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Paul Cunningham of Onondaga Hill went out with four friends hoping to take a picture of a UFO Friday night. The 12-year-old's photo shows an object outlined in orange. Paul and his friends turned their photos in to the Sheriff's Department. A mother of one of the youngsters was told by a deputy that a policeman also spotted the object. The young UFO watchers said the object was as large as "an airliner" and moved slowly in the Carnarvan Road area.

## What's a cure for UFObia?

By TIM CARROLL

Up until Thursday morning, Sgt. M.J. Tuohey of the Sheriff's Department was going about his usual business as an intelligence officer -- surveying national and state police teletypes, studying local overnight reports, looking for trends or important pieces of information to pass along to officers in the field.

It was regular down to earth police work.

That all changed Thursday. Since then Tuohey has been trying to crack Onondaga County's severe case of UFObia.

Tuohey, a 16-year veteran of the department, says he didn't particularly want the job. It's just a case of being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

"The people have got to be able to call somebody, right," said Tuohey yesterday at his desk in the department's Criminal Investigation Section. "Barking dogs, the power goes out. People naturally call the police."

And call they did.

It started bright and early Thursday as people awoke to hear reports that the Dennis Kiteveles family in Baldwinsville had spotted an oval-shaped something with red, blue, yellow and green lights on it.

At the same time of the sighting, power went out briefly in the area. Hancock Field radar watchers allegedly reported they also had a mysterious blip on their radar screen during the time of the Kiteveles' sighting.

It was the stuff rumors feed on. Intrigued callers tried to get more information from police. The dispatchers didn't know where to turn for information, and Tuohey's phone began to ring.

Two days and about 50 reported sightings later, Tuohey still isn't sure whether Onondaga County is having an intriguing encounter of some kind, or maybe just a contagious case of spring fever.

Looking for UFO's isn't something the Sheriff's Department does every day, and Tuohey really isn't sure exactly what it is people want him to find.

The Kiteveles UFO was the traditional flying saucer type. But other reports indicate we're being visited by something that travels in a boat-shaped craft, a rectangular ship or something that looks like a cut-diamond.

Some go fast, others crawl along. Only one is reported to have made any noise. That was a "whooshing, suction" sound as it vanished from the sight of a Vietnam veteran in Bridgeport.

"I'd say 90 percent of the sightings have been in the Route 48, Sorrell Hill Road area near Baldwinsville," noted Tuohey, who said he has approached the recent UFO mania with an open mind.

He served as a flight engineer during his stint with a photographic squadron in the Naval Air Force and remains interested in aviation. A picture of his old air base hangs on the wall next to his desk, right under a UFO fashioned from a styrofoam paper cup by his colleagues. The department at least has a sense of humor.

Some UFO spotters are "unreliable," says Tuohey. "But most of them are married, sober and have children. A professor from SU called in with one sighting."

From his desk, Tuohey has been piecing together many of the UFO reports taken by deputies and fielding numerous calls.

What has he turned up?

"Nothing concrete, some photos were taken and will be developed today," he said. "But you tell me. If I found something what would I do with it?"

Tuohey said he has tried to contact the director of the Center for UFO Studies in Illinois, and hopefully they will look into the recent rash of sightings.

"The government doesn't want anything to do with this thing anymore, not the Air Force or anybody," explains Tuohey, noting the Air Force dropped Operation Blue Book, its study of UFO's, in 1969.

The investigator has cautioned callers about the possible pitfalls of UFO watching.

"Most people are a poor judge of height over distance," he said. "At night, they have trouble judging how far away things are, or how big they may be."

He said Cross Lake in northern Onondaga County is a favorite rest stop for large flocks of geese. That may account for an errant radar blip. "But do geese carry blinking lights?" he adds.

The oval-shaped UFO's could be weather balloons. "Again, weather balloons don't have power packs for lights."

Airplanes traveling in the distance may be the simple answer to many sightings. Tuohey said new lights on planes can be spotted many miles away. "When a plane is a long way off and the pilot puts the landing lights on, it appears as though the object is just hovering. Then, when the lights are turned off, it looks as though the object disappeared," he explained.

Atmospheric conditions also can make a major event out of a distant aircraft, Tuohey said. "Under the right conditions, a green light can look blue, and a white light look yellow," he said. That may account for the green and yellow lights sighted by some residents. "No known aircraft is supposed to have green or yellow lights on it," he explained.

Tuohey said he was hoping to get back to a normal schedule tomorrow morning as "this thing begins to settle down, run its course, or who knows, maybe something will turn up."

"It's not the job of policemen to come up with opinions," said Tuohey, who wouldn't state his for the record.

"But disbelievers used to laugh at Buck Rogers," he said, "and look at what we've done in space the last 10 years."

## UFO Sighted In This Area

OCONTO — A resident of the Town of Gillett, Edward Erickson, 30, reported to the Oconto County sheriff's department at 11:55 p.m. Friday that he had sighted what he believed to be an unidentified flying object.

Erickson said he and his wife were returning from Underhill about 11 p.m. when his wife observed stationary lights blinking in the sky about tree top level.

EAGLE-STAR, Marinette, WI - March 4, 1978 CR: R. Heiden

According to the observer, the lights were red and green. As they watched, he said, the red lights went out and the UFO took off in a wide circle. When the craft rose to a height of about 2,000 feet, he said, a rotating bright white light was observed. The couple watched the craft for about an hour, Erickson said, before it moved off to the southwest.

Erickson reported that a neighbor, David Cullen, also sighted the object.

## Orange glow: UFO?

MARYLAND INDEPENDENT, La Plata, MD - Feb. 1, 1978

"A strange orange glow" followed by "something like thunder" is how Tracy King of Hughesville described what ever it was" she reported seeing on Jan. 13: Friday the 13th.

She had awakened at about 3 a.m. to put a log in the fireplace when she saw an orange light through her bedroom window, which "lit up the whole area."

"I could see it reflecting off the snow," she said, "and I thought the chimney was on fire."

She checked the chimney, but found no problems.

When she returned to her bedroom her husband was awake.

"He saw it the second time," she said. They then heard a noise that sounded like a clap of thunder.

"I said maybe a spacecraft crashed out in the yard," Mrs. King told the Independent. "My husband said 'go to sleep.'"

But despite her initial reaction, Mrs. King is not contending that she saw a UFO.

"I don't know what it was," she said.

There have been reports over the past two months along the east coast that are similar to Mrs. King's reported observation.

Mysterious blasts have been heard in Canada, New Jersey, Maine, and other coastal areas. In one report, according to Jack Acuff, president of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, residents observed a flash of light before a mysterious blast occurred.

Scientists have been unable to explain the blasts, but they are believed to be a natural phenomenon rather than anything relating to UFO reports.

## UFO's Over Dublin?

At least three Graves Countians are wondering this morning about what they saw late Thursday afternoon in the sky west of Mayfield.

Wayne Carr, a local farmer and restaurant owner, said this morning he and a young man who helps on his farm saw two objects in the sky in what appeared to be a direction toward Fancy Farm. Carr described the objects as one being vertical in shape and the other round.

The Graves Countian said the round object appeared to "overtake" the vertical one and later disappeared or went out of sight. He said they looked as though they were the color of the sun.

Carr's story was substantiated this morning when Junior Anderson, a local service station owner and diner at Carr's restaurant, said he had seen the same thing or "things" yesterday between 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Telephone calls to the Mayfield-Graves County Airport, Federal Aviation Administration in Paducah, National Weather Service in Cairo and Kentucky State Police failed to identify the objects. The weather service and FAA said they had no reports of any weather balloon activity or helicopters in the area.

Several possible explanations are in order. First, the object or objects could possibly have been a gyrocopter that is reported to be in the Dublin area. Secondly, a weather balloon, off course, could have gotten into the area. Or, the last two choices could be the men saw an unidentified flying object(s) or they saw what might have been a Russian satellite falling to the earth!

## Three Separate Cases

PRESS, Atlantic City, NJ  
Feb. 3, 1978

# Vineland Is Beset by UFO Sightings

By MONA MOORE  
Press Staff Writer

VINELAND — Some local residents have had close encounters of the weird kind in the last week, with at least three separate sightings of unidentified flying objects reported in this city.

The most recent one was Wednesday night when six local youths told police they saw a triangular object with lights in each corner as they were driving north on Hance Bridge Road.

One of the boys, Donald Bennett, 16, of 292 Sheridan Ave., said the object appeared when they stopped the car at the intersection of Sherman Avenue and Hance Bridge Road.

He said it was first spotted by Thomas Sharp, 16, who looked out the window and saw four lights a little larger than headlights low in the sky and coming toward the car.

"It didn't stop, but kind of swerved at a tight angle," Bennett said. "When it was sideways, we all saw it. It looked like a triangle shape, with a light in each corner, and it went back the way it came."

He said they attempted to follow it for about six or seven miles and wound up on a narrow dirt road, where they decided to go no further. They pulled over and shut off the lights, he said, and the UFO's lights also went off. When they turned the car lights back on, the UFO's lights also went on.

At that point, the object was "a long way up," according to Bennett, who said when first spotted it appeared to be about a mile away and 500 or 600 feet in the air.

Asked what he thought it might have been, Bennett said, "I have no idea. I've

never seen anything like it before. It wasn't a plane; we didn't hear a sound. The police said it might have been a helicopter, but it would have had to make a noise."

The first sighting reported to the police was Friday night when Cheryl DeSanctis of 2410 Barry Drive spotted a red and white blinking light in the sky.

According to police reports, she said the light was about a quarter of a mile away hovering above the trees. It stayed stationary for about five minutes, then a red ball moved slowly from behind it getting lower as it went until it was passing a few feet above the rooftops, and throwing light upon the houses as it went, according to the police report.

She said as the red ball moved north, the original object moved in the opposite direction. She said she watched it for about 10 minutes.

Still another sighting was made Tuesday night by Pat Martinelli of N. Maple Drive, although it was not reported to the police.

Ms. Martinelli said she was outside her house at about 11 p.m. Tuesday when she looked up and saw an object above the trees.

"It was not as low flying as a small airplane, but it was lower than most airplanes," she said. "It was a triangle with the point at the back and a lot of red and white lights, more than planes usually have."

"Besides, you can usually tell the humming sound of a plane," she said, adding that there was no sound that she could hear.

"It bore a strong resemblance to the thing in 'Close Encounters,'" she said. "That's what surprised me at first. But in the movie, it rolls and tumbles. This one stayed straight ahead."

Bennett said he had not seen the film, "Close Encounters," but laughingly added, "A lot of people have asked me that."

Ms. Martinelli said she went in and called her parents to look, but by the time they got to the windows, it was too far away.

Asked why she didn't report it, she said she was embarrassed and didn't feel there was anything the police could do anyway.

"It might have been a low-flying satellite or some kind of airplane, but to me it didn't look like an airplane," she said. "You can usually tell the cross-lines of an airplane, but this was broad and flat and triangular."

Although Ms. Martinelli felt the police might not take her seriously, Police Chief Joseph Cassisi said all such reports are checked out.

He said the investigating officers do try to question any other possible witnesses to corroborate the sightings and the information is passed on to agencies which investigate UFO's.

"I feel they're airplanes with flashing lights," he said. "They use strobe lights now, and at certain angles, it does look weird."

## Close encounters of the local kind

FRONT PAGE STORY

Look! Up in the sky! It's a saucer with a blue light on top! It's a pencil-shaped object! No, it's . . . Well, Mercer County Airport officials don't believe the dozens of UFO sightings reported last night in Bucks and Mercer counties. Airport spokesmen said those bright lights in the sky were on an electronic advertising sign — like the kind at Times Square — on the underside of a single-engine Piper plane based at the airport. Witnesses don't buy that explanation. Mrs. Wilma Mihok, 8 Elton Ave., Yardville, said she was waiting with a friend outside the University Heights School in Hamilton Township. Just before 9 p.m., the two women spotted a large saucer-shaped craft with a ring of windows around the bottom and a flashing blue light on top. "I can tell you, it was no Piper and it was no blimp," she said. "I've never seen anything like it, and I'm not the type to exaggerate." Mrs. Mihok said she hadn't seen "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." George Evans, 15, a Hamilton High School sophomore who lives at 42 Anabell Ave. in Hamilton Township, said he and eight friends saw more or less the same thing. The boys were skating on Spring Lake in the township's John Roebling Memorial Park when they saw an object "like an eating plate" hovering about 200 feet off the ground. "It went back and forth and up and down," he said.

