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Wave Of Gulf Breeze Sightings

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SKYWATCH DIARY by Carole Baker

*Weekly UFO sighting reports from Gulf Breeze

3/11/98:

Extraordinary Burgren Road Sighting

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One report was forwarded to me by Patti Wheeler, the treasurer of Pensacola/Gulf Breeze MUFON. The witnesses wish to remain anonymous.

This sighting occurred on January 28th, 1998 at around 6:30 p.m. in northeast Pensacola near the junction of Creighton Road and Woodchuck Avenue. The witnesses report seeing two white star like objects high in the sky moving along together. As they watched, the two objects appeared to merge and become one "Tike a big bright white star" and then blinked out.

The second report was furnished to me by Vicki Lyons of Project Awareness, and is as follows. The sighting occurred on December 5th, 1997 between 8:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Melanie Patshy was driving a group of children home from a band concert at Navarre High School in Navarre, Florida. Four of her own six children were among the group and it was her fourteen year old daughter, Elizabeth who first noticed some anomalous lights over the trees along the side of the road. After turning off of Hwy. 98, continuing their western track toward home, they turned onto an often used short cut, Burgren Road. This is a dark, unlit road which connects with Santa Rosa County Road 399 in Gulf Breeze. As their vehicle turned onto this dark and deserted road, the group suddenly noticed the UFO above the treetops to their right. The UFO was a silver, oval-shaped craft with three sets of three orange pulsing lights which were rotating around its periphery. The triangular configuration of each set of lights was confirmed by all witnesses. The object was large, and was described by Mrs. Patshy as being as large as the full-size van she was driving. Mrs. Patshy stopped her vehicle in the middle of the road in

order to get a better view of the object. One of the children, Elizabeth Patshy, wanted to get out of the van and go toward the object, but Mrs. Patshy restrained the child from doing so, concerned for the child's safety. There were five other children in the van as well as fourteen year old Elizabeth. Catherine Patshy, six years old; Christopher Patshy, twelve years old; Kyle Patshy, eight years old; Stephanie Williams, thirteen years old and Stephen Huber, also thirteen years old.

The group continued to observe the object as it hovered, not moving at all, just ten feet above the trees along the roadside. All the witnesses confirm that there was absolutely no sound whatsoever coming from the craft. Some of the children were becoming increasingly anxious, and although Mrs. Patshy felt no fear herself and wanted to stay and watch the object, she left since two of the children were actually now crying and extremely fearful.

Mrs. Patshy drove on with the UFO still hovering over the nearby trees. As the children looked behind them, they noticed that the UFO was now moving, since it was not getting any smaller. Mrs. Patshy confirms that it was clear to her that the UFO was actually following them. They did not lose sight of the craft until they turned off Burgren Road onto Santa Rosa County Road 399. Upon arriving in the Patshy's driveway, all occupants of the van excitedly hurriedly and went inside the house. After calm had been restored, they later went back outside to see if they could see anything but could not locate the craft anywhere in the sky.

Mrs. Patshy's husband discussed his family's sighting the next day with some of his co-workers and found out that another woman had reported a sighting of the same craft on the same day. Vicki Lyons is currently attempting to identify and contact this other witness. My thanks to the Patshy family and to Vicki Lyons for this excellent account.

Of particular interest in this case is the diversity of reactions of the children involved. The youngest witness, six years old, did not seem particularly frightened, but stated to Vicki Lyons during her investigative interview that "it was a flying saucer, just like I've seen on T.V." However, the reaction of some of the older children witnessing this event was not as calm, two of the boys became hysterical with fear prompting Mrs. Patshy to drive away from the scene toward home. Particularly interesting is the reaction of Mrs. Patshy's daughter, Elizabeth, who had to be restrained from exiting the vehicle and running toward the UFO "to get a better look at it". I had the opportunity to review the drawings which the witnesses had drawn independently, and they all show a similarly shaped object of either gray or dark blue color, oval, with three clusters of three orange lights in triangular configurations on the perimeter. This is an extremely interesting sighting with aspects reminiscent of both the Travis Walton case and the famous "road shot" taken by Ed Walters' in the same area in the late 1980's.

Recently, Vicki Lyons and myself drove the route followed by this group to check out the area. Of note is the fact that in this area the tree line is no more than about thirty feet high, just about the same height as the power and telephone poles. Also very close, and running through the area is a large array of high voltage cables and a generating sub-station. Of course, we were both hoping that something may show up during our foray. Nothing did, but it put the report in perspective for us to retrace the group's steps.

