the ground and then up into the clouds. The couple stopped their car and got out to observe better.

As the object passed nearly overhead, at less than tree top height, they saw colored lights on the back end of red, green and blueish green. There was only a slight humming sound and the UFO moved so slowly it was in view for approximately 10 minutes when finally it raised up and disappeared into the clouds in the east.

Investigators of the Tri-County UFO Study Group would appreciate hearing from others that may have witnessed the sighting by calling James Rastetter, UFO field investigator in Sebring, or writing to the group's headquarters addressed Box 2, Sebring. /

LACONIA EVENING CITIZEN

*****LACONIA, NH*****

*****MAR 4, 1977*****

Report UFO Sighting

TAMWORTH — Several persons reported seeing an unidentified flying object last night at about 9:15.

Described as a reddish-blue light, it was apparently similar to a searchlight, but remained stationary for a period of 10 to 15 minutes before it disappeared.

Twins Back UFO Sighting With Sketches

By MARK D. MARQUETTE
Staff Writer

Two nine-year-old Findlay brothers familiar with airplanes say they saw a UFO Friday night, and they have similar sketches of the object to back up the frightening experience.

Twins Greg and Scott DeRodes were playing in the backyard of their 1135 W. Sandusky St. home when at about 6:20 p.m. Greg spotted an unusual object in the western twilight sky.

"I was scared, and started to turn away, but Scott said wait, 'let's look at it,'" Greg told The Courier 45-minutes after the experience.

Both brothers described the object as bright gold and producing a strange buzzing sound.

"It didn't have wings and it didn't look like a balloon," Scott said. "It

had legs all over it."

After a few spellbound minutes, Scott yelled at his dad, Donald, who now regrets that he ran out of the house without his glasses.

"All I could see was a gold light that looked like it was over the airport," DeRodes said. "I wish I could have seen it."

DeRodes, an Upper Sandusky junior high school teacher, said he immediately ushered his twin boys into separate rooms with paper and pens, instructing them to make a drawing of what they saw.

A minute later, each boy produced sketches with undeniable similarities.

Each drew a circle covered with points and balls. Scott sketched more detail in the center of his saying "there was legs all over." Greg

left the center as a large mass, "it was just plain gold, no other color."

The results were a mild shock to DeRodes and his wife, Cherry, both saying they have an open mind on UFO's

"They are not the type to be imagining things," Mrs. DeRodes said, adding the family has never really discussed UFO's. "There's a real possibility it was one."

Greg and Scott, both third grade A and B students at Adams School, don't believe they saw an airplane, a familiar object as their house lies under the airport flight path.

A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration at Findlay Airport checked the air traffic at the time the boys sighted their UFO and reported nothing unusual, only one take-off of a small aircraft.

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"It sounds far out, but their stories and drawings are the same," DeRodes said.

Neither boy could accurately determine the size or altitude of the UFO.

"It was flying pretty low when we first saw it, higher than a telephone pole," Greg said. The boys said the aircraft flew slowly higher, over beyond Ashland Oil Co. and toward the airport.

They each remarked about the unusual noise of the UFO.

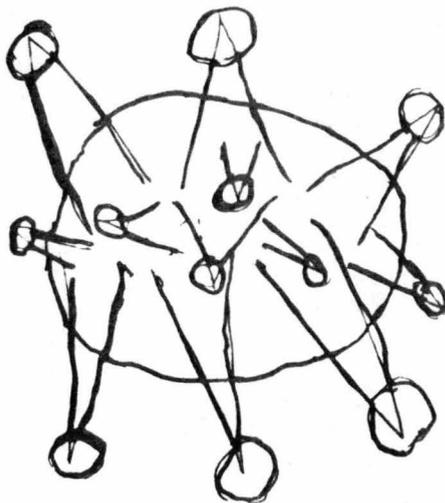
"It sounded like a radio on the wrong channel," Greg said.