TIMES, Trenton, NJ - Feb. 4, 1978

MESSINGER, Mayfield, KY - Feb. 3, 1978



# Humming UFO sighted by family above Verona

By DAVID W. BROWN  
Associate Managing Editor, News

In the winter skies above Verona something red and triangular changed Luther Barton's life last Thursday night.

But he has no idea what it was.

Barton, 48, his wife Edith and son Luther Jr., 23, stepped outside their modest farmhouse on Rt. 491 near Verona about 7:30 that night.

As they did, they stepped into the strange, mystical world of the UFO. They saw something they've never seen before and can't put a name to.

## ■ Down to earth.

The Bartons saw an Unidentified Flying Object.

And, unlike many people, they immediately reported it to the police.

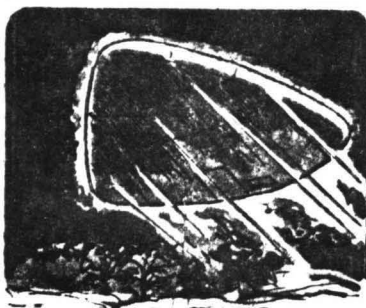
"I just don't know what it was," said Barton Sunday. "I didn't know what it was then. I still don't know now."

The Bartons consider themselves down to earth folks. Luther Barton is an employee of Continental Baking Co., Cincinnati. He's lived most of his life in northern Kentucky. For the first time he is thinking in terms of "down on earth."

Barton said the object flew low and slow directly above their house and disappeared across a meadow.

## ■ Not a copter.

"It was kinda in a triangle shape," he said, carefully picking



his words. "It had three big light on it—and it was humming."

Barton said the lights were red and so bright it made it difficult to see clearly, or to figure out just how high above them it flew.

Barton said the sound was a steady hum.

"Some people say maybe I saw a helicopter. But it didn't sound like that. And it sure didn't look like that."

He also dismissed the idea the object was a plane.

"I never saw a plane like that. It was moving too slow. It was shaped funny. And that hum—" he said, leaving his sentence unfinished.

The Bartons' report differs from that of other northern Kentucky UFO sighters in recent weeks.

## ■ Policeman quizzed.

Erlanger Ptl. Ron Jones, his four-year-old son Ron II, and his niece, Melody Harris, saw a UFO

one night in Florence. They described what they saw as green, shaped like an egg or lightbulb, and said it didn't make a sound.

Their report has been studied in detail by Cincinnati UFO expert Leonard Stringfield. Stringfield has labeled the reports "credible."

Jones says he is sticking to what he said he saw, despite "the ribbing I'm still getting."

The policeman, who lives in Verona, has been contacted by other UFO researchers from across the country, who have bombarded him with questions.

And Stringfield has invited Jones to Northern Kentucky University Tuesday night, where the DuBois Chemical Co. executive plans a lecture on UFOs.

Another UFO report came in from Rick and Judy Gibson, of Ft. Wright. Mrs. Gibson said they saw an object one night out their bedroom window. She described the UFO as green, round in shape, and silent.

In Newport, Dave Pruitt, 66 Broadway, an employee of Reliance Universal, said he saw an oval-shaped shiny object out an upstairs window about 8:30 one morning.

"It shined like polished aluminum. It didn't have any lights. It just hung in the air like it was suspended. Then it disappeared."

Pruitt estimated the object was one or two miles away. His is the only reported daylight sighting.

POST & TIMES STAR, Cincinnati, OH - Feb. 6, 1978

# UFO Spotted In Pike County; Movie Films Taken Of Lights

By GEORGE WOLFFORD  
Regional Editor

GOODY—This time last year, during the cold snap, the Independent was carrying reports of unidentified flying objects—bright lights—in the neighborhood ranging between Willard and Charley, in Northeastern Kentucky.

This winter it's a different playing field for the strange lights, and they have apparently been coming back again and again in the Goody neighborhood of Pike County, near Williamson, W. Va.

The most significant sighting of the lights came Jan. 4 to six people at Goody, including a deputy sheriff and a man who took movies of them.

The lights have been back three times, including night before last.

All six had scoffed at similar reports before, but now say they are at least halfway believers in UFOs.

The object they saw had red and green flashing lights of varying intensity as it perched on a mountaintop in the Pond Creek section before disappearing, according to Joe Slone, one of the first to spot them.

Rudy Compton, his neighbor, took about 20 feet of movie film of the lights, a strip of film shown last week on WSAZ-TV in Huntington.

Slone said he and his wife, Doris, sighted the UFO Jan. 4 between 10:30 and 11:30 p.m., but are vague about the time because of the excitement.

"It was on the top of a mountain south

of the mouth of Forest Hills," he recalled. "The object had green and red flashing lights but they were not like the anti-collision lights of regular aircraft we see."

"How do I know this? Because I was an airplane mechanic in the war in Vietnam and I saw enough craft there to know," Slone explained.

Mrs. Slone described the object as "the wierdest thing I ever saw. Never did I see anything like it. It was amazing and scary, too." She said she watched it from her living room window nearly 45 minutes before it disappeared.

Slone said he knew his friends and acquaintances would not believe he had seen what he said he was seeing, "so to make sure people believed me, I went to the home of Pike County Deputy Sheriff Herman Stanley and his wife, Bea, and got them to join me in observing the thing."

Compton and his wife, Lora, joined the others in watching the UFO and Compton seized his movie camera to record proof of their experience.

"It was something unusual," Compton told the Williamson Daily News. "I am not a full-fledged believer in unidentified flying objects, but I must say seeing this one has changed my mind."

Slone said Stanley tried to explain the object as a very bright star, being reluctant to believe it was indeed a UFO. "Rudy and I took turns looking through a pair of binoculars and a zoom camera

lens. One reason I discount it being a star is that the thing would emit an intense light completely around its area. It would light up and then fade away, suddenly to come back on in the same spot with the same lights."

He described the UFO as a large disc with its outline visible on the mountaintop and estimated it was more than a mile from him at the point of observation.

Mrs. Slone said Tuesday morning the UFO appeared again on Monday night of this week. "We have seen it a couple of times before, but it was so high up we couldn't get a look at it." Monday's sighting was much higher than the earlier one, she said, "We live off KY 119, and to see it you had to look straight up. It looked higher than the stars. But the first night we saw it it looked like it was touching the treetops."

Her description of the phenomenon: "A great old big light will come out, then fade away completely, and then come back."

"Joe Ronnie tried to get someone to go up there on the hill where that thing was. I know if you did you'd find something, but it was too cold and no one would go with him so he didn't go."

Compton was in school, taking college classes, Monday night and didn't get to see the appearance. "But I'm going right now to buy another roll of film so I'll be ready if it comes back again."

INDEPENDENT, Ashland, KY - Feb. 8, 1978

# Man, wife hope to encounter UFO again

By DAVID W. BROWN  
Associate Managing Editor, News

**A**KENTON COUNTY couple has stepped forward to tell The Kentucky Post of a bizarre encounter with an Unidentified Flying Object which had a strange effect on their lives and even may have made the brakes on their car go bad.

Two days went by, they say, before they were able to talk to each other about the back-to-back incidents. They say they are filled with a strange anticipation they'll encounter the UFO again.

And the man says he suffered temporary impotency following the incident.

## ■ Fear ridicule.

The middle-aged man and woman have requested anonymity. But they agreed to tell their story because, "People should be told what's out there."

He is employed in Cincinnati. He agreed to be identified as "a professional." She works also. They have three children. The family lives on a rural road in southern Kenton County.

They want their identities kept secret because they fear ridicule. They describe themselves as people "of means, well-educated, not tending toward the sensational."

## This is their story:

It is 5:50 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, 1978. As usual, he backs the car out of the garage for his wife and watches as she starts to work down the dark country road.

"That's the time I go to work every morning," she said later. "But that day I kept picking up a funny noise in my car. It sort of went 'meep, meep,' if that makes any sense. 'I drove like that, hearing that funny noise, for maybe three or four miles. But I didn't see anything."

"Finally, I turned right. Then I didn't hear it any more," she said.

When she reaches work, she calls her husband, as she always does to tell him she is safe, but she doesn't mention the sonar-like sound in her car. She doesn't know why.

Twenty-four hours later the incident is repeated—but this time with more dramatic results.

"Sunday morning I got to about the same place on the road at just about the same time when I saw this thing right over top of me in the sky," she recounted.

"At first it was a big red something. And it steadily moved over towards me. Then it came in front of me. That's when I started hearing the noise again. It was the same sound."

## ■ It's egg-shaped.

As she looks out her windshield, she said later, the object looms maybe 200 feet away.

"It was orangish-yellow on top, with a purple or steel-grey band around the middle and kind of a blue-green color on the bottom," she said. She added it appeared to be egg-shaped.

With the "meep-meep" still sounding in her ear, the woman keeps driving, keeping an eye on the UFO. "I would drive along a short way, then stop. It would stop with me, each time."

Finally she makes the right turn, as the morning before, and the UFO is gone as quickly as it had appeared. No noise. And the lights, which had brightened up the country road all around her, abruptly turn to darkness.

As she drives to work, her husband is standing in the driveway again, watching her car—and watching the strange bright object following her.

## ■ No communication.

"I asked myself, 'Is that the moon? No, because it's overcast and it's not in that position that time of year.'"

The object is orange-yellow and isn't round, but isn't quite football shape. He first spots it about 300 or 400 feet away in the air. Then he realizes it's following his wife's car.

Again, later, the two talk by phone. The UFO is never mentioned.

"That Sunday she came home and as I put her car in the garage she says to me, 'Guess what I saw this morning,' and I told her, 'I know—I saw it too.'"

For the first time in about 36 hours the two talk about the strange encounters they have had.

## ■ The brakes.

"What neither of us understands to this day," said the man, "is why we didn't communicate on this. We didn't forget what happened to us. Yet we didn't mention it. And now, we haven't stopped talking about it since. Can you figure it?"

One of the strange side-effects of the UFO was on their car. On Saturday it started acting up. By Sunday the brakes were almost gone. They said they had it checked and the mechanic found the brakes "practically welded together."

The husband also said that for 10 days following the incident he found himself sexually impotent. He said he doesn't know, but suspects, it had something to do with his standing outside in the glow of the UFO.

The man and wife said they experienced no fear of the UFO during the incidents, or afterwards.

"We've only had this strange feeling of anticipation," he said.

"Call it curiosity. Call it wanting to know more. But I'll tell you one thing, we'd like to have this experience again."

She agreed.

"Every morning I look for it as I drive to work. I want to see it again. I don't know why I feel that way."

The couple has decided to tell the story to area UFO expert Leonard Stringfield. Their story first reached The Kentucky Post through a friend.



## Flying Saucers?

Red Lion Man Reports Seeing Objects

Bruce Englar always wanted to see a flying saucer, and now he thinks he has seen five of them.

And from now on, Englar says, he will carry a camera in case he has a repeat experience.

Englar, night watchman at Red Lion Country Club, reports that while he was sitting in the club lounge at about 2:30 a.m. Thursday, two flashing red lights attracted his attention. His first thought, he said, was that snow plows were clearing the Winterstown Road.

But as the objects moved closer, Englar said, he could see that they were airborne. Moving from the southwest toward the east, the two unidentified flying objects were joined by a third light and later by two additional lights, he recalled.

According to Englar, the UFOs moved directly over his head at an altitude of about a quarter-mile and rveled about five or 10 miles per hour. However, he said, the light was so intense that it was impossible to see the objects, other than to get the impression of round craft "too big to land in Continental Square."

Englar, who is 25 and resides at 401 West Broadway, Red Lion, said he telephoned his wife when he first sighted the lights, but she was unable to see what he described.

A check with County Control failed to confirm his observations and Harrisburg airport reported nothing unusual on radar, Englar said.

