

UFO Investigators report King Island sightings

The annual report of the Tasmanian U.F.O. Investigation Centre reports fully on King Island U.F.O. sightings in its 1979 edition, recording that King Island has had its own run of reports culminating in "the Valentich affair":

The account continues:

A number of flare sightings were reported in late August and again September. Whether this has anything to do with the UFO phenomena we cannot say, but in each case no ship was reported in distress. At the time of the August report there were heavy seas and the flares were seen more than once that evening.

Anonymous

The earliest possible sighting pre-dates the flare reports (probably June). An anonymous writer to the King Island News tells of being followed by a slow moving light as they drove into Currie. The writer claims others had seen a strange light pass over their house and of another seeing beautiful strange lights outside, but on investigation they had disappeared.

The writer then recounts a sighting on September 12th. near Camp Creek. the light seen was very large and bright and seemed to light up the area as if it were daylight. The light was oval shape. The Centre regrets it was unable to

light was oval shape. The writer regrets it was unable to contact the writer of the letter. However, details were obtained for a report some days later on September 20th. This time George Newman and his two sons reported seeing a similar phenomena at 9.30 p.m. The party was returning from a shooting trip when, whilst travelling along Reekara School straight, a bright light in an oval shape began to follow them. It then disappeared towards the sea when they reached the Butter Factory. The light had been alongside them for about six miles. It appeared in the distance as they neared Currie but was now a weaker light. After arriving home it disappeared.

There were several other rumoured reports from the Island of residents seeing lights in the following weeks but we were unable to obtain any further detailed information.

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