When asked what they think they saw, both boys said a UFO, definitely not an airplane.

"It's a real possibility," Mrs. DeRodes said. "I can't believe we're the only people in the universe."



GREG'S SKETCH



SCOTT'S SKETCH

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4 Macomb Residents Report Sky 'Traveler'

MACOMB — Four Macomb residents phoned state police around 7 last night reporting a bright greenish colored object moving from the east across the sky and fading into the west.

Reports from the Peoria Weather Service were that there would be little likelihood of a comet sighting because of somewhat overcast conditions. Comet and meteor sightings would have to be left to astronomers, a weather service spokesman said.

A few local amateur astronomers were contacted.

George Triff, 4511 Wyss, said comets don't usually travel close enough to the earth to be seen, but in the few exceptions the comets seemed suspended in the sky for several hours. Last night's sightings were a matter of seconds.

According to Dr. R. P. Van Zandt, 7035 N. Willow Wood Dr., a meteor lasts only about five seconds, and a local sighting of one is highly unlikely.

BONHAM, TEXAS - FAVORITE
*****MAR. 2, 1977*****

Hickory Creek Mystery Still Growing

Editor's Note: The following story about an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) or sightings of orange lights in Southern Fannin County was recently researched and written by David Jack London, a resident of Bailey and social studies instructor in the Richardson schools. The Favorite doesn't deny or confirm his observations, but rather presents the story as a human interest feature. London is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryce London of Bailey and Richardson.

HICKORY CREEK — There is definitely something strange going on here. Even though what was once a small town of two stores and a blacksmith shop has deteriorated to a few houses and a small sign. Hickory Creek is definitely the talk of two counties.

Sightings

The conversations concern a rash of sightings of orange lights glowing in the sky—a glow that to date has defied any logical explanation. These 'sightings' have occurred 16 of the last 20 nights, always between 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

However, it is not the light themselves which have stirred up so much debate. Rather, the path the lights have taken and the rate of speed (as well as the lack of altitude) have been the big question marks.

I first heard about the lights a week ago, and since I live in Bailey (only six miles away) I thought I'd go to investigate. Along with my wife, we "wasted" three uneventful hours looking over the horizon where we heard the object usually appeared.

All sorts of possible explanations of why people would make up such a story came into my mind during those three hours. Perhaps the boys at nearby Wolfe City (to the east) or Leonard (to the West) needed an excuse to get permission to take their girlfriends out on weeknights. Or perhaps some near-sided fools confused the high flying 727s with starlights. Possibly even the whole affair was created in want of something to do.

First Hand

Whatever suspicions of hoax I

had were quickly erased the next night when my wife, a good friend, and myself watched with certainty as the mysterious Orange Glow appeared and performed before our eyes.

Now the first question you're going to ask is "what did it look like?"

Well, I really can't answer you. And neither can anyone else who has seen it. But what we can do is describe it, because none of the ones that I've conversed with who've witnessed it know of anything that it looks like.

Orange Glow

It's a bright orange. I mean "Bright." It appears from the horizon and lands (apparently) among trees. It hovers in the air, and can take off at tremendous speeds while appearing to stop on a dime.

When I first saw it, the light was coming from a group of trees about three miles West Southwest of the Hickory Creek cemetery. As it ascended about 100 feet, the glow disappeared (not vanished—just went out!) Then to the west, almost directly above Leonard, the bright orange

glow almost lite up the sky. That's what made us a first think that it was a bright star. Only stars don't move.

We took off toward Leonard, but since FM 272 winds around like a rattlesnake, it was impossible to average over 50 mph. As we entered Leonard, it was traveling at a rapid rate of speed. On by CB radio I picked up a man in Edhube who said it appeared to him that it was heading toward Whitewright.

E-Systems

Once we were at the square in Leonard, we lost it among the lights.