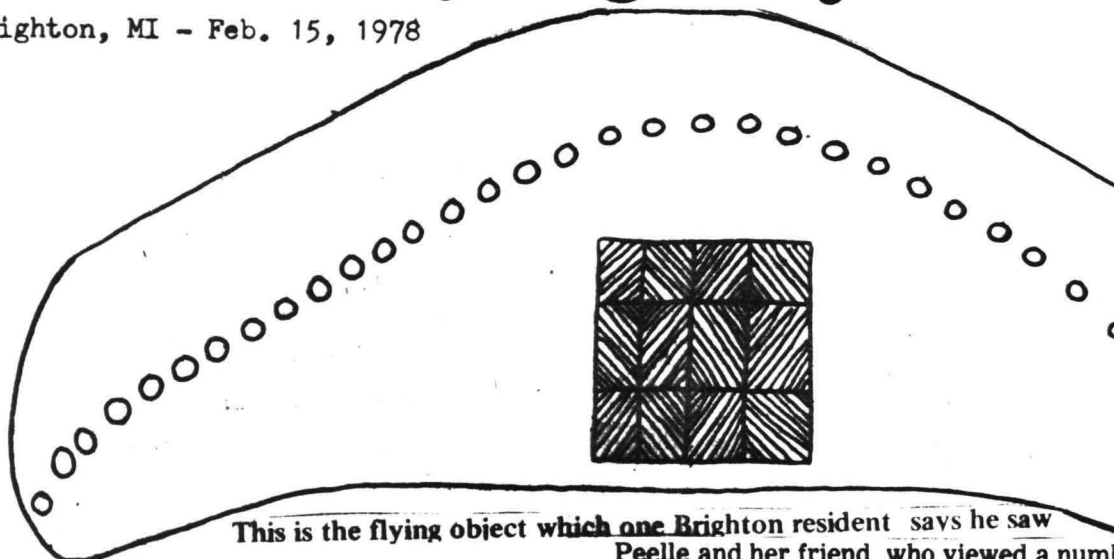
But Englar believes that "no way possible was it reflection," and he's now hoping the UFOs pay a return visit to Red Lion.

DISPATCH, York, PA - Feb. 10, 1978



# Residents claim encounters with flying objects

ARGUS, Brighton, MI - Feb. 15, 1978



Night skies in southeastern Livingston County twinkled with mysterious moving lights and objects last week and set conversation aglow with the possibility of visits by unidentified flying objects.

The reports centered in Green Oak and Brighton Townships on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Several Island Lake residents are so certain they clearly saw a "huge" lighted oval object hovering above their homes Thursday night (February 9) that they are searching for authorities who'll believe them and serious UFO scholars with whom to file descriptions of their experiences.

Tom Beauchamp, a former Air Force aircraft mechanic, provided The Argus with diagrams and detailed descriptions of his observations at Island Lake Thursday.

He claims to have gotten "A pretty good side bottom view" of a craft flying from the west at a low rate of speed at 7:45 p.m. and which he judged to be "at least the size of three 747 jets."

Beauchamp, who noted that he was alerted to come view the craft by others — half the neighborhood was outdoors that night, he says — said "It sure wasn't any (American) aircraft. There were too many lights and its shape was not of any conventional or experimental aircraft I saw in the service."

"It was in a boomerang shape with a great intensity of light coming from the center fuselage area. They were definitely not landing lights for they were confined in a small area."

At least three adults and a number of children near Beauchamp's home said they saw the object from their yards at a slightly different angle. Evan Peelle described the bottom of a huge oval craft which passed slowly overhead with yellow-gold lights in a v-shape, and making a humming noise.

Her friend, who asked not to be identified because of her job, said it was "so big, so real. We were ecstatic, hugging each other. I always expected I would run, but there was no fear at all. We felt it was a privilege to have seen it."

"This was the real thing," the woman went on. "No one could have disputed this if they had been there. No way at all."

Peelle, who said she did not hesitate to give her name "because so many people saw it," also said she had no doubt that she saw more than aircraft lights in the sky Thursday.

Another Island Lake resident, Mike Sixbey, alerted by a radio report of a Wednesday night sighting near Kensington Road and I-96, armed himself with Super 8mm color film and says he captured the mystery craft on film.

That cassette of film was supplied to WJBK-TV News, Detroit, on Friday, and word on its contents was not available at press time. The film was to be aired Tuesday evening.

Peelle and her friend, who viewed a number of moving, changing colored lights above Island Lake for several hours Thursday evening, concede that some of these other sightings may have been conventional aircraft, although there are many reports of highly unusual maneuvers.

These objects were reported to have darted back and forth and moved away from each other and back again in patterns.

They also were said to have hovered, sped off at a high rate of speed, made sharp right angle turns or suddenly disappeared.

Beauchamp said the largest craft's slight noise confounded him. "Any of the aircraft we have couldn't be that quiet, for the conventional power plants in even the most advanced aircraft used to power a craft that size would have made enough noise to blow out every window in the area."

All viewers said that the object was then approached by a small craft about the size of a helicopter, suddenly the large one took off at a high rate of speed and went out of sight. "It was like a bat out of hell," Beauchamp said.

Green Oak Township and Brighton post state police received about two dozen calls Wednesday and Thursday nights about the sightings but say they are satisfied with explanations of unusually busy air traffic those nights because of clear skies, reasonable temperatures small plane landing fields in Livingston and the number of small plane landing fields in Livingston area.

State police said they received an estimated 10-15 calls Thursday but didn't record most of them because "It's not a practice here since it is not a criminal matter." Sgt. Wright, who manned the night desk, told callers the objects were conventional aircraft because a Green Oak Township officer had checked out an early evening report and had said so.

Beauchamp was among those who said he was frustrated in attempts to give his detailed information to authorities. He said he called both Green Oak Township and state police and CIA and FBI offices in Detroit. "Both agencies said they didn't want to hear about it."

He also said he was told by state police that the craft were experimental ones from Selfridge Air Base in Macomb County. He called the base, as did The Argus, and was told by Base Operations they had no experimental craft or muffled helicopters at the facility. Beauchamp, once himself stationed at Selfridge, said it was a reserve base not equipped to handle research craft.

One more sighting was called in to Brighton state police on Friday night. A young couple in Genoa Township, who stated they had not heard of any previous sightings, watched with binoculars an object with red and white lights move about the sky and make a mid-air stop about 10 p.m.

# UFO's Spotted In County

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

In last week's CARRIER, we announced we would be carrying stories on four reports of UFO sightings in Madison County this week. However, three of our sources, who previously agreed to cooperate in this report, have since refused to be interviewed. The CARRIER apologizes for them.

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It was raining and cloudy in the early morning hours before dawn late in October when Jake Sullivan, 18, driving on U.S. 90 between Greenville and Madison, spotted something peculiar in the sky.

It was a blue triangular shaped object glowing and changing colors about every 10 seconds from white to blue.

Sullivan said he was driving about 65 miles an hour on the deserted road about 2 a.m. when he first spotted it. He said he slowed down to about 30 m.p.h. and watched it until it disappeared about

two minutes later.

"It didn't make a sound," he said, and it wasn't very big, probably because it was further away than I realized."

Sullivan said he wasn't scared when he was watching it, however, after it had disappeared and he looked around him at the lonely countryside and the empty highway, it began to get at him.

Sullivan was one of four people who were recently interviewed by Lowell Stone, a field investigator for Aerial Phenomena Research organization (APRO).

The three other UFO witnesses have refused to be interviewed.

However, our sources said the other three saw a bright blue light humming above the trees in the back yard of their residence here in Madison County.

Their report was within the next couple of days after the Sullivan incident.

Sullivan, a senior at

Aucilla Christian Academy, said Stone told him he believed Sullivan was witness to life from another galaxy.

"He was sure I saw something," he said.

Sullivan said he was a believer in life from other planets long before the incident, however.

Another Madison County resident, who asked not to be identified, said he saw a glowing gray object about a year ago hanging over his house.

"It was bigger than a house," he said, and there were no lights on it, it was just glowing like a dial on a watch in the night, only gray."

It wasn't very high, he said, and it moved at tremendous speed.

He also said he had always believed there was life on other planets.

Stone, a writer, illustrator, and researcher, has for more than three decades delved into the mysteries of the past, present and future looking for logical, scientific answers.



Jake Sullivan describes his UFO sighting to investigator Lowell Stone.

MADISON COUNTY CARRIER, Madison, FL  
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## NEWS-PLAINDEALER

Sparta, IL -

Feb. 16, 1978

## UFO sighted early Monday north of town

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Patton of north of Sparta reported having seen an unidentified flying object (UFO) early Monday morning.

Mrs. Patton told the News-Plaindealer the UFO emitted a huge orange light which was visible for miles. She said the light would compare to a large, two-story house on fire. The light went on and off.

The UFO remained in the area for approximately an hour and a half, Mrs. Patton said. She and Mr. Patton called neighbors, who also saw the object. The light was so bright, Mrs. Patton said, that the neighbors could see the light while they were still in bed.

The Pattons first noticed the UFO about 5 a.m. Monday, and the object remained in the area until about 6:30 a.m. Mrs. Patton said it was fairly large with big lights on each side which flashed alternately. She said at one time they saw something red descend from the object to the ground, and at another time they saw three white lights descend. The object hovered and moved around the area.

When the object made the bright, orange light, it was near the new coal pit being opened near the McMaster farm.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY PRESS, Howell, MI - Feb. 15, 1978

# UFO's? Ah, swamp gas!

## Livingston County

If a number of local residents are correct, strange unidentified flying objects have apparently taken an interest in the county or at least the Fowlerville and Green Oak Township areas.

Brighton State Police Detective Joe Megee said there were several reports logged by the post concerning these alleged close encounters of the first kind.

The first such sightings occurred last Wednesday around 7 p.m. at Green Oak Township's Island Lake area. Megee said a man witnessed a large object ringed by red and white lights. The object hovered about 100 feet above the ground and traveled both horizontally and vertically, much like a helicopter. However, the man said the object made no sounds.

Another caller said he saw the same thing at about the same time but at a different location. Troopers investigating the reports were unable to locate the mysterious craft.

Prior to these sightings, a number of

residents in the Fowlerville area also said they saw an unidentified flying object.

The most recent visit by the apparent extraterrestrial's and their spaceship was reported last Saturday at 10 p.m., once again in the Green Oak area.

The detective said he talked to three of the alleged witnesses but noted that there were probably more who saw the object, although as Megee said, "it's something people are a little hesitant to report."

He added that none of the officers investigating the incidents saw anything unusual or if they did then "they're just not talking."

"We really can't do anything about it since flying an unidentified object is not a criminal matter. But if we did respond to a report and an object was there, then we would like to talk to its inhabitants," he said jokingly.

What is the most popular movie attraction being shown at the Brighton Mall Cinema? Why it's "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," naturally.



# Youngster's UFO sighting reported for probe

By SANDI METHENEY

IRONA—The sighting of an unidentified flying object near here by 12-year-old Larry Costilow has been reported to the UFO reporting center of Phenomena Research in Seattle, Wash., which investigates such incidents.

Costilow, who was home from school because of the weather, photographed the object from a window of his home after noticing an interference on the television.

"At first he thought it was his uncle plowing the driveway," related his father, Gay Costilow. "He looked out his bedroom window, and seeing

nothing returned to the living room. The interference still was occurring. He glanced up and saw a dark object larger than a helicopter just below the cloud ceiling, at about 3,000 feet," his father repeated his son's story.

"It was fuzzy at first, but it was moving downward and traveling in a southerly direction. He got my camera from the top of the refrigerator and snapped two pictures before it went back up through the cloud cover," he said.

Larry was alone and there is no phone in the house. He was telling his experience to a relative who came to visit when

his father returned home 45 minutes later.

"I didn't believe him and at first I thought he put a spot on the window. But he said he knew I didn't want him wasting color film because it's expensive, but he thought it would be worthwhile to take the picture of the object," Costilow said.

He noted that his son is not a science fiction fan, and in fact, doesn't care much about science.

The youth was quite "excited" and "a little nervous" when he related the sighting to his father.

