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Re: Talking Sense About Flying Triangles

From: **Bob Tidwell** <bob.t@mindspring.com>
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>From: "Tim Matthews" <matthews@zetnet.co.uk> [Tim Matthews]
>To: <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Urgent - Talking Sense About Flying Triangles
>Date: Sat, 2 May 1998 02:13:43 +0100

>Dear UpDates,

>I read with interest the continuing confusion about flying
>triangles, both large and small. The nonsense talked about this
>subject is indicative of modern Ufology in that too many people
>believe (and that is the operative word) that these aircraft are
>'alien spaceships'.

A couple of years ago, myself and two other Alabama MUFON officials were returning to Birmingham from the Project Awareness conference in Mobile. We had a chance to view one of the triangular craft at very close range.

It was late in the evening, and was just turning dark. We had been observing a couple of lights high in the sky that were moving erratically. The lights winked out, then a few minutes later one of the occupants in our van called our attention to some lights off to the side, below the tree line. There were three horizontal lights, a white one in the middle, with a red light on either side.

At first glance the lights looked like the warning lights on transmission tower, except that the lights were growing bigger. The lights turned out to be a dark colored triangular craft that flew directly over the van at just above treetop level.

Had there just been only this one craft, I would have questioned myself as to whether or not I had actually seen such a craft (due to the darkness), but in this incident there was a small two-engine propeller airplane chasing the triangle, and very close behind it. This gave an excellent means of comparison to the triangle.

The silver color of the airplane was easy to determine. There was enough light in the area to reflect off of the airplane, but the triangle remained dark, as though it were not reflecting any light. I would guess the size of the triangle to be a little larger than a Lear Jet. We clearly heard the engine noise from the airplane, but could detect no noise from the triangle.

This encounter lasted only a few seconds as the two craft continued on beyond the tree line on the other side of the interstate, but everyone in the van was in agreement as to what we all had seen.

This sighting was in the Ft. Deposit area, just to the south of Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Alabama. After a follow-up investigation I was able to determine that the triangular craft had been seen by residents in the area for quite some time, and was believed to be connected to Maxwell AFB. Another witness came forward about a year later who told me that what I had seen was a new type of military reconnaissance aircraft that was being flown out of several small secluded airfields in the area. An earlier check with a local police dispatcher had revealed that the local county airport was currently under control of a military group, and that local authorities had been informed that special maneuvers were being held in that area. Two private ultra-light aircraft were kept at the airport, but supposedly had not been flown for some time, due to work being done to the runway by this military group.

I'm no longer with MUFON, but am still investigating these reports. I don't know if this relates to other sightings of triangular craft, but this may account for such craft here in Central Alabama.

~~~ Bob Tidwell ~~~

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