Now you're going to ask, "What do I think it is?" Well, I don't know. I don't believe its a UFO from outer space, but I would like to know exactly what it is. I understand that E-Systems in Greenville has some very sophisticated lazars that put out a lot of light, and it could be one of their brainchilds—even though one top administrative official I talked to said that such experimentation shouldn't be going on on a Saturday night, if indeed at all.

Whatever it is, it needs to be investigated and not swept under the rug like some would like to do.

Lynn Grisham

Lynn Grisham, junior at Wolfe City high, has seen the 'Orange Rascal' (as it has come to be called) on six different occasions. "I first heard about it three weeks ago and have been out to see it almost every night," Lynn says. "I have no idea what it is," he adds, "but I sure would like to find out."

Lynn was the youth reported about in the Greenville newspaper last week who supposedly had the Orange Rascal chase him from Hickory Creek back to Wolfe City. "It started following me at the curve just before Dead Man's Curve near Wolfe City," the high school student adds, "and even though it probably never was closer than 300 yards to me, it definitely was cutting on a dime while it made those corners behind me."

You'd think that experience would have stopped his interest for awhile. But the next night, he was out again—but this time with

several friends in other cars as well. "We were parked in about the same place when the thing just appeared about tree level above the horizon no more than a thousand yards away. It just hovered there for a minute, then started coming at us." Lynn and his friends—needless to say—ran and jumped in their cars. "I had just shut my car door," he adds, "when the glass in my window just pops out, bursting into a thousand pieces."

Of course, in all the excitement, even Lynn isn't about to insinuate that the Orange Rascal caused his window to be broke. But something did, and it just adds to the mystery.

Larry Kohlenberg

Larry Kohlenberg is a driver for the Wolfe City Ambulance Service. His CB handle is the White Eagle, and he is another one of the 'witnesses'. "On Friday a week ago," the 19-year old Dallas native says, "I was walking thru the woods with about 15 other people near where the sightings had occurred, when it appeared above the treetops"

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Hickory Creek Mystery

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about a 100 yards from us. Needless to say, we all high-tailed it back to the cars."

When asked to describe what they saw, both Larry and Lynn insisted that they did not hear the sound of any engine, or of any propeller like a helicopter would make. Instead, even though interviewed separately, both insisted that the light appeared as though it was glowing instead of transmitting. And as corny as this may sound—both insisted it appeared to be oval in shape.

David Wright

Another witness to the sightings is Wolfe City policeman David Wright, who, although he couldn't be reached for interview, was quoted in the Greenville paper as saying that he believed the light must have been from some sort of helicopter.

Larry Horton is a 19-year-old resident of Wolfe City. Most any afternoon you can catch him at Woody's Supermarket in the 'dog town' (as the CB'ers call it) sacking groceries. But at nights he often wanders between Celeste and Hickory Creek trying to get a glimpse of the strange light he first saw while rabbit hunting. "I was out with a buddy when we saw it," he recalls. "It was so bright that at first we thought it was some form of spotlight. Since we were out in the trees, we didn't think much of it at the time. But when we got back to Wolfe City, our friends told us that the thing had been sighted again, and we all took out after it. We found it hovering near where we had seen it, and we saw it disappear somewhere between Celeste and Leonard."

Skipper Creed

Of course there are many other people who have seen it. Skipper Creed, who works for Texas Tage in WC, spotted it while searching with several people. School teachers, the Hunt County Sheriff's Department, and in all about 200 people have reported its sighting.

So it definitely does exist. It just brings us back to the question—what is 'it'?

Any time you have something that can't be explained right off hand, some people tend to doubt its existence or make irrational explanations. Such is the case with the Orange Rascal. Some people in authority have to come up with answers, however, unorthodox they may be. To say it is a helicopter with some sort of bright lazer beam is plausible—yet questionable because no engine noise has ever been heard and the thing is capable of speeds apparently beyond the realm of any known helicopter. The possibility that a jet might be involved, equipped with wings enabling it to land and take off vertically, has been discussed. Or the easiest explanation is to blame it on E-Systems and their revolutionary discoveries that they could be testing out on the countryside.