Costilow did not plan to report the sighting, but after telling a Kingwood City

policeman, who is a personal friend, about it, the officer told him local authorities should be contacted. The Preston County Sheriff's Office turned the report over to the local Office of Civil Defense, which in turn, contacted the Air Force agency.

Local airports were contacted and it was determined that no aircraft or weather balloons were in the area at the time of the sighting—approximately 2:30 p.m. Tuesday.

"Everything the boy says is logical. He says he couldn't identify the object, and we couldn't shake his story," said

Deputy William McGinnis, who interviewed the youth and talked with Air Force officials about the incident.

"The Air Force officials are supposed to get back in touch with me about it," said McGinnis, who had not been contacted yet on Thursday.

And, in the meantime, like it or not, Larry Costilow is the science expert among his school friends. "All the kids and the teachers have been asking about about it (the sighting)," his father said.

A steady stream of curious county workers flowed into the Sheriff's Office Wednesday to see the Polaroid pictures of the

UFO, about which the news traveled quickly through the county.

Costilow said he has gotten the pictures back, but does not believe they should be published until after official investigations are complete.

A spokesman at the Morgantown Flight Service said his agency "occasionally" receives reports of UFOs in the region, and "not too long ago" employees at the flight tower "saw something" they could not identify, and reported it to the UFO reporting center.

"We refer these reports to Phenomena Research in Seattle, which is a private agency," he said.

## FREE PRESS, Mankato, MN - Feb. 18, 1978

### Was it some new jet?

WASCECA — It was less than a month ago when Janet Roeglin, rural Waseca, and her 14-year-old daughter, Susie, observed an oblong object hovering near the airport west of town.

They were on their way to church in Waseca on a hazy Jan. 22 morning. Shortly after they left the driveway of their home, also west of Waseca, Susie noticed what she first thought to be a meteor. Her mother assumed it was a different type of jet.

"It was oblong and had a red-orange fire or bright light coming out of its tail, similar to that of a jet stream, but not that long," Mrs. Roeglin recalls. "It had a light on the front. It was silver in color, blending in with the sky."

The object was traveling east at an angle and appeared like it was going to land. They parked on the road so they could watch, but it didn't land. Instead, it went a little east of the airport, according to Mrs. Roeglin, and "just hovered there in midair. It had its light off. While it was hovering there, we could tell it was turning. We thought it was going to come back to the airstrip and land."

Mother and daughter continued to watch for another five minutes, but because they were concerned about being late for church, they started to drive away.

Trees blocked their view of the object as they were driving, and when they passed the trees, "it had taken off. It disappeared very quickly. It did not have the red-orange coming out of its tail. It blended in so with the sky, I couldn't see it at all with driving. Susie could follow it a little, but not for very long. It was heading east."

Mrs. Roeglin noted that the object made no noise and they saw no wings or propellers.

"I thought it was some new type of plane, the government was testing... to see if they could land it at a small airport," she said.

"No one else was around. We didn't meet any traffic and no one came up behind us when we were stopped on the road. We were not afraid."

STAR, Lincoln, NE - Feb. 21, 1978

## Object reported flying over Lincoln again Sunday

For the second night in a row, sightings of an unidentified flying object in or near Lincoln were reported to law enforcement agencies Sunday.

At least three sightings of a lowflying object with flashing red, green and blue lights were reported to the Nebraska State Patrol from the Davey area, north of Lincoln.

The object reportedly appeared to be bigger than an airplane. A patrol spokesman said a small craft took off from Lincoln to Wayne at about 8:30 p.m., the approximate time of the first reported sighting.

But another Davey-Area resident told the patrol he saw the object at 9:05 p.m., the spokesman said.

Saturday night, Lincoln police received several calls on a UFO that turned out to be a plane with an electric sign advertising the cause of Lancaster County sheriff candidate Bill Greiner.

Greiner said the plane was flying again Sunday night, but that it stayed primarily in the city limits of Lincoln.

### FILSPACE FIDDLINGS

All 1969 UFOs back issues are now gone, but issues from 1970 - 1978 are still available....The "Lorry driver" abduction case reported in Nov. 1977 UFOs (p. 13) has been determined to be a hoax....Clippings from your local papers are always appreciated; please include sources & dates.....Thank you.

## U.F.O. in Steilacoom

# Strange craft lights up the night

Just as adamant that what he saw from his Steilacoom home Friday evening was no conventional aircraft, Jesse Powell equally demands that McChord officials tell him what it was.

What the 46 Queets Street resident saw, along with his wife, Iris, and a neighbor, was a low-flying, oval-shaped object, completely encompassed by bright yellow, rotating lights.

The "UFO" was still visible when the Powells telephoned McChord. Connected to the "command post," they were told that a young boy had called, giving roughly the same description. Their sighting would be checked out and they

would be contacted, Powell recounted.

Since then, Powell has again called McChord. Apparently there's no record of the sighting. Because Monday was a holiday, the Suburban Times was unable to contact any McChord spokesman for comment.

"Someone should have had it on radar," Powell emphasized. Both Powells are Air Force veterans.

Queets Street, several blocks north of Steilacoom Boulevard SW, nears the east boundary of Steilacoom.

Powell was the first to spot the UFO. It was about 6:55 p.m. Friday, he was lowering the garage door when he saw the

brilliant lights above the trees, behind the house across the street.

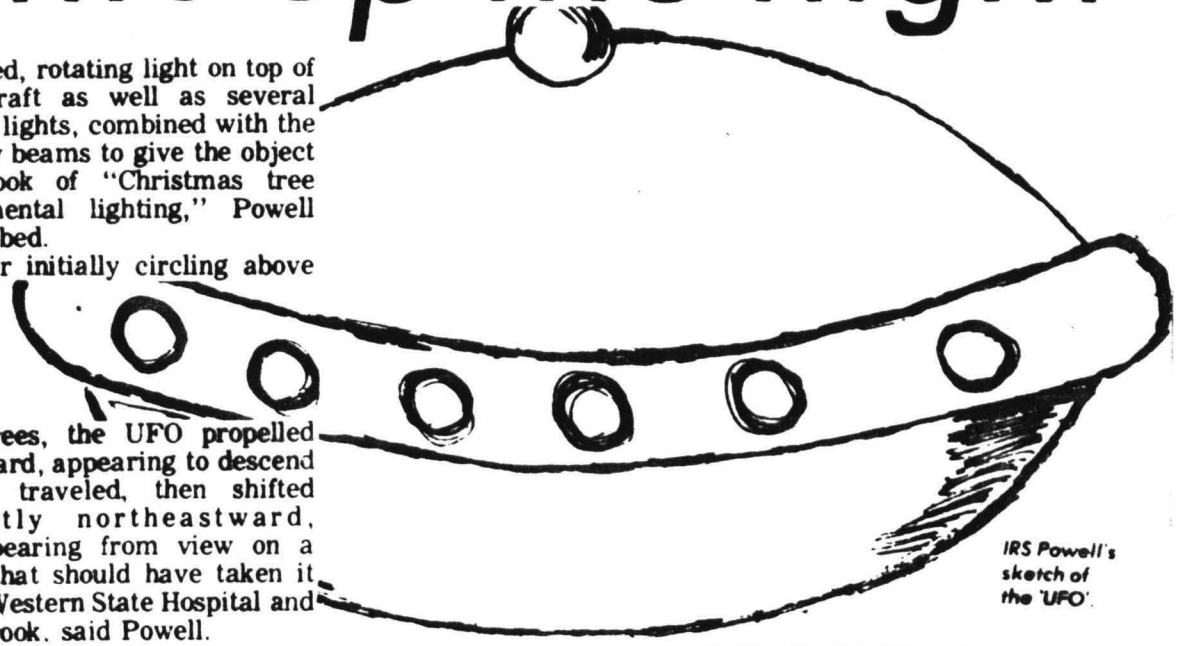
At first he said he thought it was a helicopter but he rejected that idea--it was flying too low, it was completely decorated in lights. The craft was less than 1,000 feet away, had to be, he detailed, at least 50 feet wide and was about the size of a large helicopter. It produced a low, droning motorized sound.

Powell said he summoned his wife, whose first impression was that the aircraft looked like a "space capsule." A neighbor woman was hailed, she thought it resembled a blimp. But Powell said he felt a blimp would not travel that fast.

A red, rotating light on top of the craft as well as several green lights, combined with the yellow beams to give the object the look of "Christmas tree ornamental lighting," Powell described.

After initially circling above

the trees, the UFO propelled eastward, appearing to descend as it traveled, then shifted slightly northeastward, disappearing from view on a path that should have taken it over Western State Hospital and Oakbrook, said Powell.



IRS Powell's sketch of the 'UFO'.

PENINSULA HERALD, Monterey, CA  
Feb. 27, 1978

## Unknown Flying Object Vanishes

Salinas police and fire units searched a five square-mile area Sunday night after a mysterious flying object appeared to have landed or crashed there.

Two air traffic controllers and three citizens reported seeing the object, described variously as four "very, very large" green lights and "a solid mass of green."

"Something did happen in that area, but what it was is unknown," said Salinas Police Lt. Ray Jackson. Jackson said five square miles of farmland were checked with geliger counters, infrared devices and fire trucks with searchlights, but nothing unusual was found.

Richard Lockwood, an air traffic controller in the Salinas Airport tower, said he and his partner were preparing to give takeoff instructions to a light plane at 7:10 p.m. when his partner yelled, "What the hell is that?"

"I jumped up out of the chair, and it was a -- this sounds dumb -- it was a big green ball," said Lockwood, who has five years experience.

Lockwood said the light, which appeared to be two to four miles away, about 30 feet in diameter, and about 200 feet above the ground, was crossing the runway at high speed. He said it was gone in about three seconds.

Lockwood asked the pilot of the craft that was taking off to fly over the area. The pilot complied, but said he saw nothing.

Later three citizens in the vicinity of Alisal High School, about a mile north of the airport, reported seeing the object, which they described as four large green lights.

They said the object descended to the ground in a large field between the high school and the airport with no fire or explosion.

Army authorities at Fort Ord said they had no aircraft in the vicinity at the time.

LEADER, Linden, NJ - March 9, 1978

## 3rd UFO seen

### quest city skies

A third UFO sighting was reported to police last Friday, they said. Dan Dalley, 10, and his friend, Christian Borre, 14, told authorities they spotted a diamond shaped object about the size of a house in the vicinity of N. Wood avenue around 10:20 p.m. The boys said the object changed from orange to green to white and moved around the sky before disappearing.



# More Reports Confirm Sighting Strange Craft In Placer Area

By Reed Fujii

Since The Journal's report Friday of an unidentified flying object over Loomis, several more persons have reported sighting the UFO's two bright lights and large delta shape last Wednesday night. Perhaps the most credible report comes from a Newcastle resident who is a Federal Aviation Administration air traffic controller.

"To me, it's a phenomena," said Brian Metcalfe Monday. "It was not a mechanical plane."

Metcalfe was driving eastbound on Interstate 80 last Wednesday and, passing Roseville, noted the time on an outdoor clock; it was about 9:40. As he approached Newcastle, Metcalfe spotted two bright lights, apparently over Foresthill.

"The thing that amazed me (was) it was moving so slowly," he said. Pulling off the freeway at the Highway 193 turnoff, Metcalfe stopped and turned off his motor and got out to watch and listen.

He first thought the craft was a plane approaching Mather AFB, but his knowledge of flights in the area led Metcalfe to discount that. It was too large to be a U-2 plane and there was no noise of a helicopter or a propeller-type aircraft.

Metcalfe said the only noise he heard was a "low hum like a discharged battery."

The UFO, according to Metcalfe, was moving southwest along the freeway at 30 to 40 mph, at about 2,000 to 3,000 feet in the air. As it approached, the air controller could see it was "delta shaped" with no "defined control surfaces and no apparent markings."

Metcalfe also reported another air controller, who resides in Rocklin but declined to speak with The Journal, also saw the two puzzling lights.

"It was pretty strange," said Terry Carr-Hall of Loomis, who may have gotten the closest look at the craft. He said, "It passed directly over our house" moving very slowly or just hovering at what Carr-Hall estimated was 75 feet.

