

SOMEWHERE IN THE SKIES



CLOSE ENCOUNTER

OF THE FATAL KIND

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00:00:05,349 --> 00:00:03,510

[Music]

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00:00:07,190 --> 00:00:05,359

what's up guys ryan sprague here and i'm

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00:00:09,669 --> 00:00:07,200

just dropping in to remind you about our

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00:00:11,830 --> 00:00:09,679

patreon campaign somewhere in the skies

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00:00:13,589 --> 00:00:11,840

is always free to consume but it's not

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00:00:16,310 --> 00:00:13,599

free to create so if you want to help

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00:00:18,870 --> 00:00:16,320

the show on a monthly basis we have tons

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00:00:21,429 --> 00:00:18,880

of rewards for you in return including

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00:00:24,710 --> 00:00:21,439

shout outs on the show and website bonus

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00:00:27,029 --> 00:00:24,720

content and episodes and free merch want

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00:00:29,509 --> 00:00:27,039

to be my guest or pick a topic for the

12
00:00:31,189 --> 00:00:29,519

show you can do that too so if you'd

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00:00:34,069 --> 00:00:31,199

like to learn more and to help support

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00:00:36,870 --> 00:00:34,079

the show visit [patreon.com](https://www.patreon.com)

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00:00:39,000 --> 00:00:36,880

summerskies thank you and keep looking

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00:00:49,029 --> 00:00:39,010

up

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00:00:54,790 --> 00:00:52,229

for many witnessing a ufo can shake the

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00:00:56,389 --> 00:00:54,800

very foundation of their beliefs and

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00:01:00,549 --> 00:00:56,399

existence

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00:01:03,110 --> 00:01:00,559

it can often be exhilarating scary tense

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00:01:06,230 --> 00:01:03,120

and even awe-inspiring

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00:01:09,990 --> 00:01:06,240

but can it also be fatal

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00:01:13,350 --> 00:01:10,000

in 1976 a police officer in elmwood

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00:01:14,550 --> 00:01:13,360

wisconsin encountered a craft of unknown

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00:01:17,190 --> 00:01:14,560

origin

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00:01:20,469 --> 00:01:17,200

and then died

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00:01:24,290 --> 00:01:20,479

this is the mysterious and tragic case

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00:01:33,830 --> 00:01:24,300

of george wheeler

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00:01:39,200 --> 00:01:36,710

this is somewhere in the skies with ryan

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00:02:03,270 --> 00:01:39,210

spread

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00:02:05,510 --> 00:02:03,280

[Music]

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00:02:09,350 --> 00:02:05,520

when relief police officer george

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00:02:13,589 --> 00:02:09,360

wheeler witnessed and reported a ufo in

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00:02:16,070 --> 00:02:13,599

april of 1976 an incident also witnessed

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00:02:18,309 --> 00:02:16,080

by several other residents it was the

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00:02:20,630 --> 00:02:18,319

second time in a year he had been

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00:02:22,949 --> 00:02:20,640

present at such an event

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00:02:25,830 --> 00:02:22,959

that the incident took place in a small

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00:02:29,030 --> 00:02:25,840

town with a population of less than one

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00:02:32,150 --> 00:02:29,040

thousand and a one-man police force

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00:02:35,190 --> 00:02:32,160

lends it a sense of both romanticism

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00:02:38,150 --> 00:02:35,200

and reality furthermore several other

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00:02:40,949 --> 00:02:38,160

sightings in the mid to late 1970s in

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00:02:44,070 --> 00:02:40,959

the badger state seemingly shared very

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00:02:46,790 --> 00:02:44,080

similar details and descriptions

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00:02:49,910 --> 00:02:46,800

suggesting that there was a growing ufo

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00:02:51,430 --> 00:02:49,920

wave happening in the dairylands of

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00:02:53,670 --> 00:02:51,440

america

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00:02:57,030 --> 00:02:53,680

the george wheeler account appeared in

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00:03:00,949 --> 00:02:57,040

the public arena in the april 1976

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00:03:03,350 --> 00:03:00,959
edition of the apro newsletter
- 52
00:03:06,710 --> 00:03:03,360
apro is the acronym for the aerial
- 53
00:03:09,350 --> 00:03:06,720
phenomena research organization
- 54
00:03:12,229 --> 00:03:09,360
today almost half a century later the
- 55
00:03:16,869 --> 00:03:12,239
george wheeler case is still of interest
- 56
00:03:19,830 --> 00:03:16,879
to ufo researchers and enthusiasts
- 57
00:03:22,390 --> 00:03:19,840
at around 11 p.m on the evening of april
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00:03:24,470 --> 00:03:22,400
22nd 1976
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00:03:27,190 --> 00:03:24,480
wheeler would spot what he believed to
- 60
00:03:30,070 --> 00:03:27,200
be an orange glow from a fire near
- 61
00:03:31,589 --> 00:03:30,080
tuttle hill in the small town of elmwood
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00:03:33,910 --> 00:03:31,599
wisconsin
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00:03:36,229 --> 00:03:33,920

around 60 miles from the mississippi

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00:03:40,309 --> 00:03:36,239

river and with the population at the

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00:03:44,789 --> 00:03:40,319

time of just over 700 people elmwood was

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00:03:47,350 --> 00:03:44,799

typical of its era of small town america

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00:03:49,750 --> 00:03:47,360

wheeler himself had over three decades

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00:03:51,990 --> 00:03:49,760

experience in policing having served

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00:03:54,789 --> 00:03:52,000

with state departments in new york and

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00:03:58,390 --> 00:03:54,799

wisconsin as well as acting as a quote

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00:04:01,110 --> 00:03:58,400

one-man police force in elmwood before

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00:04:02,789 --> 00:04:01,120

retiring to a reserve officer

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00:04:05,910 --> 00:04:02,799

essentially filling in the current

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00:04:08,710 --> 00:04:05,920

one-man police force when they were away

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00:04:11,270 --> 00:04:08,720

it is also perhaps important to mention

76
00:04:13,910 --> 00:04:11,280
that wheeler was an experienced second

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00:04:16,150 --> 00:04:13,920
world war pilot who had seen combat on

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00:04:18,150 --> 00:04:16,160
several occasions

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00:04:21,670 --> 00:04:18,160
in short it would appear the relief

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00:04:23,430 --> 00:04:21,680
police officer was a reliable incredible