Explanations

Of course, the radical explanations are that it is some form of UFO, that is really not solid at all but just a mass of energy. I don't know anyone who adheres to this theory, but I have heard some debate on it.

The most important thing about it isn't where it came from or what it is, but rather what it hasn't done. No one has been injured or hurt, and with the exception of a couple of cow mutilations in the past three years, not much mysterious in the area has happened.

So whether someone gets their kicks out of having people watch for them or some advance computer systems outfit has a brilliant new device, chances are that it'll be seen again.

But I can tell you one thing, if E-Systems engineers can dig up something that complicated, I'm going to buy some stock in them tomorrow!

Hawarden youth claims he saw flying saucer

A 16-year-old youth claims he was followed by "a bright, reddish glow" Sunday night, March 10, as he drove to his parent's farm about nine miles northeast of Hawarden on K-18.

He said he first sighted the glow from his window about three miles from the town, near the Jack Borchers farm.

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Wilkens said he thought the "thing" was about two miles away and that, "it speeded up when I did and slowed down when I did. I began to get scared when it started taking curves with me," he said.

When he arrived home Wilkens said the light turned and drifted over a field west of the farm before stopping. He woke his parents and sister, and the whole family watched from a kitchen window for 10-15 minutes before the light disappeared.

The elder Wilkens said the UFO "stuck out like a big spotlight in the sky." He said it was about one mile away and appeared about grapefruit size at that distance. "It just hung there," he said.

Doug said he viewed the glow through a rifle scope.

"There was a glowing bright light at the center, and it was dimmer around the edges. It looked like a cross," he said. Wilkens said the object stayed "real bright for five or six minutes," before gradually dimming and finally disappearing.

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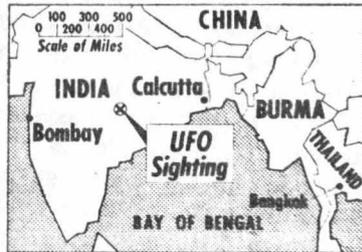
(Hawarden Independent)

Gigantic UFO, Lights Blazing From Four Windows, Just Misses Airliner

"Good God! There's a bus coming at us!" screamed the captain of a DC-10, as a gigantic UFO — lighted with blazing intensity — hurtled out of the night sky towards his crowded jetliner, miles above land.

The UFO shot only 200 feet above the Alitalia plane, "a very near miss," and vanished, according to Capt. Franco De Rosa, 47.

"I did not believe in UFOs before, but I do now. I have seen one with my own eyes. I am convinced," declared the veteran pilot, who filed an official report of the incident with Alitalia, the Italian airline.



MAP shows where UFO nearly collided with Alitalia jetliner over India.



CAPTAIN Franco De Rosa: "I didn't believe in UFOs before, but I do now. I have seen one with my own eyes."

Witnessed by two other crewmen in the cockpit, the chilling episode unfolded last July 22 aboard Alitalia Flight 777, from Bangkok, Thailand, to Bombay, India. The DC-10, with 180 passengers, was the only airliner in the area as it cruised over central India at 35,000 feet.

At around 11 p.m., De Rosa told *The ENQUIRER* in Rome, "I was sitting in the captain's seat on the left when I turned around for a second to speak to the backup pilot.

"Suddenly, out of the right-hand side of the window, I could see lights which were very intense, like the headlights of a car. They were about 2,000 feet away.

"The others turned to look. The lights were no longer by the side of us, glaring into our eyes. The UFO was descending and crossing our path, from left to right.

"The three of us then saw it very clearly for about 10 to 12 seconds.

"It resembled a dirigible gondola, with four very large windows, each about 25 feet apart.

"It gleamed with lights like neon lighting, very clear, white and strong.

"The UFO seemed to be traveling at twice our speed, and appeared much larger than our DC-10.

"I tried to look inside the windows to see if I could distinguish something, but the lights were too bright.