Again, what attracted his attention was "two extremely bright lights...like floodlights. Underneath it there were a few small red lights," he said. Carr-Hall reaffirmed the UFO was triangular in shape with the two bright lights mounted on the two corners "on the front end".

The only sound he heard was "a very, very low pulsating whirr."

After the UFO disappeared easterly toward

JOURNAL, Auburn, CA - March 1, 1978

Folsom Lake, Carr-Hall made several phone calls, "I was hoping we would get an explanation from an Air Force base," he said. But the easy explanations remain undiscovered.

An Ophir resident, Mary Cuneo and her son Mike, 12, spotted the UFO passing over Auburn. They had gotten into their car after leaving the theater on Lincoln Way. Seeing the two bright lights, Mrs. Cuneo stopped her car at the intersection of Lincoln Way and Highway 49 to watch.

The UFO went over Auburn around "13 or 14 minutes before 10 p.m. (at) 30 to 40 mph (and) at least 400 to 500 feet high," she said. Mrs. Cuneo described the object as triangular and silent.

"As it passed you could see the back end with lights on it," she said. "The smaller lights were blue or green." "It never seemed to cross the freeway," she added.

Graziano Del Col who works for Kendall Engineering in Auburn spotted the two lights, which he called "out of the ordinary", as he drove along Interstate 80 eastbound between Meadow Vista and Applegate.

Del Col never got a good look at the object, which he estimated to be about 300 feet east of the freeway, "It was just different, unusual."

Ted Smith, Chief Placer County Probation Officer, sighted the UFO over Sierra College, after he and his daughter, Laurie, left class. "It looked like a plane with the landing lights on," he said, "The only problem was, it wasn't moving."

Again, Smith saw a triangular shaped object, "with the two lights on the base (of the triangle)." He and the passengers in his car heard no noise,

## Guard's convinced light was from UFO

BOCA RATON — "I was outside sitting in a truck and these lights drew my attention," said Edgar Norman, a security guard at Boca Lago. "I just couldn't believe what I saw."

Norman is convinced the strange circle of light he saw on patrol about 4:50 a.m. was an unidentified flying object.

"The lights were so bright. There were approximately eight to 10 lights on the outside edge."

Although Norman saw nothing besides the light, he remembers the stars in the sky were blacked out, although the circle appeared to have no substance. "You could only see the light."

Norman, 46, who a sheriff's deputy said was sober and alert, was not the only person on patrol in the undeveloped part of the Boca Lago development west of Florida's Turnpike. Another guard, Sam Gaboff, just missed seeing the lights.

The two had been talking with each other from separate vehicles — Norman in a truck, and Gaboff in a car alongside.

Norman, who said he has never seen anything like this before, said when he told Gaboff of the object, Gaboff was not quick enough to see the circle of lights before it disappeared.

## Close encounters of the local kind

HERALD, Fillmore, CA - Feb. 23, 1978

Three high school girls claim to have spotted a flying saucer last Wednesday night, landing in the mountains northeast of Fillmore.

"You could see a flaming red light, but its shape too," Mary Avila, a Flashes cheerleader, explains. She and her friends Becky Morales and Maria Rangel agree, further describing it as cigar-shaped, as long as a Goodyear blimp, and with an exhaust of "sparkley red things."

After finishing their distribution duties at the Fillmore Herald the girls say they decided to drive to Kenny Grove Park before heading home. It was then half an hour before midnight.

But their drive was interrupted by the sighting of a "bright, bright red light" in the sky just three-quarters of a mile away. "We decided to investigate and we turned around our car," says Becky.

"But it disappeared, getting smaller and smaller," as it descended into the mountains.

What's more, Maria Rangel claims to have seen a car turn toward them onto Old Telegraph Road at the time of the sighting, dim its lights, and then disappear next to the railroad tracks by Third Street.

"Don't hit it, Mary," Rangel said of the oncoming car before it disappeared. The other girls also say they saw the car vanish, but that they were more interested in the sky overhead. Rangel, however, claims, "I kept my eyes on it (the car)."

Whether you believe them or not, the girls are convinced of what they saw, promising, "We're going to go out there again, this Wednesday after work."

# Trooper sees flying object

By TERRY TAYLOR  
Citizen Voice & Times Staff Writer

Two separate sightings of an unidentified flying object have been reported in Estill County.

Both sightings took place Sunday, February 19 between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Kentucky State Trooper Jim Whitaker was on patrol, traveling from Drip Rock on Route 89, about three miles south of Irvine when he first saw the object.

Whitaker described it as very bright, shifting in colors of white, red, and green with no particular pattern.

Whitaker left his cruiser, walked up and down the road to "make sure I wasn't seeing anything," and began to cross a fence into the field where the object was hovering.

"At first I thought I was seeing a reflection due to the snow in the field," he said. When he started over the fence, the object began to move off.

Whitaker, who served four years in the Navy as an helicopter maintenance and crew man with over 1,500 flight hours, said the object made no noise, left no exhaust or trailing vapor and appeared to have a floating motion.

Whitaker sighted the object again on Red Lick Road. It was at this point he notified the Richmond State Police post that he was "observing an object, and that I didn't know what it was."

After watching it hover at about 150 feet above the ground for 35 minutes, the object moved off again in a "casual, relaxed, floating" manner.

Whitaker next followed it to Cow Creek, near Tipton Ridge, where he watched it until approximately 11:45 p.m.

A scan from Bluegrass Airfield did

not pick up the object, Whitaker said, who was asked if an aircraft flying over Estill County might not be what he was seeing.

"I advised them that this (the aircraft) was not the object," Whitaker said, adding that as the aircraft approached, the brightness of the object dimmed.

The second sighting was reported by Sally Durbin of Daniels Addition in Ravenna at approximately 9:30 the same night.

Durbin described the object as a big bright light which dimmed in two stages before resuming the initial brightness. She and her husband, Edward, both saw the object.

"We watched it for a long time," said Durbin. "We first saw it around 9:30, but it was still there when we went to bed at 2:45 (a.m.)."

The object did not come very close to the Durbins, but their son Mark looked at it through a telescope, and said the object had red and green blinking lights.

According to Durbin, the object first appeared to be heading north towards Powell County, and then seemed to shift east towards Beattyville.

Durbin, who has had earlier experiences with similar "unidentified flying objects," said she did not "feel good" while observing the object. "I'd like to forget it," she said. "I would have run off if I could."

Whitaker, who said Estill County is noted for UFO sightings, believes their existence is entirely possible.

"There are too many sightings by too many people for it to be swamp gas or something like that," he said. "I think there's something to it."

## Sightings Of UFOs Reported

By TOM RENNER  
South Haven Correspondent

SOUTH HAVEN — State police here and Allegan County Sheriff deputies said this morning they received several reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) Monday night in the areas of Grand Junction, Saugatuck and Douglas.

Officers said Arthur Collins, Route 2, Grand Junction, told troopers that while sitting in his house at approximately 9 p.m. he and a son saw a bright light in the sky. Upon further investigation, they said that the light appeared to be 100 to 200 feet in the air and was blinking on and off. They said there was no noise and that the light eventually disappeared behind a neighbor's house.

Allegan deputies, according to state police troopers, received four reports of UFO sightings at about the same time. Deputies said the light was reported as egg-shaped and having a green glow.

A state police trooper from the Benton Harbor post reported what appeared to be a meteor over Lake Michigan at approximately 7:45 p.m.

## Reported to Sheriff's Dept.

A flying saucer was spotted near Lake Sherwood, according to a March 4, report to the Adams County Sheriff's Dept. The report was made by the Wisconsin Rapids PD. The UFO was encountered by a 12-year-old, Chris Marceau, who lives on Lake Sherwood.

Chris described the object as a little bigger than a golf ball, in apparant size. It was flying low, and zigzagging from side to side and up and down. It left no tail. He and his two brothers took it for a flying saucer. The sighting was made about 7:00 p.m.

REPORTER, Friendship, WI -  
March 16, 1978 CR: R. Heiden

# Yuba City UFOs sighted

Two unidentified flying objects were seen over the Yuba City area Saturday night, several local residents reported.

The sightings were reported about 8:30 p.m. near the intersection of Highways 20 and 99. According to Marysville resident Peggy Lenderman, she was driving west on Colusa Avenue near Walton Avenue when the first of the objects came overhead.

"It came gliding down toward us. I was black, with

three red lights blurred together. It was pretty big, the size of a car at least. It kind of scared me."

Lenderman said the object was triangular in the body, but was otherwise shaped somewhat like a rocket. It disappeared in the vicinity of the highway intersection, she said.

Just after the first object disappeared from view, a second object shaped somewhat like a balloon appeared, Lenderman said. "The

whole sky was lit up, it looked like a small sun. I got bigger and brighter, and, as it got closer, smoke started coming from it." It also disappeared near the intersection, she said.

Another woman, who asked that her name be withheld, said the red object was as big as a mid-size car. She said she called the UFO Center in Chicago and it promised an investigation.

Officials at Beale AFB said they had no information on the reported sightings.



*Some Say 'Yes'*

# Did Flying Saucers Visit Watauga Last Week?

BY DAVID HOYLE

Two truckers from Tennessee started it when they reported seeing "something" land on the right side of the highway on U.S. 421 North. That was around midnight Wednesday.

By Monday, reports of strange encounters with lights or flying objects were coming thick and fast.

Boone Radio Station WATA reported a number of calls concerning flying saucer sightings, including three from the Rutherford section.

A Wilkes County woman called the Watauga Sheriff's Department to "confirm" the truck driver's story.

The woman said she, too, saw the saucer and that it was responsible for cutting off half the power in her home.

A Vilas carpenter said he was walking up a back road near Valle Crucis late Wednesday night when he and a friend saw some "sort of white illumination" making their shadows visible.

"It was imminently forgettable," said the carpenter, who wished not to be identified, "except for the coincidence in times."

It was also around midnight that the truckers made their sighting, according to Lt. Zane Tester, a Boone policeman on duty that night.

Tester said he was stopped by the men, operating a tractor-trailer truck with the words

"Superior Builders" on the side, while he was traveling down King Street.

"He said he had something to tell me but said I wouldn't believe it," Tester said. Neither of the truckers would give their names.

"Their eyeballs were big as 50-cent pieces," Tester said. "They were really frightened."

According to Tester, the men said they were driving toward Boone from Tennessee and were about 2 miles north of the U.S. 321 North intersection on U.S. 421 when the sighting occurred.

The men told Tester they saw something "land on the right side of the roadway" and described it as having "a round bottom, extended sides and a top that looked like a church steeple."

"He said it scared him so bad he didn't stop to see what it was," Tester recalled. Neither men appeared under the influence of drugs or alcohol, according to the lieutenant.

Checking with community stores in the area of the sighting turned up no one initially who would confirm the sighting.

One store customer came up outside the building, however, and said "reddish pink lights" had been spotted near the top of Mast Gap Road Sunday night.

"I seen them," said the man, who also wished not to be identified.

"You don't want people to think I'm crazy."

DAILY RECORD, Morristown, NJ - March 2, 1978

## 'Look, Up In The Sky'

Two more local residents have reported seeing a UFO at about the same time as two other people in Morris Plains on Tuesday.

Mrs. Carol Kaftaniciyan, Victory Gardens, said that around 9:30 p.m. Tuesday she saw an object flying noiselessly, very low and very fast toward Route 10. Bill Di Carlo of Madison reported seeing a UFO heading toward Route 10 at 9:45 p.m.

The object, Mrs. Kaftaniciyan said, "wasn't too large and it wasn't too small, meaning it was smaller than a large jetliner but larger than a small plane."

Like Di Carlo, she said the object was covered with flashing lights. "There were three or four white lights on the body and two or three red lights in the rear. I saw it, and when I looked again, flash, it was gone toward Route 10."

Ken Roberts, who lives in the Mt. Fern section of Randolph, said he was taking out the garbage at about 12:30 p.m. when he saw a white light "like an incandescent light bulb" traveling parallel to Route 10 near the County College of Morris.

"It was there so fast, it just seemed to appear out of nowhere, shoot across the sky and then it was out," said Roberts. "I only saw it travel about a quarter of a mile."