81
00:04:26,390 --> 00:04:23,440
witness

82
00:04:28,629 --> 00:04:26,400
on this evening however thinking a fire

83
00:04:30,629 --> 00:04:28,639
was about to rip through the small town

84
00:04:32,870 --> 00:04:30,639
he jumped in his vehicle and made his

85
00:04:35,590 --> 00:04:32,880
way to the location

86
00:04:37,390 --> 00:04:35,600
upon arriving however he wouldn't find

87
00:04:39,510 --> 00:04:37,400
any flames of a

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00:04:43,110 --> 00:04:39,520

uncontrollable blaze

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00:04:44,230 --> 00:04:43,120

instead he witnessed a strange glowing

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00:04:47,350 --> 00:04:44,240

object

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00:04:48,950 --> 00:04:47,360

hovering approximately 100 feet above

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00:04:50,790 --> 00:04:48,960

the ground

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00:04:54,390 --> 00:04:50,800

wheeler would estimate that he was

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00:04:57,430 --> 00:04:54,400

around 500 feet from the hovering craft

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00:05:00,550 --> 00:04:57,440

he could see six bluish white lights as

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00:05:02,310 --> 00:05:00,560

well as several windows or portholes

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00:05:05,510 --> 00:05:02,320

along the side

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00:05:08,310 --> 00:05:05,520

even more intriguing and concerning were

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00:05:11,590 --> 00:05:08,320

the moving shadows suggesting that

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00:05:12,870 --> 00:05:11,600

someone was inside this silver colored

101
00:05:15,510 --> 00:05:12,880
craft

102
00:05:19,189 --> 00:05:15,520
he noticed an open side panel which

103
00:05:21,590 --> 00:05:19,199
allowed him to glimpse inside the craft

104
00:05:25,510 --> 00:05:21,600
wheeler could see something revolving

105
00:05:27,830 --> 00:05:25,520
slowly which reminded him of a turbine

106
00:05:30,710 --> 00:05:27,840
as his focus shifted to the bottom of

107
00:05:33,510 --> 00:05:30,720
the craft he noticed several legs

108
00:05:36,150 --> 00:05:33,520
protruding from the underside

109
00:05:38,469 --> 00:05:36,160
however more prominent was a black

110
00:05:41,430 --> 00:05:38,479
hose-like appendage which connected to

111
00:05:43,189 --> 00:05:41,440
the bottom of the main part of the craft

112
00:05:46,469 --> 00:05:43,199
he would radio his report to the

113
00:05:49,110 --> 00:05:46,479

sheriff's department in nearby ellsworth

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00:05:53,189 --> 00:05:49,120

but as he was doing so suddenly the

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00:05:56,390 --> 00:05:53,199

craft rose with alarming speed a bluish

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00:05:58,710 --> 00:05:56,400

flash hit the area including his patrol

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00:06:00,390 --> 00:05:58,720

car causing the radio to cut out

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00:06:03,350 --> 00:06:00,400

instantly

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00:06:05,430 --> 00:06:03,360

the car's lights and engine also went

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00:06:07,670 --> 00:06:05,440

out without warning

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00:06:10,230 --> 00:06:07,680

when the radio came back to life a short

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00:06:12,950 --> 00:06:10,240

while later with a voice asking wheeler

123

00:06:15,990 --> 00:06:12,960

if he needed assistance he would reply

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00:06:18,070 --> 00:06:16,000

my god it's a ufo

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00:06:19,590 --> 00:06:18,080

wheeler would take a few seconds to

126

00:06:21,590 --> 00:06:19,600

clear his thoughts

127

00:06:23,670 --> 00:06:21,600

he would estimate seeing the object for

128

00:06:26,150 --> 00:06:23,680

no more than a minute

129

00:06:29,909 --> 00:06:26,160

he would also recall a whooshing noise

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00:06:31,909 --> 00:06:29,919

as it zoomed upward into the night sky

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00:06:34,790 --> 00:06:31,919

wheeler would further recall that the

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00:06:38,070 --> 00:06:34,800

main exterior of the craft was indeed a

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00:06:41,270 --> 00:06:38,080

metallic silver color the top was a

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00:06:43,830 --> 00:06:41,280

brilliant glow of orangey white

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00:06:47,909 --> 00:06:43,840

in fact he would claim staring at this

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00:06:50,870 --> 00:06:47,919

top part was like looking into the sun i

137

00:06:55,990 --> 00:06:50,880

was just about to make this left turn

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00:06:58,550 --> 00:06:56,000

when i noticed this large ball of flame

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00:07:00,790 --> 00:06:58,560

it was almost upon me i

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00:07:02,469 --> 00:07:00,800

i had hardly time to think

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00:07:04,150 --> 00:07:02,479

but it looked like it was coming right

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00:07:06,950 --> 00:07:04,160

straight at me

143

00:07:08,469 --> 00:07:06,960

then when it did move

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00:07:11,670 --> 00:07:08,479

it lurched

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00:07:14,550 --> 00:07:11,680

real sharp 90 degree angle

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00:07:16,150 --> 00:07:14,560

when it floats and took off i don't

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00:07:17,670 --> 00:07:16,160

think i would have been able to more

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00:07:20,870 --> 00:07:17,680

than snap my fingers once and it was

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00:07:22,629 --> 00:07:20,880

gone gone couldn't see nothing

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00:07:25,589 --> 00:07:22,639

furthermore he would state that the

151
00:07:27,990 --> 00:07:25,599
craft was huge at least around the size

152
00:07:30,950 --> 00:07:28,000
of a two-story house

153
00:07:33,749 --> 00:07:30,960
perhaps of most interest was the black

154
00:07:37,589 --> 00:07:33,759
hose like appendage wheeler claimed it

155
00:07:39,990 --> 00:07:37,599
projected downward into the trees below

156
00:07:43,029 --> 00:07:40,000
there are however several close contact

157
00:07:46,070 --> 00:07:43,039
ufo sightings featuring similar black

158
00:07:48,950 --> 00:07:46,080
tubes most often these devices are

159
00:07:51,510 --> 00:07:48,960
seemingly used to extract water or even

160
00:07:53,990 --> 00:07:51,520
collect soil samples

161
00:07:55,990 --> 00:07:54,000
if we accept just for a moment that the

162
00:07:57,749 --> 00:07:56,000
black tube that wheeler witnessed was

163
00:08:00,710 --> 00:07:57,759

similar to other sightings around the

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00:08:02,790 --> 00:08:00,720

globe what exactly was it trying to

165

00:08:05,670 --> 00:08:02,800

extract

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00:08:08,469 --> 00:08:05,680

notably there was a farmhouse nearby

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00:08:10,550 --> 00:08:08,479

owned by the o'brien family

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00:08:12,469 --> 00:08:10,560

this means there will likely be a water

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00:08:14,710 --> 00:08:12,479

supply tower too

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00:08:18,070 --> 00:08:14,720

however it would appear that no direct

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00:08:20,309 --> 00:08:18,080

activity was reported by the family

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00:08:21,990 --> 00:08:20,319

mr o'brien would claim that a little

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00:08:24,950 --> 00:08:22,000

after 11 pm

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00:08:26,950 --> 00:08:24,960

the television reception went dead but

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00:08:29,589 --> 00:08:26,960

quickly returned

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00:08:31,749 --> 00:08:29,599

this time period matched when the object

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00:08:34,550 --> 00:08:31,759

took off into the sky knocking out the

178

00:08:35,990 --> 00:08:34,560

police radio and car engine according to

179

00:08:38,230 --> 00:08:36,000

wheeler

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00:08:40,709 --> 00:08:38,240

