

UFO Sightings In Lincoln County in 70s & 80s

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An acquaintance of mine in Lincoln County, a long-time driver for UPS, has been driving up and down US-93 for years -- possibly more than anyone else alive. He is a private pilot and is very familiar with operations on the Nellis Range, so I regard him as a knowledgeable witness. He reports four nighttime UFO sightings in the 1970s and 80s that he found remarkable. Like other long-ago sightings, there is probably not much that can be done with them, but since they are within my "territory," I thought I should at least note them for the record. Here is a rough summary.

(#1) US-93 near the 168 Cutoff

One night around 1975, he was driving a UPS truck on the late night shift to or from Las Vegas, about 2-3 am, when a bright golden orange ball descended slowly in front of him. It appeared to him to be about 100 years away and to be the size of "the front end of a car." He and a couple of other cars pulled over to watch it. Although it was originally descending, it stopped, hovered, and then took off upward at great speed. He couldn't see any details in the object, except that it was spinning. It almost seemed like the object was reacting to his presence.

(#2) US-93 crossing Delamar Valley

This was about 1975 or 76, probably in the summer. While driving the truck north from Las Vegas late at night, he saw what looked like searchlights in the sky as he passed through Alamo. He didn't think much of it. However, about 15 minutes later, when crossing the Delamar Valley, he saw the object making the lights. He described it as a huge, "hot-dog" shaped object that appeared to be sitting on or close to the ground in the vicinity of Delamar Lake, south of the highway. He and several truckers stopped and watched the object for "at least 15 minutes." The oblong object had distinct "windows" along its side where the bright light was emitted. One of the truckers had binoculars, so they each looked at the object through them. He realized then that this wasn't any military craft. The drivers all left before the object did, however, since there was nothing more they could do. They were all on a schedule and had to move on.

[Delamar Lake is in an uninhabited valley about 10 miles east of Alamo and about 8-10 miles south of the point where US-93 crosses the valley. The lakebed is called "Texas Lake" by military pilots (because it is shaped like the state of Texas). It is often used for military exercises, like touch-and-go landings on the lake bed. You can't actually see the lakebed from the highway, so it would be hard to judge how far the object was.]

(#3) Over Panaca

In the evening, in 1977 or 1978, shortly after dusk. On his free time, the UPS man was at the airport in Panaca, which is on a bluff overlooking the town. He and his brother saw the same kind of object he had seen in the Delamar Valley, but this time it was hovering in the sky. The size was huge and the UPS man judged that it was roughly over the football field at Panaca High School. He joked to his brother that it was watching the game, but he concedes that he was not sure of distance, since it was above the horizon and they were looking up at it. Since this was not his first such sighting, the UPS man was not upset but his brother was very alarmed. Through binoculars they could count the "windows" (although I didn't ask how many). The lights from the windows did not seem as bright as in the Delamar sighting, but that may have been because they were seeing it from a lower angle. He described the surfaces of the object as "silver grey", but he says the sky was dark enough that there most have been something illuminating the skin for him to be able to see it. The object moved south, then took off upward at great speed.

He figured others in town must have seen it, but never found anyone. His relations with the townsfolk were distant (if you knew Panaca you'd understand.), and his casual inquiries were met with disinterest, so he didn't press it.