"It was nothing spectacular, but it was kind of strange," said Roberts, who said he wouldn't have thought much of what he had seen had he not read of similar sightings in the Daily Record.

Di Carlo said he was driving westbound along Hanover Avenue when he saw the object traveling at treetop level at 50 mph. He almost had an accident with Mrs. W. Lynch of Morris Plains, who was also following the object. Mrs. Lynch described the object as "large...with white and red flashing lights."

VISTA, Bentonville, AR - April 6, 1978

*UFO sited locally*

## Hovering craft stops vehicle

By Mary Noe

Lawrence McCool of Pineville, Mo., drives a school bus in McDonald County. In February last year, McCool encountered a UFO which he described on "CoffeeTime" Vista-2 March 28. One of the children on the bus remarked that he had seen one. McCool talked with the child's parents who admitted the fact. With some skepticism, he drove his pickup truck to a ridge where there had been sightings and joined the watch.

After three or four nights there, he tired of the vigil and started home. On the way his CB radio began to "act up." A mile later he was involuntarily brought to a "screeching halt." It was a stormy night. The radio, windshield wipers, the heater, the lights all went off and the engine died.

"I was thrown against the steering wheel as if I had applied the brakes real hard. There, roughly 200 feet in front of me and 40 feet above the ground, was this object. It hovered there about two minutes, then it raised of its own accord straight up into the clouds and took off."

McCool was startled, but only felt fear afterward. "There was a glow around it, a brilliant pink orange halo," he said. The CB and the headlights and windshield wipers came back on the minute it left. "A friend who is a deputy sheriff and nightwatchman in Pineville had been listening to me talking to another CBER and I did get out the word before I was cut off. He knew about where I was."

"The UFO appeared to be disk-shaped with a bulge in the center, six to eight feet thick

and maybe 20 feet across. It hovered three to four feet above a power line. I knew it was not a meteor because they do not hover over power lines. I could feel some vibrations or field of force from it. I've been in the Air Force and it didn't compare with anything I'd ever seen."

Two descriptions of UFOs sighted the same time as "cigar-shaped" tallied identically, although the sighters were unknown to each other and had never talked with each other. Evelyn Hottinger who monitors the local "React" (A CB emergency group) had heard stories the first night the lights were seen. She kept records of the calls which provided dates for sightings. One caller thought helicopters were rustling cattle, but changed his tune a minute later saying, "They aren't helicopters. They're UFOs". Hottinger received over 50 calls about sightings that evening.

A civilian organization in Kansas City which investigated UFO reports came down. They checked all the reports and with neighbors in the area. A young couple north of Pineville saw what looked to be a water tower on the ground with two humanlike forms in green coveralls with balls of light in their hands around the base. They were both scared and she had become hysterical.

McCool doesn't argue with skeptics about his encounter. He believes the hoaxes are perpetrated by jokers to get a good laugh. A year after his encounter, McCool watches some, but not as much as last year. He believes within a few years, answers will be provided to solve the mystery of the UFOs.

STANDARD-STAFF, New Rochelle, NY - March 28, 1978

## Man reports UFO sighting

CR: F. Mason

William Ragone, 21, of 300 Lockwood Ave., didn't quite know how to report what he saw last Saturday night as he stood on Villas Avenue in New Rochelle. It took him 24 hours before he could bring himself to police headquarters to say he had seen some type of unidentified flying object.

Detectives who interviewed Ragone Sunday night said he was completely rational and seemed to be telling the truth.

He told them he had parked his car on Villas Avenues about 8:30 p.m. Saturday after he came to visit his friend. As Ragone left the car, he said he saw a large cylinder in the sky surrounded by a halo of light which measured about 15 feet in diameter.



HERALD, Gisborne, New Zealand - Feb. 2, 1978

## Car is buzzed by 'humming' UFO

A LARGE, bright and mysterious object roared over the startled occupants of a car parked in Waimata Valley early today — the latest in a continuing rash of UFO activity focused on the valley.

Probably the closest known encounter with any of the dozens of aerial phenomena reported here in the past three months, it is also the first to involve a loud noise at the time of a sighting.

A valley resident has told the Herald that a high percentage of residents now report seeing objects in the sky over Waimata in the past three months and many of them are now coming forward as a result of the continuing publicity.

Many have seen a star-like object every night in the past week, at various times, moving slowly across the sky in different directions, sometimes disappearing behind hills. It is thought to be the object earlier described as blue, with a red light moving inside it.

Gisborne Aerial Phenomenon Research Group says these sightings could possibly be explained as a mothership.

This morning's sighting came at about 5.10am on the Waimata Valley road, near the junction with Manders Road.

Irene White, mother of two and "sceptical until this morning," was with two friends, one a member of the Gisborne Aerial Phenomenon Research Group, sitting in a car watching the night sky for most of the night.

They had already witnessed several strange lights in the sky and her two companions were dozing when the object made its run up the valley.

It came with a hum, almost like a car, but a continuous sound that she realised could not be a car on the winding valley road.

"I was waiting for the sound of a change of gears or acceleration.

"Then it passed over, very low, about 10 or 12 feet up — a huge dark shadowy shape giving out orange light like spotlights.

"It was twice the size of a car and I felt the car shake as it passed. It would have been travelling at about 20 to 30 miles an hour and was like nothing I have ever seen before.

"Although it had passed before the others became aware of what had happened, all three of us could hear the continuous roar as it continued up the valley."

The whole incident lasted about 20 to 30 seconds and Irene White recalled this morning that she was too fascinated to be frightened.

CR: I. Epperson

She would like to know if anyone else saw the object, which was travelling from the direction of the city. Since hearing of her account, the Herald has spoken to another person, a resident of the valley, who heard a roar at about the same time and was awakened by the noise. It sounded similar to a car but there was no vehicle in sight.

The earlier sightings made by the trio were at 10.20, 10.30, 11.30 and 1.30. The first was just past Waimata School, where they saw a large white light, from which two smaller white lights headed east and west, traversing the sky for about three seconds before vanishing. The stationary light was about the size of a star.

A later sighting was of a large star-like object heading west at high speed, leaving a trail behind it. The two other incidents were of flashes of white light around the hills.

The Herald has also heard from four young boys who made a sighting from a Waimata Valley house several nights ago.

### TWO OBJECTS

They saw two objects, one white, one orange, behind trees about 500 metres away. They appeared to be two metres off the ground, shaped like eggs. The boys ran outside for a better look, could not see them, and when they returned to the house the objects had disappeared.

Five sightings have been reported to the group this week, all relating to lights speeding and hovering in the sky over the district at the weekend.

Forty people watched a blue star-like object in the sky on Saturday night. It was in the same place and matched the description of the light seen by a group last week. The weekend sighting was from the same property during a barbeque after a sports meeting.

A Whataupoko family reports seeing a slow-moving light in the sky two nights this week, appearing at the same time and in the same place.

The research group says that when the UFO sightings began last year they were centred around the valley. Later they shifted to many parts of the district, but now are concentrated again on the valley.

Another pattern has emerged with the sighting of the possible mothership. It appears for five days, then disappears for two and the group expects activity to increase, although reports may start to drop off slightly. Their observations are based on the frequency of the "mother ship" sighting.

AS REPORTS of unidentified flying objects around Gisborne continue to mount, one of a group of six people has taken a colour slide of a star-like object this week.

The film has been handed to the Aerial Phenomenon Research Group, which is having it processed. There are said to be three shots of the object on the film.

Six people were investigating a reported sighting at the back of the Ballance Street hill on Gisborne's outskirts and

had set up the camera when the object rose from behind a tree, hovered and then climbed into the sky.

As it rose, casting off brilliant green, red and orange lights, the three exposures were taken.

A spokesman for the Aerial Phenomenon Research Group said there had been 14 more sightings recorded this week, all of them seen by more than one witness.

The biggest group to watch an object was 12.

Multiple witnesses reported lights giving off beams in the Waimata Valley to craft hovering above trees in the Elgin area. Last Wednesday was one of the most active nights of the UFO "flap" to date. Twelve sightings were reported.

At 9.10pm two youths sighed a white light coming from the south and heading north. "As I was watching it, the object that looked like a star faded away," said one of the boys.

At 9.30pm two men were in the Waimata Valley when

they looked back towards the city. They saw along the Gray's Bush Hill a large oblong object about the size of a bus spinning along the ridge line giving off white and red lights.

At the same time two people living in the Elgin area were lying up their dog when they heard a low humming noise coming from above a willow tree on their property. Looking up they saw a large 30ft disc-shaped object giving off a yellow light. It was hovering only about 60 feet above the

ground.

At 10.30pm, 10 witnesses were on the Gray's Bush Hill looking into the valley when they noticed four blue lights in the sky with a white light jumping from one to another.

Another six people on the lookout noticed beams of light streaming across the valley. There were five blue lights surrounded by misty lights with a green light flashing on and off. A party of six, two miles into the valley at 10.30pm watched patterns of beams coming

across the valley. Then light came from behind trees.

Above this was a cluster of bright star-like objects. Each one fired off a blue beam. At 10.50pm the same party were on top of the Gray's Bush Hill when they saw two objects fly over Kaiti then drop dramatically into the city.

Preliminary investigation of the possible landing site found late last month had shown that the soil was burnt by intense heat at a very high temperature.

HERALD, Gisborne, New Zealand - Feb. 11, 1978 Ch: I. Epperson

# Snap! They've got UFO in colour

### Housewife sees UFO

Pleasley housewife Mrs Rose Hitchen, of 14 Chesterfield Road North, is convinced she has seen a UFO hovering over her garden.

"It looked no bigger than a football and seemed quite low down," Mrs. Hitchen told CHAD. "There were spikes sticking out from it, and it travelled slowly across the sky towards Pleasley village before it vanished."

She added: "I always laugh when I read reports of other people who say they've seen UFOs, but it is a bit unnerving to have it happen to your self."

MANSFIELD & NORTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CHRONICLE, England - Feb. 16, 1978



# 'I was grabbed by a UFO' says wife

A terrified housewife who believes she was kidnapped by creatures from outer space made her amazing story public for the first time yesterday.

She claims she was snatched from her back garden by the crew of an alien craft and was later returned shaken but unhurt.

The woman, who wants to keep her identity secret, revealed her experience through Contact UK, an organisation which investigates reports of unidentified flying objects.

A senior member of the group, publisher Bernard Delair explained: "She is so frightened of not being taken seriously that we may name her only as Mrs. G.

"At the time she lived in Ermington, near Plymouth. A month earlier she had given birth to her first child.

## 'LOOKED LIKE MEN'

This is Mrs. G.'s graphic, frightening story.

I was in my garden hanging out washing. I became aware of

a blue light whirling towards me from the north.

The light hovered over the garden. I was petrified. I dropped the washing.

Then I was completely enveloped in bubbles of light. I saw three beings which looked like men. They did not speak.

They were about five feet tall, wearing bluish metallic-like clothing.

They grasped me by the arms and we were lifted up a beam of light into a kind of

room. There were more of the men there.

I was given the impression, I don't know how, that I would come to no harm.

A little later, I found myself back on my lawn. I felt a sharp blow on the back of my neck. I was stunned but not hurt.

When I looked round the thing set off at great speed and disappeared."

## MANY REPORTS

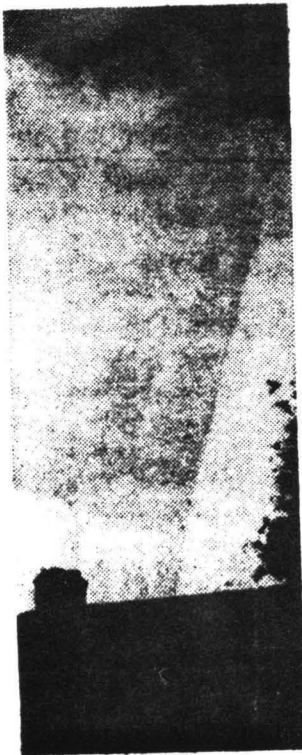
Mr. Delair said: "To many, that would sound incredible. But there have been many reports of experience, similar in almost every detail, from many countries in recent years.