"We were flying in a westerly direction and the UFO was heading northwest. It crossed our path no more than 200 feet above us, too close for comfort, and then disappeared."

De Rosa said there was "no question of hallucinations. I

THE TORONTO STAR - CANADA
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According to a Gallup Poll, 53 per cent of adult Canadians believe in the existence of UFOs and 10 per cent claim to have seen one.

"For some reason," says astronomer Alan Hyneck of the Centre for UFO Studies in Illinois, "there are more UFO sightings in Canada than anywhere else in the world."

Yet, committee member Philip J. Klass of Washington, an engineer and prominent writer in the field of space aviation who has spent 10 years tracking UFO reports and writing two books on the subject, says: "I can say without reservation that I have not found a single case of a UFO from outer space. UFOs come from the viewer's imagination."

even switched off the cabin lights to make sure what we saw wasn't a reflection from our own portholes."

Copilot Bruno Bilucaglia, 37, insisted that the sighting was "certainly not a rocket, plane or satellite.

"None of us could give a rational explanation for what we had seen."

And said backup pilot Paolo Emiliozzi, 33:

"It was definitely a UFO. No

man-made machine could travel so fast."

Capt. De Rosa said he had filed a written report of the sighting with the Alitalia station chief in Bombay. Commenting on the sighting, Alitalia spokesman Vincenzo Roversi said: "All three pilots have excellent records, and there is not the slightest doubt they saw what they said they saw."

— JOHN M. CATHCART

Rural Hawarden Man Is Followed By "U.F.O."

Doug Wilkens, 16, of rural Hawarden, reported Monday being followed by a "bright, reddish glow" about 9:00 Sunday night as he drove home from a youth-group meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hawarden.

Wilkens lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Wilkens, about nine miles northeast of Hawarden on county road K18. He said he first sighted the glow out the driver's-side window about three miles from Hawarden, near the Jack Borcher's farm.

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Mrs. Wilken's summed up the feeling of her family, and probably of most others who've encountered UFOs. "It was a weird feeling to watch something like that," she said.

Spellbinding UFOs

Enthusiasm for stories about unidentified flying objects (UFOs) continues in the tabloid press and, according to sampling polls, belief in their significance is widespread among the general public, eight years after the official Condon report concluded that "further extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified."

Eleven months after the Condon report on its two-year, \$539,740 study, the Air Force discontinued its Project Bluebook. In 20 years Project Bluebook had investigated 12,618 reports of observations on UFOs and found natural explanations for all but 701 of them. Whatever those 701 were, they did not present a military danger to the United

States, the Air Force investigators concluded.

Sightings and private studies have continued. Some studies are by passionate believers, which makes the results suspect, but others are by respected scientists working on reports screened by police forces.

After the Condon report, many scientists were content to leave the question to enthusiasts. But a recent questionnaire addressed to 2,611 members of the American Astronomical Society showed that 80 per cent of the 1,356 answering thought that UFOs deserve further study.

The subject will not die. Condon and the Air Force killed in vain. UFOs are important if real; tantalizing whether real or not.

UFO's over Hannibal

HANNIBAL, Mo. — Two UFO's spotted hovering over the Burlington Northern railroad yards about 10:30 p.m. Tuesday weren't UFO's after all. They proved to be only two chemical flares suspended from a kite, police said.

Police, investigating numerous reports of the sighting, discovered the brightly-glowing green lights

were actually two flares attached to a single kite string but separated from each other so as to give the appearance of the lights chasing each other.

The end of the kite string was attached to an area near the base of "Lovers Leap" south of Hannibal.

Mysteriöser Himmelskörper-Absturz

Im australischen Lake Victoria versunken: Neue Insel bildete sich

MELBOURNE (dpa). Berichte über den Absturz eines mysteriösen Himmelskörpers in der Nacht und das gleichzeitige Auftauchen einer neuen Insel im Lake Victoria haben den Bürgern im Südosten des australischen Kontinents Rätsel aufgegeben.