it's also worth mentioning the testimony

181

00:08:41,670 --> 00:08:40,719

from a witness from another farm in the

182

00:08:43,909 --> 00:08:41,680

area

183

00:08:45,990 --> 00:08:43,919

a nine-year-old boy who would claim that

184

00:08:48,710 --> 00:08:46,000

his sister returned to the family home

185

00:08:51,670 --> 00:08:48,720

that evening of more interest however

186

00:08:53,430 --> 00:08:51,680

was the reaction of the family dogs as

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00:08:55,430 --> 00:08:53,440

she did so

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00:08:57,829 --> 00:08:55,440

instead of running to her as they would

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00:09:01,509 --> 00:08:57,839

do normally they were keeping their

190

00:09:04,230 --> 00:09:01,519

distance and barking repeatedly

191

00:09:06,790 --> 00:09:04,240

shortly after the incident 36 year old

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00:09:08,389 --> 00:09:06,800

dairy farmer david moot was returning

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00:09:11,350 --> 00:09:08,399

home from dropping off the family

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00:09:13,509 --> 00:09:11,360

babysitter when he saw wheeler's squad

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00:09:14,790 --> 00:09:13,519

car parked across the road with the

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00:09:16,790 --> 00:09:14,800

lights on

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00:09:18,630 --> 00:09:16,800

he pulled over his vehicle and walked

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00:09:21,030 --> 00:09:18,640

over to wheeler's car to see if the

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00:09:22,790 --> 00:09:21,040

longtime elmwood police officer needed

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00:09:25,269 --> 00:09:22,800

some assistance

201
00:09:27,509 --> 00:09:25,279
moots was aware of a past heart attack

202
00:09:29,670 --> 00:09:27,519
suffered by wheeler so when he saw him

203
00:09:31,269 --> 00:09:29,680
struggling to get out of his squad car

204
00:09:34,310 --> 00:09:31,279
he at first believed he might be having

205
00:09:36,470 --> 00:09:34,320
another similar heart attack but the

206
00:09:38,630 --> 00:09:36,480
closer he got to the car he could

207
00:09:40,949 --> 00:09:38,640
clearly see there was something wrong

208
00:09:42,630 --> 00:09:40,959
with wheeler but it didn't seem to be a

209
00:09:44,790 --> 00:09:42,640
heart attack

210
00:09:45,990 --> 00:09:44,800
he called out to wheeler asking if he

211
00:09:49,430 --> 00:09:46,000
was okay

212
00:09:51,509 --> 00:09:49,440
wheeler replied that he'd been hit

213
00:09:54,310 --> 00:09:51,519

moots grew concerned

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00:09:55,509 --> 00:09:54,320

he asked wheeler if he had been hit by a

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00:09:58,550 --> 00:09:55,519

car

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00:10:01,829 --> 00:09:58,560

and wheeler's reply was perhaps the last

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00:10:06,949 --> 00:10:01,839

thing the dairy farmer expected to hear

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00:10:10,069 --> 00:10:06,959

no wheeler said by one of those ufos

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00:10:12,230 --> 00:10:10,079

the use of the word those is interesting

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00:10:14,310 --> 00:10:12,240

suggesting that ufo sightings were

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00:10:15,670 --> 00:10:14,320

common knowledge among the residents of

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00:10:17,590 --> 00:10:15,680

this town

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00:10:20,310 --> 00:10:17,600

when moots was interviewed later and

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00:10:21,910 --> 00:10:20,320

asked about this he would claim that a

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00:10:25,829 --> 00:10:21,920

lot of people claimed to have witnessed

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00:10:28,710 --> 00:10:25,839

ufos and strange objects in the area

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00:10:31,670 --> 00:10:28,720

so much so that he didn't think twice

228

00:10:33,910 --> 00:10:31,680

when wheeler mentioned this

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00:10:37,509 --> 00:10:33,920

what did surprise him though was the

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00:10:39,990 --> 00:10:37,519

claim of being hit by a ufo

231

00:10:42,470 --> 00:10:40,000

moots would further recall how dazed

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00:10:44,949 --> 00:10:42,480

wheeler appeared and how he was not at

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00:10:47,269 --> 00:10:44,959

all like himself

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00:10:49,670 --> 00:10:47,279

there were several other witnesses to

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00:10:53,269 --> 00:10:49,680

the evening's events

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00:10:56,069 --> 00:10:53,279

for example homemaker mrs workland was

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00:10:59,509 --> 00:10:56,079

at home just outside of elmwood when her

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00:11:01,110 --> 00:10:59,519

cuckoo clock announced it was 11 pm

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00:11:03,509 --> 00:11:01,120

she would make her way to the kitchen in

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00:11:04,710 --> 00:11:03,519

order to take her regular shot of

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00:11:07,030 --> 00:11:04,720

medicine

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00:11:09,190 --> 00:11:07,040

as she did so however she would happen

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00:11:10,389 --> 00:11:09,200

to catch a glance out of her kitchen

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00:11:13,269 --> 00:11:10,399

window

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00:11:16,470 --> 00:11:13,279

there opposite her home was a bright

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00:11:18,150 --> 00:11:16,480

orange moon shaped object hovering over

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00:11:19,829 --> 00:11:18,160

tuttle hill

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00:11:22,310 --> 00:11:19,839

she would watch the object for several

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00:11:24,630 --> 00:11:22,320

minutes before simply going to bed and

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00:11:26,870 --> 00:11:24,640

going to sleep

251
00:11:29,269 --> 00:11:26,880
when asked why she did not report the

252
00:11:31,990 --> 00:11:29,279
sighting or even wake her husband she

253
00:11:33,990 --> 00:11:32,000
claimed she had seen lots of strange

254
00:11:36,630 --> 00:11:34,000
objects in the area

255
00:11:40,550 --> 00:11:36,640
and furthermore her husband usually

256
00:11:43,750 --> 00:11:40,560
claimed they were likely just the moon

257
00:11:46,310 --> 00:11:43,760
another witness however paul fredrickson

258
00:11:48,710 --> 00:11:46,320
would report his sighting

259
00:11:51,350 --> 00:11:48,720
fredrickson the administrator of the

260
00:11:53,910 --> 00:11:51,360
heritage of elmwood nursing home was at

261
00:11:56,389 --> 00:11:53,920
home when he received a phone call

262
00:11:58,069 --> 00:11:56,399
it was the wife of the police chief who

263
00:12:01,190 --> 00:11:58,079

asked that he might go to the front of

264

00:12:04,230 --> 00:12:01,200

his house and look out of the window

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00:12:06,470 --> 00:12:04,240

when he did he would see an orange glow

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00:12:09,269 --> 00:12:06,480

like a moon cut in half

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00:12:11,509 --> 00:12:09,279

and once again the object appeared to be

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00:12:13,829 --> 00:12:11,519

over tuttle hill

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00:12:16,389 --> 00:12:13,839

frederickson would quickly dismiss the

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00:12:19,030 --> 00:12:16,399

idea that the orange glow was a blaze of

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00:12:20,230 --> 00:12:19,040

some kind as there were no flames or

272

00:12:22,550 --> 00:12:20,240

smoke

273

00:12:26,069 --> 00:12:22,560

by the time he returned to the phone his

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00:12:27,829 --> 00:12:26,079