The URL of the next reports is:

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*Weekly UFO sighting reports from Gulf Breeze

3/4/98:

More UFOs Along the Gulf Coast

We are still recording, documenting and researching sighting reports which are coming in from all along the Gulf Coast.

Bill Ford shared the following sighting report of an event that took place on Monday, February 9th, 1998 that he obtained from the witnesses themselves just a few days after the sighting. The two women, a mother and daughter, were returning to their home in Fairhope, AL from Biloxi, MS. They were driving east on I-10, and at about 5:00 a.m. they observed a big, bright white light was to their right (south), out over an area of water. (It is not clear from Bill's report if this was the Gulf of Mexico, or a bay or inlet.) The witnesses estimate that the light was at an approximate elevation of forty-five degrees from the horizon. One of the witnesses judges the size of the object to be about half the size of the full moon at arm's length. While still watching the light, the witnesses pulled their car over into a rest area to better observe the light. One of the witnesses reports that she observed the light in the same position until about 6:30 a.m. whereupon it turned to a "golden" color and grew smaller and appeared to withdraw until it looked like an average star in the sky. Interestingly the other witness reports feeling drowsy and sleepy during this time, but corroborates the light turning golden and growing smaller etc. etc.

Bill states that he addressed the issue of possible missing time with these witnesses but both do not feel that this was part of their experience. The witnesses then resumed their journey home. Interestingly, one of the witnesses, the daughter, can recall a prior sighting of round, globe-shaped lights, which took place in 1975 in Cincinnati, Ohio. She shared this previous sighting with her sister and until questioned by Bill about any prior sightings had not shared this information with anyone. My thanks to Bill for sharing this report and gathering all the pertinent information. This is the third sighting recently reported from the Interstate. It seems as though driving on I-10 between Mississippi and Florida is a good place to have a sighting these days!!!

I also received an interesting report this week of a sighting that took place later in the day on February 9th, 1998. The witness wishes to remain anonymous since the witness is connected with a military installation here in the local area. The report of this sighting is particularly interesting since it is rather unusual and the report is very detailed. The witness states that on February 9th, 1998 he was fishing in about three feet of water in Choctawhatchee Bay. He was at a position that would put him south of the runway at Eglin Air Force Base. He notes that the moon was almost full and rising in the east. There was a thin scattered to broken cloud deck at 7000 feet (this was checked with local authorities after his sighting to confirm this detail). At approximately 6:05 p.m. he heard a muffled steady "blowing" sound coming from the north. He looked in that direction, but could see nothing as the noise came closer and closer. As it continued to approach him, he could tell that the noise was coming from above ground level. He continued to look and saw that an area of cloud above him appeared to move. He saw that it was not the clouds that were moving, but a V-shaped, translucent object that was passing below them, making the clouds appear to be moving. "There was no mistake about this," the witness states emphatically "there was a clear object between me and the clouds, moving in a steady motion." The object passed straight over the witness and proceeded in a straight path southward toward the Destin Bridge and disappeared. "The entire sequence took about ten to twelve seconds," the witness states.

The object was between five hundred and one thousand feet above ground level and travelling at about 200 to 250 knots in the estimation of the witness. "There was no propeller or turbine noise . . . just a steady rush of air seemed to propel it. It was very controlled and remained at one speed. The estimated distance I saw it travel was between three and four miles." This is a very interesting and unusual sighting and if anyone else was in this area on the evening of February 9th and saw this object, I would be very interested in hearing from them.

News of another sighting came at around 8:30 a.m. on the morning of February 17th, 1998 a local radio station in the Pensacola

area, WABB 97.5 FM received a call from a young woman, calling from Cantonment, Florida who stated that the previous evening while traveling on Hwy. 29 to Molino, Florida with her mother she had a UFO sighting. She reported that a square object with what appeared to be lights "like a pair of headlights" flew over their car and dropped a "light thing" that they thought was a fireball or something similar. This frightened the witnesses drastically, and the girl stated that her mother sped off down the highway at around eighty miles an hour to get away from the scene. I personally contacted the offices of WABB later that morning in the hope of being able to gather more information from these witnesses about this event. I will relate any further details if they are forthcoming in a future Skywatch Diary. There are still several other sighting reports in the local area which we are avidly gathering information on and details of these sightings will also be included as they come available.

If you wish to contact me, please e-mail me at Cbakerswd@aol.com or write to me at P.O. Box 17152, Pensacola FL 32522-7152, thank you. And remember -- Keep Looking Up!

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