Geologen, Astronomen und Physiker reisten an den See im Naturschutzgebiet von Gippsland, um das Geheimnis der etwa 100 Meter langen Insel aus Schlamm zu lüften, die dort just zu dem Zeitpunkt aus dem Wasser wuchs, als Tausende von Einwohnern einen „gelben Feuerball mit langem, grünlichen Schweif“

über dem Seegebiet beobachteten. Augenzeugen berichteten von einer „Explosion, die die Fensterscheiben klirren ließ“. Einige wollen es ganz genau gesehen haben: Der rätselhafte Himmelskörper sei in den See gestürzt – zwei Kilometer von der Stelle entfernt, an der jetzt die Insel bis zu einem Meter aus den Fluten ragt.

Die Wissenschaftler wollen jetzt herausfinden, ob ein Meteorit, der Teil eines Erdsatelliten oder sonstiger Weltraum-Müll in den See gestürzt ist. Tatsache ist, daß um das neue Schlammeiland Dampf Wolken bis zu zwölf Meter Höhe sowie Gasblasen aufstiegen. Fischer berichteten, daß der See an einigen Stellen viel tiefer geworden sei.

Einige besonders phantasie-begabte Bewohner des Gebiets am See haben sich bereits ihre eigene Theorie gebildet: Der Lake Victoria, so meinen sie, sei von Besuchern aus dem All als Landplatz ausgewählt worden.

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MYSTERIOUS SKY OBJECTS

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BADISCHE NEUESTE NACHRICHTEN - GERMANY
*****FEBRUARY 5, 1977*****

MYSTERIOUS SKY OBJECTS

Lake Victoria in Australia was the site of a sinking. Directly over the lake a mysterious sky object came in the night and made some new waves in Lake Victoria, this frightened all the people in the eastern section of the Australian continent and gave them pause to think.

Geologist, astronomers and scientist have set up camp in this natural forest reserve to study this case and find out where it fell exactly. Thousands of people saw the fireball with the long green tail over the lake before it exploded in the clear water. Some people wanted to investigate immediately but the Air Force said they would handle it. They have set up camp 2 kilometers from where it entered the water. The scientist now want to find out if it was a meteor or the tail of a star or another worldly happening. The truth is that there is much disagreement among scientist and Air Force official as to what exactly happened.

Meanwhile, many people actually claimed that they got wet and other folks saw a gas explosion 12 meters high. Fishermen claimed that the water was hot for a while afterwards. Other people claim that they have their own theories. What the natives claim is that Lake Victoria is given occasionally to mirages.

Clippings

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BILD NEWS SERVICE - GERMANY
*****FEBRUARY 24, 1977*****

DID A UFO LAND IN A HOUSE?

Was there a UFO in Werk?

Yesterday in Oberursel, about 11:50 a.m. something came threw roofs and exploded. The ob-shot through 2 homes and made a hole $\frac{1}{2}$ meter in diameter.

Under the floor the police found a spent piece of metal 30 centimeters wide and 10 centimeters thick. The police discovered that it looked like a piece of an airplane. However the Lufthansa, (German Air Traffic Center) said no airplanes were in the area at the time.

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BILD NEWSPAPER - GERMANY
*****MARCH 2, 1977*****

UFO OVER THE LAKE BODENSEE:
8 PEOPLE SAW THIS OBJECT.

Unless Rudi Grutsch and Herr Zirn drank too much the other night they claim they saw two UFOs.

It was last week Thursday, at 2:00a.m. that Herr Schaffler came out of his bar in Langenargen. Immediately he heard a shrill sound and about 50 meters high he saw 2 objects making a ringing noise. He says I cried, "Help! Help!" and ran away. Herr Schaffler jumped from fright right threw a glass window. His friend stated "the parkplace was lite with green light. Five other friends all claim they saw and heard the 2 UFOs above them.