wife was now awake and downstairs

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00:12:30,870 --> 00:12:27,839

by the time they returned to the front

276
00:12:32,629 --> 00:12:30,880
window the glowing object was no longer

277
00:12:35,110 --> 00:12:32,639
there

278
00:12:37,829 --> 00:12:35,120
at the time of the incident elmwood

279
00:12:40,310 --> 00:12:37,839
police chief gene helmer was at home

280
00:12:42,230 --> 00:12:40,320
monitoring the police scanner as he

281
00:12:44,470 --> 00:12:42,240
relaxed for the evening

282
00:12:48,150 --> 00:12:44,480
however when he heard wheeler's report

283
00:12:51,030 --> 00:12:48,160
of the ufo he took an immediate interest

284
00:12:53,350 --> 00:12:51,040
in the unfolding events even more so

285
00:12:56,150 --> 00:12:53,360
when the radio suddenly went dead in the

286
00:12:57,990 --> 00:12:56,160
middle of wheeler's report helmer was

287
00:12:59,990 --> 00:12:58,000
preparing to leave the house to make his

288
00:13:02,230 --> 00:13:00,000

way to the location when the radio

289

00:13:03,910 --> 00:13:02,240

suddenly burst into life again several

290

00:13:06,949 --> 00:13:03,920

moments later

291

00:13:10,470 --> 00:13:06,959

on the line was wheeler's voice saying

292

00:13:12,710 --> 00:13:10,480

get somebody up here i've been hit

293

00:13:15,350 --> 00:13:12,720

the police chief left the house and

294

00:13:17,509 --> 00:13:15,360

jumped into his car immediately setting

295

00:13:20,710 --> 00:13:17,519

off for tuttle hill which was about a

296

00:13:23,269 --> 00:13:20,720

quarter mile away when he arrived

297

00:13:26,790 --> 00:13:23,279

several minutes later moot was already

298

00:13:29,269 --> 00:13:26,800

with wheeler attempting to calm him down

299

00:13:31,750 --> 00:13:29,279

helmer who knew wheeler very well would

300

00:13:34,870 --> 00:13:31,760

later claim to have not previously seen

301

00:13:36,870 --> 00:13:34,880

him so upset or frightened

302

00:13:39,670 --> 00:13:36,880

at around the same time as helmer

303

00:13:42,150 --> 00:13:39,680

arrived at tuttle hill so did wheeler's

304

00:13:44,230 --> 00:13:42,160

wife who had also been listening in on

305

00:13:46,069 --> 00:13:44,240

the police frequency scanner

306

00:13:49,590 --> 00:13:46,079

she would ultimately take her husband

307

00:13:51,829 --> 00:13:49,600

home and contact the family doctor frank

308

00:13:53,990 --> 00:13:51,839

springer for advice

309

00:13:55,990 --> 00:13:54,000

dr springer would ask that she bring

310

00:13:58,550 --> 00:13:56,000

wheeler to his home so that he could

311

00:14:01,350 --> 00:13:58,560

examine him right away

312

00:14:03,750 --> 00:14:01,360

she did so and following this the doctor

313

00:14:06,949 --> 00:14:03,760

prepared a shot which would calm wheeler

314

00:14:09,350 --> 00:14:06,959

down and help him to sleep

315

00:14:11,590 --> 00:14:09,360

however after returning home and

316

00:14:15,030 --> 00:14:11,600

reporting the incident in full to chief

317

00:14:17,189 --> 00:14:15,040

helmer by 1am wheeler was still not

318

00:14:20,230 --> 00:14:17,199

quite back to normal

319

00:14:22,069 --> 00:14:20,240

on further advice of dr springer mrs

320

00:14:23,990 --> 00:14:22,079

wheeler would drive her husband to the

321

00:14:25,910 --> 00:14:24,000

nearest hospital

322

00:14:28,150 --> 00:14:25,920

wheeler would ultimately stay in the

323

00:14:30,710 --> 00:14:28,160

hospital for three days

324

00:14:34,629 --> 00:14:30,720

during that time doctors would perform

325

00:14:37,350 --> 00:14:34,639

several tests and examinations on him

326

00:14:38,870 --> 00:14:37,360

ultimately they could find nothing wrong

327

00:14:40,949 --> 00:14:38,880

with him

328

00:14:43,750 --> 00:14:40,959

after his initial discharge from the

329

00:14:46,230 --> 00:14:43,760

hospital however he would return a

330

00:14:49,750 --> 00:14:46,240

second time suffering from intense

331

00:14:51,990 --> 00:14:49,760

headaches and bizarre nightmares

332

00:14:54,230 --> 00:14:52,000

he'd stay in the hospital this time for

333

00:14:57,509 --> 00:14:54,240

11 days

334

00:15:00,069 --> 00:14:57,519

again however nothing of concern was

335

00:15:03,430 --> 00:15:00,079

discovered and doctors could find no

336

00:15:05,990 --> 00:15:03,440

obvious reason for his symptoms

337

00:15:08,949 --> 00:15:06,000

mentally wheeler was certainly back to

338

00:15:11,509 --> 00:15:08,959

his normal self dr springer however

339

00:15:13,670 --> 00:15:11,519

would state that the physical ailments

340

00:15:16,790 --> 00:15:13,680

that had put wheeler in the hospital

341

00:15:19,030 --> 00:15:16,800

were certainly not normal

342

00:15:21,509 --> 00:15:19,040

perhaps one of the more bizarre elements

343

00:15:24,069 --> 00:15:21,519

of this case is that wheeler would tell

344

00:15:27,350 --> 00:15:24,079

about the encounter to his superior and

345

00:15:29,910 --> 00:15:27,360

his wife in great detail

346

00:15:31,030 --> 00:15:29,920

he would write the report in full all

347

00:15:33,910 --> 00:15:31,040

about it

348

00:15:35,910 --> 00:15:33,920

however by only several weeks later

349

00:15:40,310 --> 00:15:35,920

wheeler had all but forgotten the

350

00:15:42,629 --> 00:15:40,320

details of the entire incident

351

00:15:44,949 --> 00:15:42,639

there are several other sightings in the

352

00:15:47,829 --> 00:15:44,959

wisconsin area that took place around

353

00:15:49,749 --> 00:15:47,839

the same time as wheeler's event

354

00:15:52,069 --> 00:15:49,759

paul fredrickson who witnessed the

355

00:15:54,550 --> 00:15:52,079

glowing object from the front window of

356

00:15:57,030 --> 00:15:54,560

his home could offer very little more

357

00:15:59,590 --> 00:15:57,040

about what he'd seen that night but he

358

00:16:01,749 --> 00:15:59,600

did have another experience of his own

359

00:16:06,470 --> 00:16:01,759

only several months earlier somewhere

360

00:16:08,790 --> 00:16:06,480

around the 20th of october 1975.

