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UFO UpDates Mailing List

Re: 'UFO Sphere/Orb' over Brooklyn, NY

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Mon, 9 Feb 1998 06:30:33 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Feb 1998 18:12:52 -0500
Subject: Re: 'UFO Sphere/Orb' over Brooklyn, NY

>Date: Sun, 08 Feb 1998 17:34:36 +0000
>From: Bryan Butcher <being@concentric.net>
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>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'UFO Sphere/Orb' over Brooklyn, NY

>> Date: Sun, 8 Feb 1998 10:57:31 -0500
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>> Please supply technical info on camera. Brand, model
>> number, etc., as well as film brand and type. This info
>> should ALWAYS accompany any purported UFO photograph.

>> Bob

>Bob...

>Just took this from "UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 3, Number 6"...first
>article...

><http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1998/feb/m08-026.shtml>

>Quoting Alex Cavallari, New York state director of Skywatch
>International:

> "This time it was much bigger and clearer," he added.
> "But the size or diameter of a cigarette (1/4 inch)
> (0.5 centimeters--J.T.) at arm's length. I went inside
> and got my camera," a Minolta 35mm with 12X maximum
> zoom.

>In fact, the entire encounter with the orb and the black
>helicopter is described in detail. I suggest everyone interested
>in this thread read it in full.

>Alex...I again urge you to post the additional images of the
>orb.

>cheers,
>Bryan Butcher

Thanks Bryan,

Well, that tells us a LOT <G>! Minolta only makes dozens of
cameras, and how many 12X zooms they have made I do not know.

However, this does sound like what we refer to in the camera business as a point-n-shoot. A fully automatic camera, and not an SLR with through the lens viewing. Alex's comment about not seeing lens flare becomes important if this is the sort of camera used, because he COULD not see lens flare. On this sort of a camera you are not looking through the taking lens when you look into the eyepiece. You are looking through a separate optical viewfinder which only shows an approximation of what the lens is seeing. You may very well not see any sign of flare in the viewfinder and have a very high flare situation.

In fact pointing one of these cameras toward the sky is always an invitation to flare.

Once I have a model number on the Minolta, I will talk to my friends in the technical dept at Minolta and determine what sort of diaphragm the camera in question has.

Bob

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