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HEIDELBERGER DAILY NEWS - GERMANY
*****FEBRUARY 6, 1977*****

UFO-ALARM IN AUSTRALIA

Last Friday thousands of people of the Southern most continent saw a flying object which made the earth shiver. Also it was a fiery ball which fell into the ocean. Minutes later, in the water, something exploded and there was a big wave 20 meters high. The people nearby in boats all got wet. Underwater commandoes are searching for the body from the UFO.

Landete da ein UFO im Haus?

ahf. Oberursel/Taunus, 24. 2.
War da ein UFO am Werk?
Gestern vormittag um 11.30 Uhr gab es in Oberursel einen Resonknall. Wie eine Explosion. Ein Gegenstand schlug durch das Dach und die Wand eines zweigeschossigen Hauses und riß ein Loch von einem halben Meter Durchmesser.
Unter den Trümmern fand die Pollzel ein gegossenes Metallstück: 30 Zentimeter breit und zehn Zentimeter dick. Die Beamten nach eingehender Besichtigung: „Ohne Zweifel das Stück einer Brems-trommel von einem Flugzeug.“ Die Lufthansa-Techniker aber: „So was' gibt's an keinem Flugzeug!“
Doch ein UFO?

Ufos über dem Bodensee: Acht Menschen haben sie gesehen

Jm. Langenargen (Bodensee), 2. 3.

Weder der Bundesbahnarbeiter Schöffler („es waren höchstens vier Eier“) noch Gastwirt Rudi Grutsch, aber auch nicht der Herr Zirn wollen zuviel getrunken haben — in jener Nacht am Bodensee, als die beiden Ufos kamen.

Es war letzte Woche Donnerstag, zwei Uhr nachts. Herr Schöffler kam aus seinem Stammlokal in Langenargen: „Plötzlich schrilles Geheule und gleißendes Scheinwerferlicht. Aus etwa 50 Meter Höhe stürzten sich zwei Gebilde mit ohrenbetäubendem Lärm auf mich. Ich schrie um Hilfe und rannte weg.“ Herr Schöffler sprang vor Schreck durch eine Glasscheibe.

Gastwirt Grutsch bestätigt:

„Der Parkplatz vor meiner Wirtschaft war durch das grelle Licht taghell erleuchtet.“ Noch fünf andere Nachbarn wollen die beiden Ufos gesehen und gehört haben.

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UFO-Alarm in Australien

Melbourne (dpa)

UFO-Alarm in Australien!
Am Freitag beobachteten Tausende von Menschen im Südosten des Kontinents den Absturz eines rätselhaften Flugobjekts. Nach Augenzeugenberichten „erzitterte“ die Erde, als die „Feuerscheibe“ in einem See aufschlug. Minuten später tauchte in dem Gewässer eine Schlamminsel auf. Aus dem Eiland stiegen zwanzig Meter hohe Dampfvolken. Ein Sonderkommando der Polizei sucht jetzt die genaue Absturzstelle des UFO.

U.F.O. OVER BRAKPAN

An unidentified flying object like a big double star appearing and then disappearing in the sky east of Brakpan was sighted by four people on Monday night.

Karen Cronjé and Sam Abendroth were baby sitting in a house in Tweedy Avenue when Karen saw the strange acting object in the sky through a lounge window. She called Sam who also noticed what appeared to be two stars joined together, flickering on and off.

The object moved up and down and sometimes it would separate, but always coming together again like a magnet. It was about 22h00 when this object was sighted.

A Brakpan pilot, Mr. M. Botha, was flying at the time when he also saw an UFO in the east. At first he thought it was an oncoming aircraft. After about a minute it disappeared however. He reported the matter to the control tower at Rand Airport. They knew nothing about any aircraft in that direction at that time.