361

00:16:12,310 --> 00:16:08,800

and what's more the sighting occurred at

362

00:16:15,110 --> 00:16:12,320

approximately the same location

363

00:16:17,590 --> 00:16:15,120

that evening a little after 10 pm

364

00:16:20,629 --> 00:16:17,600

frederickson was returning home with his

365

00:16:22,790 --> 00:16:20,639

son in the car after working late

366

00:16:25,269 --> 00:16:22,800

suddenly as they were driving near

367

00:16:27,829 --> 00:16:25,279

tuttle hill his son spotted something

368

00:16:29,990 --> 00:16:27,839

strange in the skies overhead and

369

00:16:32,150 --> 00:16:30,000

alerted his father

370

00:16:34,710 --> 00:16:32,160

fredrickson at first believed the object

371

00:16:37,269 --> 00:16:34,720

was simply a full moon

372

00:16:39,829 --> 00:16:37,279

that was until it moved with great

373

00:16:41,670 --> 00:16:39,839

velocity overhead

374

00:16:44,629 --> 00:16:41,680

he would immediately pull the car to the

375

00:16:46,710 --> 00:16:44,639

side of the road and exited the vehicle

376

00:16:50,389 --> 00:16:46,720

he would later describe the object as

377

00:16:52,230 --> 00:16:50,399

quote big and orange in color and it was

378

00:16:53,990 --> 00:16:52,240

coming towards us

379

00:16:56,710 --> 00:16:54,000

end quote

380

00:16:59,509 --> 00:16:56,720

however when it was directly overhead it

381

00:17:00,629 --> 00:16:59,519

looked like the bottom of a huge gray

382

00:17:02,629 --> 00:17:00,639

plate

383

00:17:05,510 --> 00:17:02,639

he would estimate the craft was between

384

00:17:07,590 --> 00:17:05,520

500 to a thousand feet above them and

385

00:17:08,630 --> 00:17:07,600

was approximately a hundred feet in

386

00:17:11,270 --> 00:17:08,640

width

387

00:17:14,230 --> 00:17:11,280

interestingly when it hovered over them

388

00:17:15,909 --> 00:17:14,240

a sound similar to a waterfall was

389

00:17:18,549 --> 00:17:15,919

audible

390

00:17:21,270 --> 00:17:18,559

fredrickson's son would also later state

391

00:17:23,429 --> 00:17:21,280

that a blue and green beam emerged

392

00:17:25,909 --> 00:17:23,439

briefly from the object

393

00:17:29,430 --> 00:17:25,919

in a matter of seconds the glowing craft

394

00:17:31,350 --> 00:17:29,440

disappeared into the distance

395

00:17:34,390 --> 00:17:31,360

a little over six months before

396

00:17:37,510 --> 00:17:34,400

fredrikson's encounter and once again in

397

00:17:40,070 --> 00:17:37,520

elmwood the forster family would share

398

00:17:41,510 --> 00:17:40,080

an experience that would forever change

399

00:17:44,870 --> 00:17:41,520

their lives

400

00:17:49,110 --> 00:17:44,880

so much so that mrs forster would tell

401
00:17:51,830 --> 00:17:49,120
the elmwood argus in their march 13 1975

402
00:17:55,190 --> 00:17:51,840
edition that quote i was always an

403
00:17:57,029 --> 00:17:55,200
unbeliever as far as ufos were concerned

404
00:17:58,950 --> 00:17:57,039
but i'm not anymore

405
00:18:01,669 --> 00:17:58,960
end quote

406
00:18:05,110 --> 00:18:01,679
according to the account mrs forster and

407
00:18:08,230 --> 00:18:05,120
her three children mary anne-marie and

408
00:18:10,870 --> 00:18:08,240
tom were driving back from arkansas

409
00:18:13,430 --> 00:18:10,880
where they were visiting family

410
00:18:16,150 --> 00:18:13,440
as they were driving they noticed a

411
00:18:18,150 --> 00:18:16,160
bright star in the sky above

412
00:18:20,310 --> 00:18:18,160
all throughout the journey the star

413
00:18:23,029 --> 00:18:20,320

appeared to remain with them

414

00:18:26,390 --> 00:18:23,039

however mrs forrester soon noticed that

415

00:18:28,950 --> 00:18:26,400

the star was dipping lower and seemingly

416

00:18:31,270 --> 00:18:28,960

moving towards them

417

00:18:33,350 --> 00:18:31,280

she stopped the car temporarily and

418

00:18:36,630 --> 00:18:33,360

contemplated driving into one of the

419

00:18:39,110 --> 00:18:36,640

many farms in the area for assistance or

420

00:18:40,630 --> 00:18:39,120

advice on what the strange light might

421

00:18:43,029 --> 00:18:40,640

be

422

00:18:46,310 --> 00:18:43,039

however she would quickly dismiss this

423

00:18:48,549 --> 00:18:46,320

idea and set out once more on her way

424

00:18:51,750 --> 00:18:48,559

by the time she had reached the weber

425

00:18:53,590 --> 00:18:51,760

farm the star was right above the

426

00:18:55,830 --> 00:18:53,600

treetops

427

00:18:58,230 --> 00:18:55,840

she felt sure that it was not merely a

428

00:19:00,789 --> 00:18:58,240

star and finally convinced herself to

429

00:19:03,350 --> 00:19:00,799

drive into the weber farm

430

00:19:05,350 --> 00:19:03,360

the weber's son roger was at home with

431

00:19:07,909 --> 00:19:05,360

his own two children

432

00:19:09,110 --> 00:19:07,919

all three would witness the strange

433

00:19:12,230 --> 00:19:09,120

light

434

00:19:14,710 --> 00:19:12,240

roger would offer that it was not a star

435

00:19:17,830 --> 00:19:14,720

but it might be a satellite

436

00:19:20,470 --> 00:19:17,840

feeling a little reassured mrs forster

437

00:19:21,510 --> 00:19:20,480

got back into her car and drove on once

438

00:19:24,390 --> 00:19:21,520

more

439

00:19:25,750 --> 00:19:24,400

she was she reasoned only three miles

440

00:19:27,590 --> 00:19:25,760

from home

441

00:19:29,750 --> 00:19:27,600

she had only been back on the road for a

442

00:19:32,950 --> 00:19:29,760

matter of minutes when the brightly lit

443

00:19:34,950 --> 00:19:32,960

object came closer to the vehicle

444

00:19:37,750 --> 00:19:34,960

so close in fact that it began to

445

00:19:39,669 --> 00:19:37,760

descend in the middle of the road right

446

00:19:41,750 --> 00:19:39,679

in front of the car

447

00:19:45,750 --> 00:19:41,760

she would later describe the object as

448

00:19:48,230 --> 00:19:45,760

looking like two stuck together saucers

449

00:19:50,070 --> 00:19:48,240

the object itself was white but there

450

00:19:51,190 --> 00:19:50,080

were various colored lights around the

451
00:19:52,390 --> 00:19:51,200
sides

452
00:19:56,230 --> 00:19:52,400