"Alone, such reports mean little, but more and more totally unrelated accounts come up with the same detail.

"These people are representative of all walks of life from dustmen to policemen to architects to scientists.

"It is just not possible that all these people—none of whom have ever met and whose accounts have rarely been published—could agree on so much and at the same time be making it all up."

## What sauce! Kevin snaps a UFO over his house



By Robert McGowan

THE flying saucer now peering down on the people of Birmingham has seen enough. In a second or so it will take off again for outer space.

But... down there in his back garden in Glendon Road, Erdington, Mr Kevin Dudley has brought out his camera to use up a film.

One of his children points to the sky. Mr Dudley's camera gets on target and, *CLICK*...

Another UFO is in the bag. This picture was produced yesterday by Contact U.K., the ever-resourceful group of enthusiasts who study Unidentified Flying Objects.

Mr Derek Mansell, a technician at Oxford

University and an executive member of Contact U.K., says of the flying saucer picture: "After considerable investigation we believe this to be genuine."

Mr Dudley had managed to take several pictures of the object. His negatives had been checked, and, said Mr Mansell, "They are not faked."

He said Mr Dudley told them: "I didn't know just what it was I was looking at. I just pointed the camera and took the pictures."

"Then it moved off at a very fast speed and was out of my sight in second."

Mr Mansell added: "We have studied many pictures which turned out to be elaborate fakes. We are confident this is genuine."

SUNDAY TELEGRAPH, London, England - March 19, 1978 CR: N. Oliver

## 'SPACE BEING' SIGHTED

By JOHN WILLIAMS

A police searched the area surrounding a nuclear establishment at Risley, Warrington, after a motorist reported sighting a seven-foot "being from outer space."

The being was described as silvery coloured with bright beams of lights coming from its eyes. At one stage it appeared to walk through a solid fence.

The alarm was given by Mr. Kenneth Edwards, 39, a service engineer, who contacted police after seeing the object near the complex which houses the Manchester University reactor and the British Nuclear Fuels centre, Risley, late on Friday night.

Mr. Edwards, from Fernhead, Warrington, said yesterday: "I was on my way home from a union meeting when my headlights lit a silvery object clambering stiffly down a grass motorway approach road embankment."

"It crossed the road and climbed the other embankment. It stood in front of a fence and brought its arms up to waist height, then it seemed to walk through the fence."

Mr. Edwards had been interviewed by a police sergeant who said that he was "sober and genuine and in an obvious state of shock."

MANSFIELD & NORTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CHRONICLE, England

March 2, 1978

## UFO sighted

AT least six residents of Burlington Drive, Mansfield, saw what they claim was a UFO hovering over the end of their street late on Friday night.

The UFO — said to resemble "two dishes stuck together" — was first spotted by Mr. Gary Chantry, of 2 Stacey Road, Mansfield, who was emptying rubbish in a skip on Burlington Drive when he saw four lights in the sky.

"Two were red and two white, and they seemed to be pulsating," Mr. Chantry told CHAD. "There was a noise like a vacuum cleaner filling the air, and I noticed that the lights were part of a larger shape hovering in the sky."

Mr. Chantry ran to the nearest house to telephone the police, and other residents of the street came out to look at the UFO, which flew off slowly after about five minutes.

Said one housewife who saw the object: "I heard all this noise outside, and I got the shock of my life when I saw this giant shape floating in the sky. It was frightening."

Numerous other reports of UFO sightings in the Pleasley area have been made during the past few weeks.

## Couple worried by UFO sighting

SEVENOAKS CHRONICLE, Kent, England - Feb. 4, 1978

A SUNDAY walk in Knole park will never be the same for Sevenoaks couple Mr and Mrs Keith Jennings.

For the couple saw something they believe could have been a satellite, and are worried in case it landed in Britain.

Says Mr Jennings: "Everyone is going to think I was drunk or something, but I wasn't. We saw a bright light in the north west as we were walking through the park. It was just getting dark.

"I thought it was a plane at first," he added. "It was about 1,000 feet up and was stationary. There was a brilliant light which stayed on for about 45 seconds, then it started going round like a Catherine wheel with sparks coming off it before it finally faded away.

"I had had a couple of pints of beer, but I wasn't drunk and I definitely wasn't seeing things. My wife saw it too and she hadn't even had a drink.

"It has been worrying us for ages."

Mr Jennings said he felt if he had told the police about the sighting they might have not believed him.

But a police spokesman told the Chronicle that they were always interested to hear about any such incidents and could even offer an explanation in some cases.

# The UFO men from the Ministry

THE MINISTRY of Defence admitted for the first time yesterday that not all UFO reports can be dismissed or explained.

And a Ministry spokesman went on to admit that it employs two full-time clerks to monitor all sightings.

He said that 173 UFO sightings remained a mystery and could not be explained—even with the full resources of NATO.

The Defence Ministry was commenting officially after the Daily Express—which has received more than 2,000 reports of UFO sightings—posed the question:—

"Can all these people be wrong?"

An official spokesman for the Ministry said: "The Ministry does not dismiss the possibility that intelligent life can exist in outer space. In the period 1967 to 1972 there were 1,631 flying objects reported.

"Of these, 203 were satellites and

By

Robert McGowan  
and Peter Hardy

debris, 108 were balloons, 179 were stars, 121 were cloud formations, 750 were aircraft, and 106 were flares."

The man from the Ministry then added: "Of the remainder there is insufficient evidence to explain them away. They are unexplained sightings."

## Spent nothing

He admitted that the Government had spent nothing on investigating UFO sightings.

"In Britain there are two clerks working for the Ministry whose responsibility it is to investigate UFO sightings."

He added: "These clerks are in a position to call in experts if necessary."

He went on to say that any messages from outer space were not the Ministry's responsibility.

Then the spokesman said: "Any messages transmitted from outer space are the responsibility of the BBC, and the Post Office."

He explained: "It is their responsibility to track down illegal broadcasts."

MEANWHILE, sightings are still flooding into the Express UFO Bureau.

Most have followed a definite pattern, and nearly all reported sightings have been cigar- or cone-shaped, showing white or orange lights.

## 'Satisfied'

Mr David Kearse, of the Banbury UFO Organisation, said: "Two people reported cigar-shaped objects over Drayton (Oxon) on Monday. "I have interviewed both people. I am satisfied that they did see something which cannot simply be explained away."

In Yorkshire, Mrs Margaret Brown of Diggle, said: "I was driving home with my son Stephen. It was 6.20 p.m. and dark. The sky was clear. There were no clouds.

"I saw a bright, shimmering light. It was cigar shaped. Stephen is 20. He's responsible enough to know what he's seeing and he saw it too.

"The thing was edged in a purple light. We watched it for some time. There was no sound.

"It just hovered, then shot off at a slant at great speed."

## Welland UFO still a mystery

SUN, Toronto, Ontario, Canada - April 6, 1978 CR: G. Duplantier

Sightings of a cylindrical UFO over Welland last weekend are being studied by a team of aerial phenomena investigators.

Seven people have reported seeing the blackish-grey object moving fairly low over a residential area of the city Sunday. They say it had square, flashing red lights.

Kenneth Kroeker, director of Project SUM (Solving UFO Mysteries) in St. Catharines, says the investigators haven't been able to come up with an explanation for the sightings yet.

"We checked with the Welland-Port Colborne airport and they say there were no balloons or low-flying airplanes or helicopters in the area when the sightings were made," says Kroeker.

Descriptions given by the seven witnesses "all sort of match" and all but one said the low-flying UFO, wider on top than the bottom, made no noise. Kroeker said

SUNDAY SUN, Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
March 26, 1978 CR: G. Duplantier

## Saucers hover over Whitby

When truck driver Richard Davis thought he saw a UFO above Whitby he wanted to share his experience — so he got his wife, friends, a radio station announcer and the local police in on the act.

And to his relief they all admitted they saw a bright object hovering apparently surrounded by smaller objects flying to and from the centre vessel.

The incident happened early yesterday morning and Davis said: "I was driving home when I saw it. I stopped, got out and stared at it some more. It

just stayed put. When I got home I got my wife up to look at it, she saw it, I called the local radio station and the guy on the air said 'oh yeah' until he saw it too. Then I called the police and two officers came out and they saw it. It must have stayed up there for a couple of hours."

Whitby police didn't file a report on the incident however.

A spokesman said: "It has to be something a bit more spectacular than lights in the sky before we make out a report."

HINKLEY TIMES, Leicester, England - Feb. 3, 1978

## Strange Sightings

At least three independent sightings of a mystery object hovering over Burbage Common have been reported to Mrs Pat Berry of the Hinckley U.F.O.

Society. The sightings took place on Tuesday, 24th January, while the object was visible for several minutes around 8 p.m.

The object has been described

as "oval" and "saucer-shaped" and was said to have a dull, red glow. Contact with the Leicester group has revealed sightings of a similar object on that day in Leicester, with reports that it seemed to be moving towards Hinckley. Mrs Berry says the Hinckley Society hopes to interview at least eight other witnesses who also saw something mysterious that Tuesday night.



# TRANSLATIONS:

CREDIT -- Jane Thomas

- 1) City and country of incident: Puigmajor, Majorca
- 2) Date of incident: 1/12/78
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Voz del Interior - 1/14/78
- 4) City and country of paper: Córdoba province - Argentina

## UFO PRESENCE CAUSES ALARM IN MAJORCA

Palma de Majorca, Balearic Islands. (AP) - The Majorca newspaper attributes to a group of technicians the expression that everything went crazy last week at the joint Spanish-American tracking station of Puigmajor in this Mediterranean island, after several UFOs were detected. The paper said radio sets suffered serious interferences and even started operating on their own on Thursday. It added the alarm in the station was great and observations increased.

The paper attributes to the sources having said that the radar system of the station had never before detected so many UFOs as this time, which were flying at supersonic speed.

The paper stated the station technicians eliminated the possibility that the objects were meteorites, since the radar only detects known metals. The station's range includes a large Mediterranean zone, even Corsica and Sardinia.

- 1) City and country of incident: Guadalajara, Spain
- 2) Date of incident: 12/18/77
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica - 1/26/78
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

## EXTRATERRESTRIALS

Madrid, 25 (EFE) - A 34 year old man stayed three hours inside a strange craft, holding long conversation with the crew, writes today the local evening paper la "Pueblo".

Miguel Herrero Sierra told that in the small hours of December 18th he was driving a pickup in a highway in the province of Guadalajara, when all of a sudden the car's lights and even the radio went out.

Not being able to find anything wrong, Herrero pulled over to wait for daylight, and it was then when a man dressed as a diver called to him from some 50 meters: "Listen, you of the pickup".

Herrero followed the man when he invited him to accompany him to visit a strange craft like a hat, from the underside of which a cylinder came down to the ground.

In a room of approx. 14 meters diameter, the walls of which were like crystal or plastic, Herrero stayed approx. three hours telephatically talking with the beings.

During that time the man said he noticed nothing strange, except maybe, finding himself again outside the craft, noticing "a small wound in the arm", as if they had taken blood, although he admits that if they did, he had not noticed it.

Authorities said the witness is a very normal man and nothing denotes he is lying.

- 1) City and country of incident: San Luis province, Argentina
- 2) Date of incident: Feb. 4, 1978
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica - Feb. 11, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

## SAN LUIS POLICE FOUND TRACES OF UFO AND ITS CREW

San Luis, 11 - A communiqué issued by the provincial police brings forward new data on the UFO that has allegedly landed last Saturday 40 km from this city, and which tend to impressively corroborate the event. The communiqué breaks with the tradition of governments enveloping in silence everything relating to UFOs, when not just denying it. Complementary leaks show that the police force which investigated may have obtained strong hints that a being four times heavier than a normal man did really walk around the landing place of the alleged UFO, making strides 1.60 meters long, when the human pace is some 75 cm, and heavily sinking the heels.