The fourth Brakpan resident who saw the UFO was Mr. Jimmy Cadle. They had a braai and he was swim-

ming at the time he noticed the object. At first he thought it was an aircraft preparing to land. However, when the two lights that strongly resembled two stars, separated only to be joined together moments later, he knew it had to be something else — "perhaps from outer space", Mr. Cadle commented.

Mr. Hannes de Beer, acting fire chief of Brakpan, said that they received no inquiries concerning this matter.

Two amateur astronomers were asked to comment on this strange object sighted above Brakpan. Mr. Jack Bennett, a discoverer of two comets, and Mr. Johan du Plooy of Brakpan, said they had not started observing until after midnight. Both said they had never seen any object in the sky which separated and rejoined moments later.

A spokesman for the weather bureau said the objects could have been two high altitude weather balloons.

VIEWPOINT

Always a comment on UFOs

W. BARTON, Daglish:—As a member of the Perth UFO Research Group, having been interested in the subject for more than 20 years, I was drawn to the article concerning the sighting of a glowing UFO (The Sunday Times, December 26) and the sightings at Kalgoorlie the previous week.

It amazes me whenever a sighting is reported in the press there is always someone on hand to say what they thought the witness saw.

In the Kalgoorlie episode a remark was made it could have been a thistle blowing in the wind.

Just why could it not have been exactly as the Kalgoorlie witness described it namely a bright unidentified object travelling across the sky at an estimated speed of 1400 mph that appeared to hover for a few seconds before departing?

In America recently a test was carried out to

judge the average person's powers of observation.

Flares were to be dropped in certain areas and then people were told via radio, that a UFO had been seen in those areas.

Soon many reports were received by the networks, but the descriptions given by the various sightseers were not of glowing UFOs streaking across the sky, but simply of distress type flares.

There are, unfortunately, many people with little closed minds who cannot accept the reality of such things as UFOs.

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UFOS TRACKS IN SPANISH PROVINCE OF BISCAYE

According to some witnesses, more than, over eighty tracks made by numerous UFOs landings, have been discovered on a raised strip of ground close to BALLARTA, in Spanish province of BISCAYE.

Indeed, several inhabitants are claiming that they have heard some noises and have seen some strange lights, particularly in the night above this terrace located in a while lonely spot, near a mine. The tracks which have been discovered are in circle-shaped with different radius. A witness, who is technical manager in one of the most important dockyards to BILBAO, has claimed that he had seen, in full daylight, " a queer object shaped like a mushroom" which rose up with high speed, above this earth platform.

LES O.V.N.I. DE BISCAYE LAISSENT DES TRACES

PLUS DE QUATRE VINGTS EMPREINTES, laissées, selon des témoins, par l'atterrissage de nombreux « O.V.N.I. », ont été découvertes sur terre-plein proche de Ballarta, dans la province espagnole de Biscaye.

Plusieurs habitants affirment en effet, avoir entendu des bruits et vu des lumières étranges particulièrement la nuit au-dessus de ce terre-plein situé dans un endroit totalement isolé, près d'une mine. Les empreintes découvertes forment des cercles de rayons différents. L'un des témoins, le directeur technique de l'un des plus importants arsenaux de Bilbao, a affirmé, pour sa part, avoir vu, en plein jour « un objet étrange, de la forme d'un champignon » qui s'élevait, à grande vitesse, au-dessus du terre-plein.

U.F.O. OVER MAINE

It was reported that a bright light was seen in the sky over the town of Bangor, Maine, on the night of August 12, 1947. The light was described as a large, glowing sphere that moved rapidly across the sky. It was seen by several witnesses, including a pilot who reported that it was flying at a high altitude. The light was also seen by a number of other people in the area, and it was described as being very bright and very hot. The incident was reported to the local newspaper, and it was widely publicized. The incident was also reported to the military, and it was investigated by the Air Force. The investigation concluded that the light was a meteor, but many people believe that it was a UFO. The incident is one of the many UFO sightings that have been reported in the United States since the late 1940s.

Always a COMMITMENT on U.F.O.s

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