on the underside

453
00:19:57,830 --> 00:19:56,240
there appeared to be stick-like legs

454
00:20:01,590 --> 00:19:57,840
she would estimate the craft to be

455
00:20:03,909 --> 00:20:01,600
around the size of a standard car

456
00:20:07,029 --> 00:20:03,919
at this point all three of the children

457
00:20:09,750 --> 00:20:07,039
were beyond frightened mrs forster

458
00:20:11,510 --> 00:20:09,760
immediately put the vehicle into reverse

459
00:20:13,190 --> 00:20:11,520
and quickly made her way back to the

460
00:20:15,990 --> 00:20:13,200
weber farm

461
00:20:18,070 --> 00:20:16,000
as she did so she repeatedly pressed on

462
00:20:20,789 --> 00:20:18,080
the car's horn

463
00:20:23,430 --> 00:20:20,799

it had the desired effect as both roger

464

00:20:25,830 --> 00:20:23,440

and his two children rushed outside to

465

00:20:27,990 --> 00:20:25,840

see what the matter was

466

00:20:31,029 --> 00:20:28,000

roger would ultimately put his children

467

00:20:32,630 --> 00:20:31,039

in his car and then escort mrs forster

468

00:20:34,470 --> 00:20:32,640

home

469

00:20:37,110 --> 00:20:34,480

although the glowing object continued to

470

00:20:38,710 --> 00:20:37,120

follow them it did not attempt to land

471

00:20:42,870 --> 00:20:38,720

again

472

00:20:45,830 --> 00:20:42,880

and soon it disappeared out of sight

473

00:20:48,390 --> 00:20:45,840

at around 2 a.m in the early hours of

474

00:20:52,230 --> 00:20:48,400

april 6 1975

475

00:20:55,510 --> 00:20:52,240

rod c graves and mike lewandowski both

476
00:20:59,270 --> 00:20:55,520
18 years old were driving toward athens

477
00:21:03,270 --> 00:20:59,280
from the town of wausau in wisconsin

478
00:21:05,190 --> 00:21:03,280
suddenly their cb radio ceased to work

479
00:21:08,870 --> 00:21:05,200
at around the same time mike would

480
00:21:10,950 --> 00:21:08,880
notice a pulsating silver gray object

481
00:21:13,029 --> 00:21:10,960
ahead of them

482
00:21:15,350 --> 00:21:13,039
he would later describe the object as

483
00:21:16,390 --> 00:21:15,360
flat on the bottom and dome shaped on

484
00:21:18,230 --> 00:21:16,400
the top

485
00:21:19,909 --> 00:21:18,240
and appeared to be hovering just above

486
00:21:21,990 --> 00:21:19,919
the ground

487
00:21:24,470 --> 00:21:22,000
they continued forward the road

488
00:21:26,470 --> 00:21:24,480

particularly quiet due to the late hour

489

00:21:29,430 --> 00:21:26,480

until they both saw what they thought

490

00:21:31,430 --> 00:21:29,440

was a tree on the roadside around seven

491

00:21:34,470 --> 00:21:31,440

feet in height

492

00:21:36,630 --> 00:21:34,480

however when they saw it moving slowly

493

00:21:38,549 --> 00:21:36,640

they increased the car's speed not

494

00:21:41,270 --> 00:21:38,559

stopping until they arrived back in

495

00:21:42,870 --> 00:21:41,280

wausau at around 3 am

496

00:21:45,110 --> 00:21:42,880

they would park the car behind a

497

00:21:46,549 --> 00:21:45,120

restaurant and both sat there

498

00:21:48,549 --> 00:21:46,559

contemplating what they had just

499

00:21:50,870 --> 00:21:48,559

witnessed

500

00:21:54,230 --> 00:21:50,880

both of them tired at this point would

501
00:21:57,110 --> 00:21:54,240
ultimately fall asleep in the car

502
00:21:58,390 --> 00:21:57,120
upon waking up they were in a completely

503
00:22:00,310 --> 00:21:58,400
different location

504
00:22:01,830 --> 00:22:00,320
in the car park

505
00:22:04,230 --> 00:22:01,840
even stranger

506
00:22:05,350 --> 00:22:04,240
both of them had dirt all over their

507
00:22:07,510 --> 00:22:05,360
clothing

508
00:22:09,029 --> 00:22:07,520
and their gas tank was showing lower

509
00:22:10,830 --> 00:22:09,039
than it should have

510
00:22:13,590 --> 00:22:10,840
half a tank

511
00:22:15,750 --> 00:22:13,600
lower they would ultimately propose to

512
00:22:18,470 --> 00:22:15,760
themselves that they returned to the

513
00:22:20,230 --> 00:22:18,480

location of the incident at some point

514

00:22:22,549 --> 00:22:20,240

after parking

515

00:22:24,630 --> 00:22:22,559

however whatever had happened once they

516

00:22:27,750 --> 00:22:24,640

arrived there they could no longer

517

00:22:33,750 --> 00:22:31,110

there are several other ufo reports and

518

00:22:36,630 --> 00:22:33,760

encounters around wisconsin in the weeks

519

00:22:39,029 --> 00:22:36,640

immediately before and after the george

520

00:22:41,510 --> 00:22:39,039

wheeler incident

521

00:22:46,149 --> 00:22:41,520

for example on the early morning of

522

00:22:47,990 --> 00:22:46,159

march 6th 1976 at a little after 5 a.m

523

00:22:51,750 --> 00:22:48,000

police would receive reports from a

524

00:22:54,230 --> 00:22:51,760

resident in two rivers wisconsin of a

525

00:22:56,390 --> 00:22:54,240

blue white light hovering just to the

526

00:22:58,710 --> 00:22:56,400

north of the city

527

00:23:01,110 --> 00:22:58,720

a police unit would set off in the

528

00:23:03,830 --> 00:23:01,120

direction of the glow

529

00:23:06,830 --> 00:23:03,840

they too would report seeing a glow as

530

00:23:09,590 --> 00:23:06,840

well as something akin to a long vapor

531

00:23:13,750 --> 00:23:09,600

trail the police would state their

532

00:23:15,669 --> 00:23:13,760

belief that the glow was from a comet

533

00:23:18,390 --> 00:23:15,679

just over a week after george wheeler's

534

00:23:20,950 --> 00:23:18,400

encounter a small notice in the tribune

535

00:23:23,990 --> 00:23:20,960

record claimed that ufos were the topic

536

00:23:25,990 --> 00:23:24,000

of discussion in recent days

537

00:23:27,590 --> 00:23:26,000

furthermore the story claimed a few

538

00:23:30,390 --> 00:23:27,600

calls had come into the sheriff's

539

00:23:33,029 --> 00:23:30,400

department from concerned locals

540

00:23:35,510 --> 00:23:33,039

specifically of seeing strange objects

541

00:23:37,750 --> 00:23:35,520

overhead although not always as high as

542

00:23:40,230 --> 00:23:37,760

we might imagine

543

00:23:42,070 --> 00:23:40,240

an incident around six weeks after

544

00:23:45,190 --> 00:23:42,080

george wheeler's sighting in late may

545

00:23:47,750 --> 00:23:45,200

however definitely stands out as one of

546

00:23:52,149 --> 00:23:47,760

the most detailed

547

00:23:55,350 --> 00:23:52,159

at around 10 30 p.m on may 20th 1976

548

00:23:57,590 --> 00:23:55,360

friends gail bach and kathy holt were

549

00:24:00,470 --> 00:23:57,600

driving back to elmwood after attending

550

00:24:03,269 --> 00:24:00,480

an emergency medical technician training

551

00:24:05,830 --> 00:24:03,279

course in river falls

552

00:24:08,470 --> 00:24:05,840

however shortly after setting off an

553

00:24:12,070 --> 00:24:08,480

object flying just above the treetops to

554

00:24:13,990 --> 00:24:12,080

the side of them caught their attention

555

00:24:16,070 --> 00:24:14,000

they followed it for several moments

556

00:24:18,870 --> 00:24:16,080

before losing sight of it as they

557

00:24:21,190 --> 00:24:18,880

traveled along the road the next thing

558

00:24:23,669 --> 00:24:21,200

they knew though the light was seemingly

559

00:24:24,630 --> 00:24:23,679

in front of them and coming straight at

560

00:24:26,630 --> 00:24:24,640

them

561

00:24:28,789 --> 00:24:26,640

they would ultimately stop the car

562

00:24:31,510 --> 00:24:28,799

realizing as soon as they did that the

563

00:24:33,669 --> 00:24:31,520

object was directly overhead

564

00:24:35,909 --> 00:24:33,679

when gal left the car to observe the

565

00:24:38,870 --> 00:24:35,919

object she could see that on the

566

00:24:41,750 --> 00:24:38,880

perfectly round underside were several

567

00:24:43,750 --> 00:24:41,760

red and blue flashing lights

568

00:24:45,990 --> 00:24:43,760

almost in unison with the two ladies

569

00:24:47,750 --> 00:24:46,000

setting off once again the object

570

00:24:49,269 --> 00:24:47,760

immediately moved in the opposite

571

00:24:52,310 --> 00:24:49,279

direction

572

00:24:54,310 --> 00:24:52,320

both kathy and gail would state to local

573

00:24:56,310 --> 00:24:54,320

reporters that they had both witnessed

574

00:24:59,430 --> 00:24:56,320

similar incidents before

575

00:25:01,990 --> 00:24:59,440

including an orange glowing object

576
00:25:05,029 --> 00:25:02,000
strikingly similar to george wheeler and

577
00:25:08,230 --> 00:25:05,039
paul fredrickson's sightings as well

578
00:25:10,789 --> 00:25:08,240
perhaps even more interesting gal bach

579
00:25:12,470 --> 00:25:10,799
would make reference to george wheeler

580
00:25:15,510 --> 00:25:12,480
when she said to reporters that the

581
00:25:18,149 --> 00:25:15,520
object she witnessed was not as big as

582
00:25:19,909 --> 00:25:18,159
the one george wheeler saw

583
00:25:22,070 --> 00:25:19,919
she would also claim that a previous

584
00:25:24,470 --> 00:25:22,080
sighting took place in the company of

585
00:25:27,269 --> 00:25:24,480
paul fredrickson

586
00:25:31,830 --> 00:25:27,279
it would appear that george and paul

587
00:25:34,549 --> 00:25:31,840
were a magnet for ufo events

588
00:25:37,590 --> 00:25:34,559

another fascinating incident occurred in

589

00:25:40,230 --> 00:25:37,600

july of 1976

590

00:25:42,950 --> 00:25:40,240

one evening in the small town of malone

591

00:25:45,669 --> 00:25:42,960

in the fond du lac region of the state

592

00:25:48,230 --> 00:25:45,679

mark zegelbauer would claim that he

593

00:25:52,630 --> 00:25:48,240

witnessed a strange object descend and

594

00:25:55,990 --> 00:25:52,640

land in a field on his family's farm

595

00:25:58,549 --> 00:25:56,000

shortly after he witnessed green men

596

00:26:01,269 --> 00:25:58,559

outside the craft

597

00:26:03,990 --> 00:26:01,279

as bizarre as this account sounds mark's

598

00:26:06,230 --> 00:26:04,000

father orville also witnessed the craft

599

00:26:09,590 --> 00:26:06,240

descending several moments earlier at

600

00:26:11,350 --> 00:26:09,600

around 10 pm while he was working

601
00:26:13,269 --> 00:26:11,360
he would then alert his son to the

602
00:26:15,110 --> 00:26:13,279
strange events

603
00:26:18,070 --> 00:26:15,120
both would see the multi-colored

604
00:26:19,909 --> 00:26:18,080
rotating lights of this craft as it came

605
00:26:21,830 --> 00:26:19,919
down towards the field in which it

606
00:26:24,390 --> 00:26:21,840
settled

607
00:26:26,149 --> 00:26:24,400
upon his father's instructions mark

608
00:26:27,590 --> 00:26:26,159
would drive over to the field in

609
00:26:30,310 --> 00:26:27,600
question

610
00:26:33,029 --> 00:26:30,320
when he arrived he would see the two

611
00:26:35,269 --> 00:26:33,039
strange green figures

612
00:26:39,269 --> 00:26:35,279
he would inadvertently shine the car's

613
00:26:41,510 --> 00:26:39,279

headlights directly at them noticing how

614

00:26:44,070 --> 00:26:41,520

they lifted their hands to their faces

615

00:26:47,990 --> 00:26:44,080

to shield their eyes from the light he

616

00:26:50,789 --> 00:26:48,000

immediately dimmed and lowered the beam

617

00:26:53,990 --> 00:26:50,799

as he did so however the two figures

618

00:26:55,669 --> 00:26:54,000

simply disappeared somehow right in

619

00:26:58,390 --> 00:26:55,679

front of him

620

00:27:00,549 --> 00:26:58,400

unnerved he left the area and returned

621

00:27:03,110 --> 00:27:00,559

to his father

622

00:27:05,029 --> 00:27:03,120

when ufo investigators arrived in the

623

00:27:07,190 --> 00:27:05,039

area to speak with the family about the

624

00:27:09,269 --> 00:27:07,200

incident it would come to light that

625

00:27:11,750 --> 00:27:09,279

another nearby resident witnessed a

626
00:27:15,990 --> 00:27:11,760
flying object around an hour before the

627
00:27:17,830 --> 00:27:16,000
incident at the siegel bower farm

628
00:27:20,230 --> 00:27:17,840
although it was almost three years to

629
00:27:22,470 --> 00:27:20,240
the day of the george wheeler case

630
00:27:26,470 --> 00:27:22,480
another incident on the afternoon of

631
00:27:29,190 --> 00:27:26,480
april 19 1978 would also feature a

632
00:27:32,070 --> 00:27:29,200
wisconsin police officer witnessing a

633
00:27:34,950 --> 00:27:32,080
strange aerial craft

634
00:27:37,510 --> 00:27:34,960
furthermore mark coltrane would also

635
00:27:39,590 --> 00:27:37,520
manage to snap several pictures of the

636
00:27:40,950 --> 00:27:39,600
saucer-like craft with his polaroid

637
00:27:43,590 --> 00:27:40,960
camera

638
00:27:47,350 --> 00:27:43,600

coltrane was on patrol duty at the time

639

00:27:49,909 --> 00:27:47,360

and was driving near the town of colfax

640

00:27:51,590 --> 00:27:49,919

it was a little after 12 p.m noon when

641

00:27:53,990 --> 00:27:51,600

he decided to find somewhere to pull

642

00:27:56,310 --> 00:27:54,000

over and buy something to eat

643

00:27:59,029 --> 00:27:56,320

he was just about to radio in for his

644

00:28:01,269 --> 00:27:59,039

intentions to do so when he realized

645

00:28:03,269 --> 00:28:01,279

that the radio was crackling

646

00:28:05,470 --> 00:28:03,279

significantly

647

00:28:08,789 --> 00:28:05,480

it was then that he noticed a

648

00:28:10,389 --> 00:28:08,799

metallic-looking disc ascending into the

649

00:28:11,990 --> 00:28:10,399

sky

650

00:28:14,470 --> 00:28:12,000

it appeared as though it was heading

651
00:28:17,190 --> 00:28:14,480
toward him but being more concerned with

652
00:28:20,710 --> 00:28:17,200
picking up his polaroid camera he wasn't

653
00:28:23,350 --> 00:28:20,720
sure of the exact movements of the craft

654
00:28:25,590 --> 00:28:23,360
the saucer-like craft was out of sight

655
00:28:27,510 --> 00:28:25,600
within a few minutes

656
00:28:29,990 --> 00:28:27,520
although the sighting was for the most

657
00:28:32,630 --> 00:28:30,000
part from a considerable distance the

658
00:28:34,549 --> 00:28:32,640
incident left coltrane in a state of

659
00:28:37,590 --> 00:28:34,559
mild shock

660
00:28:40,070 --> 00:28:37,600
so much so in fact that he simply sat in

661
00:28:42,470 --> 00:28:40,080
his car for at least an hour before

662
00:28:45,190 --> 00:28:42,480
officially submitting his report of the

663
00:28:48,149 --> 00:28:45,200

incident

664

00:28:49,990 --> 00:28:48,159

the george wheeler case is perhaps one

665

00:28:53,190 --> 00:28:50,000

of several such incidents in the

666

00:28:55,190 --> 00:28:53,200

wisconsin area in the mid to late 1970s

667

00:28:57,190 --> 00:28:55,200

of significance

668

00:29:00,470 --> 00:28:57,200

and certainly one to keep in the

669

00:29:03,029 --> 00:29:00,480

forefront of our minds as we continue

670

00:29:05,350 --> 00:29:03,039

our search for answers to the ufo

671

00:29:07,590 --> 00:29:05,360

question

672

00:29:09,590 --> 00:29:07,600

and what if wheeler's previous ufo

673

00:29:12,389 --> 00:29:09,600

sighting could this just be pure

674

00:29:15,750 --> 00:29:12,399

coincidence or like mentioned before was

675

00:29:18,549 --> 00:29:15,760

he some sort of magnet for these events

676

00:29:20,950 --> 00:29:18,559

after all he was a police officer obeyed

677

00:29:23,110 --> 00:29:20,960

a relief one so it is perfectly

678

00:29:25,190 --> 00:29:23,120

reasonable to assume he would have more

679

00:29:27,029 --> 00:29:25,200

chances than your average resident of

680

00:29:30,950 --> 00:29:27,039

witnessing something strange in the

681

00:29:36,070 --> 00:29:33,190

tragically for wheeler's family and

682

00:29:37,269 --> 00:29:36,080

friends as well as the elmwood community

683

00:29:40,230 --> 00:29:37,279

at large

684

00:29:41,110 --> 00:29:40,240

despite a lifetime of relatively good

685

00:29:43,110 --> 00:29:41,120

health

686

00:29:44,789 --> 00:29:43,120

george wheeler would suddenly

687

00:29:47,590 --> 00:29:44,799

deteriorate

688

00:29:50,710 --> 00:29:47,600

so much so in fact that within six

689

00:29:52,950 --> 00:29:50,720

months of the ufo incident he had passed

690

00:29:55,190 --> 00:29:52,960

away

691

00:29:59,110 --> 00:29:55,200

furthermore the official cause of his

692

00:30:01,430 --> 00:29:59,120

death remains unknown

693

00:30:04,710 --> 00:30:01,440

but rather than focusing on wheeler's

694

00:30:07,909 --> 00:30:04,720

death as some grand conspiracy or even

695

00:30:10,549 --> 00:30:07,919

caused directly by the ufo incident we

696

00:30:13,669 --> 00:30:10,559

can focus on the life of a man who

697

00:30:14,789 --> 00:30:13,679

dedicated his entire life to protecting

698

00:30:17,269 --> 00:30:14,799

his town

699

00:30:20,029 --> 00:30:17,279

and in doing so possibly came into

700

00:30:24,470 --> 00:30:20,039

contact with something truly

701
00:30:26,470 --> 00:30:24,480
extraordinary if not otherworldly

702
00:30:29,510 --> 00:30:26,480
his account remains one of the most

703
00:30:32,549 --> 00:30:29,520
talked about ufo encounters not only in

704
00:30:35,269 --> 00:30:32,559
the greater wisconsin area but in all of

705
00:30:36,470 --> 00:30:35,279
ufology

706
00:30:38,789 --> 00:30:36,480
and hopefully

707
00:30:41,269 --> 00:30:38,799
george wheeler is now getting the

708
00:30:43,510 --> 00:30:41,279
answers he sought in life

709
00:30:44,470 --> 00:30:43,520
to what happened to him and so many

710
00:30:47,110 --> 00:30:44,480
others

711
00:30:51,230 --> 00:30:47,120
where they stared into the skies and

712
00:31:05,669 --> 00:30:51,240
inevitably had something stare back

713
00:31:11,350 --> 00:31:08,389

this episode was co-researched and

714

00:31:12,630 --> 00:31:11,360

inspired by an article written by marcus

715

00:31:16,070 --> 00:31:12,640

loth

716

00:31:21,669 --> 00:31:16,080

at the website ufo insight

717

00:31:26,310 --> 00:31:23,830

if you haven't already please take just

718

00:31:29,830 --> 00:31:26,320

a moment to rate and review somewhere in

719

00:31:31,990 --> 00:31:29,840

the skies on apple podcasts spotify or

720

00:31:35,509 --> 00:31:32,000

wherever you get the show it helps us

721

00:31:38,310 --> 00:31:35,519

gain visibility and find new listeners

722

00:31:40,630 --> 00:31:38,320

thank you for your support and remember

723

00:31:44,250 --> 00:31:40,640

keep your feet on the ground but never

724

00:31:56,630 --> 00:31:44,260

stop searching somewhere in the skies

725

00:32:00,630 --> 00:31:58,549

somewhere in the skies is produced by

726

00:32:02,470 --> 00:32:00,640

third kind productions in association