As will be remembered the version that a UFO had landed on Saturday by the La Florida dam had several witnesses who firmly defended it upon

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being questioned by the police: bank employees Pedro Sosa and Regino Perroni, and Manuel Alvarez, employee of Aerolíneas Argentinas, who were fishing at the spot where the surprising appearance occurred. "The strange craft, they said, descended until stopping some three meters above the ground for a few minutes, while it gave off a powerful fluorescent light. We then saw an enormous figure -or at least so it seemed to us- came down, which walked around the ship and the place and then returned to the machine. The latter climbed with the same speed until vanishing in space."

This could seem to be the version of a lunatic or a prankster, but for the police any version is possible and worth to investigate. Consequently, a team of the Criminalistic Division was ordered by their principals to urgently go to the area of the alleged event in order to make a field investigation.

\* A Suggestive Communiqué

The communiqué issued yesterday resumes the results of the investigation as follows: "All the sector was photographed and it could be verified that in an area of some 1.50 meters, regular traces could be seen similar to a footprint on the ground, with irregular edges, with a periphery of flattened grass and a center devoid of vegetable elements, the terrain remaining uncovered."

In general the traces are ovoid and give the impression of having been made with a blunt and very heavy element, given the characteristics of the terrain.

Measurement of the traces resulted in a length of approx. 30 cm and a width of 17 cm. Besides, nearby rocks were lifted to be submitted to radioactive measurement." In this respect it leaked out later that the analysis had been negative and that another one is being made now to determine whether materials gathered "have suffered the influence of a magnetic field".

The heavy weight disclosed by the traces and the excessive size of the step lead to believe in an extraterrestrial being "who sank the heels when walking", an unidentified police source stated in confidence.

- 1) City and country of incident: San Justo, Santa Fe province
- 2) Date of incident: ?
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Feb. 15, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

THESE EXTRATERRESTRIALS ARE HAVING LOTS OF FUN

Santa Fe, 14 - A very strange event has shaken the peaceful town of San Justo. The reason is the alleged presence of an extraterrestrial being, according to the statement made to the local residents by two young men widely known due to their seriousness and good behavior. The reference to the character of the casual witnesses, practically excludes the possibility of a joke.

The witnesses of the unusual event are Jorge Daniel Lamazón and Mario Martínez. Both were traveling by car along National Highway #11 towards the city. Suddenly, as they said, they were surprised by "a strong white light that approached the vehicle". They stated that the car stopped immediately. It was night and they remained thus, still looking at one another, without knowing what to do, overtaken by a strange sensation.

\* A STRANGE LIGHT

Then, the "light" first seen some 500 meters away, kept coming closer until suddenly a strange being appeared. The youngsters described him as tall and dressed in black. The stranger stopped only 3 meters from the car and remained looking at them, while they were amazed at the incredible spectacle ; the stranger then turned around and walked towards the "light". Once there he disappeared, any reflection vanishing as well.

Lamazón and Martínez said they did not see the presence of any special vehicle that could have served to carry the being. They also told how, when the "light" vanished, the car started again without their noticing any trace or footprint left by what could apparently have been a flying saucer.

It must be pointed out that both witnesses described their experience with anxiety and marked emotion, interrupting their story many times, as remembering it made them very nervous.





HERALD, Gisborne, New Zealand - Feb. 11, 1978 CR: I. Epperson

## Flying threads mystery

**OAMARU**— Long thin threads, some of them up to 3.88 metres in length had people at the Waitaki Rivermouth and on adjacent cliff-top land mystified yesterday.

The threads, minutely thicker than those cast by spiders, floated about in the gentle northerly breeze for at least two and a-half hours.

They were clearly visible against the sun and bright blue sky. They were sticky and clung to

anything they touched including trees, power lines, clothing and skin. Without seeing and analysing them the Meteorological Service and the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research were mystified as to their origin.

Fisherman Walter Berry, who has been on the river for 60 odd years, said this was the first occasion he had seen the threads in the air.

"I have never seen

anything like it," he said. "The threads were everywhere floating in the breeze. I would almost have sworn it was nylon thread."

A woman said the sight was "really frightening" the way the threads came down. Some appeared to be in balls the size of a tennis ball high up in the atmosphere. Another said there was a trail of threads similar to that of a jet vapour trail at one

stage.

Mr I. McDonald, Dominion analyst with the DSIR said the description given sounded "all the-world like a silk thread." "I have never heard of such a thing," he said.

Mr McDonald said he could imagine something living in a cavern in the dark, such as silk worms spinning thread, and a wind blowing the material out, but this was

certainly not possible in this particular area.

From the description it sounded that the material could have been a very fine fibre, such as from a reed which had dried out, become windbound and moist. This would account for its stickiness.

Mr J. Hessel, assistant meteorologist with the Meteorological Service said there had been no meteorological phenomena that he knew about.—NZPA

NEWS, Nashville, AR - March 3, 1978 CR: T. Adams

After 15 Years Of Reports - A 'Mind Boggling' Mystery

## Cattle Mutilations Are Reported

Three livestock mutilations have been reported in the area in the past few months.

Sheriff Dick Wakefield said three incidents were reported, two last Fall, one near Mineral Springs, another north of Nashville and a third near Center Point. The latter incident, in which the udder was carved out as dead cow, was reported three weeks ago.

In the mutilation north of Nashville, a cow was killed, then the unborn calf was removed. Both carcasses were left in the field.

Cattle mutilations were first heard of in the western United States in the early 1960's, and were first reported officially in Colorado in 1974. Hardest hit of that state's counties were Elbert with 82 mutilations and Logan county with 87.

This information appeared in the Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph on February 9, 1978.

Cattlemen and associations are investigating mostly in the states west of the Mississippi River.

Investigative teams experienced in cattle mutilations incidents have been organized in some western states. A "hotline" located in Paris, Texas, will

serve the investigative teams, who will be dispatched by air within 48 hours after word is received of mutilations, according to Tom Adams, who is publishing a magazine, "Stigmata", on the problem.

Adams' compilation of reported animal disfigurements for 1977 include Colorado with 12 and Texas with 10. Other states experiencing the weird slaughter and removal of organs include Kansas, Missouri, Arizona, Kentucky, New Mexico, Washington, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska.

Detailed reports are available to anyone who sends a self-addressed envelope to Project Stigmata, PO Box 1094, Paris, Texas 75460.

"Project Stigmata represents an ongoing probe into the relentless wave of animal (primarily livestock) mutilations and mutilation deaths."

"It is an attempt to coordinate and assist in information gathering activities on the part of pertinent and responsible investigation agencies and individuals".

Mutilations often include the removal of reproductive and digestive organs, various

glands, ears, eyes and sometimes blood, with surgical precision.

Some investigators theorize that a cult exists which uses animal parts and blood in their rites.

According to the Gazette Telegraph article, no theories advanced have been proved, "and after more than 15 years, the cattle mutilation mystery remains as mind boggling as ever".

The Paris detective squad can expect cooperation from Howard County. "I plan to write the Paris folks and tell them what happened here. If anymore mutilations take place here we'll sure get in touch with them," Sheriff Wakefield said Monday.

Of the three area incidents, the sheriff said it was possible no mutilation was involved. "You know lots of times when cows die, wild dogs or animals will eat part of the carcass, and it may look like mutilation, when it isn't."

CHRONICLE, Houston, TX - Feb. 23, 1978

## Sonic booms may have caused Oahu 'impulses'

**HONOLULU (UPI)** — Four mysterious "impulses" that shook houses on the island of Oahu may have been caused by sonic booms from F-4 Phantom jets, officials said.

The shocks startled residents, and the police department was swamped with telephone queries.

Air Guard Capt. Gail Warok said three jets from Hickam Air Force Base flew briefly at supersonic speeds about the time of the shocks, which jiggled the seismograph needles at the Honolulu Observatory.

Capt. Warok said the jets were "possibly" responsible for the shocks but added that all three were 35 miles offshore at about 10,000 feet altitude when they broke the sound barrier.

CR: M. Hall

# Is Bigfoot a bigmouth? UW professor thinks so

BY MARCIA ZIMMER  
BI Staff Writer

Researchers are talking about the legendary Bigfoot, and Bigfoot might just be talking back.

Lynn Kirlin, University of Wyoming associate professor of electrical engineering has what he believes is a tape-recorded Bigfoot voice made in northern California in 1971.

Kirlin and Norwegian graduate student, Lasse Hertel, are analyzing the tape-recorded voice.

"We are trying to show statistically this recording is either typical or non-typical of human speech," Kirlin said.

The tape is one of three recordings made between 1971 and 1976 in the Sierra Nevada Range in northern California. This recording, chosen for study because of its clarity, was taken at 8,500 feet (2,000 feet above the nearest road) in late October.

Kirlin obtained the cassette tape from a Sacramento journalist, Alan Berry, in August 1977. Berry heard of attempts to record Bigfoot's voice and went to northern California to participate.

Kirlin said the tape was made by placing the recorder a few hundred feet outside the researchers' camp. The men yelled words and noises in the tape's direction late at night.

Bigfoot made what may be verbal responses to the recording. Although the researchers never saw the creatures, they said there are three different Bigfoot voices recorded.

Kirlin said he is not the first person to conduct studies of these tapes.

"Linguists, tape recording specialists and speech analysts have done cursory analyses, but ours is the first quantitative study," Kirlin said.

Kirlin and Hertel are testing speech processing, with a Fourier Analyzer (a special mini-computer) and the most modern processing techniques. They are attempting to compare the recorded voice with human vocalization.

One phase of the experiment is to deter-

mine what frequencies are in the voice, Kirlin said.

"We extract pitch frequency, which is the rate of vocal cord opening and closing. Preliminary findings have shown the pitch frequencies are in the range of a deep-voiced human male," Kirlin said.

The second phase is to estimate the vocal tract length, which is the distance from the vocal cords to the lips.

"We have found the voice to be proportionally larger for Bigfoot as compared to a human man," Kirlin said. A human male's vocal tract length is approximately 20 centimeters. The vocal tract length of the taped voices appears to be about 30 centimeters.

Kirlin also said the taped speech contains a small amount of articulation, which is a feature unique to human communication.

The articulation, barely decipherable to an untrained ear, sounds like "gob-gob-my tail -."

Kirlin said scientists need to process more tape data and develop better methods for estimating vocal tract length. The latter problem faces the UW researchers.

All other primates have a vocal tract construction approximately 60 percent as long as man's. If new methods show longer vocal tracts with the same pitch estimated from the recordings, Kirlin said they should be able to conclude that the voice's source had a longer vocal tract than man, but one which is also human-like.

"Whatever conclusions are made will not verify Bigfoot's existence. That will not happen until one is shot and the carcass brought in," Kirlin said.

Bigfoot still remains one of the unsolved mysteries of the world.

Sightings and footprints were reported before white men settled North America. Indian tribes of the Pacific Northwest include Bigfoot in their legends. "Sasquatch" is the most common Indian name for Bigfoot.

Sightings continue each year. Hundreds of people have described the creature as ape-like, with thick fur, long arms, powerful

shoulders and a short neck. Bigfoot walks upright on two legs and leaves footprints 16 inches long and six inches wide. It is reported to stand between 7 and 10 feet tall, weighing more than 500 pounds.

Sightings and footprints center in the coastal ranges, the Cascade Range of the Pacific Northwest and coastal ranges of British Columbia.

Kirlin's interest in Bigfoot was spurred last June after a visit to Peter Byrne's Bigfoot Information Center in The Dalles, Oregon. Byrne is the only man who has made the search for Bigfoot a profession. Byrne, a former big-game hunter, has collected the latest sightings and findings in a book entitled, "The Search for Bigfoot, Monster, Myth or Man." The book said the search continues all year, but there is "no evidence to prove Bigfoot's existence."

"We have not captured, touched or talked with a Bigfoot," he said.

Byrne said Bigfoot inhabits 100,000 square miles of some of the most difficult and dangerous countries in the world. The forest is extremely thick, uninhabited and sometimes inaccessible to humans.

This is one reason humans have been unsuccessful tracking and finding Bigfoot. Authorities believe Bigfoot do not want to be found and have gone to great extremes to remain hidden.

People are becoming less skeptical about the Bigfoot. In Oregon and Washington local ordinances have forbidden the capture of killing of Bigfoot. Violators face a \$10,000 fine or five year imprisonment.

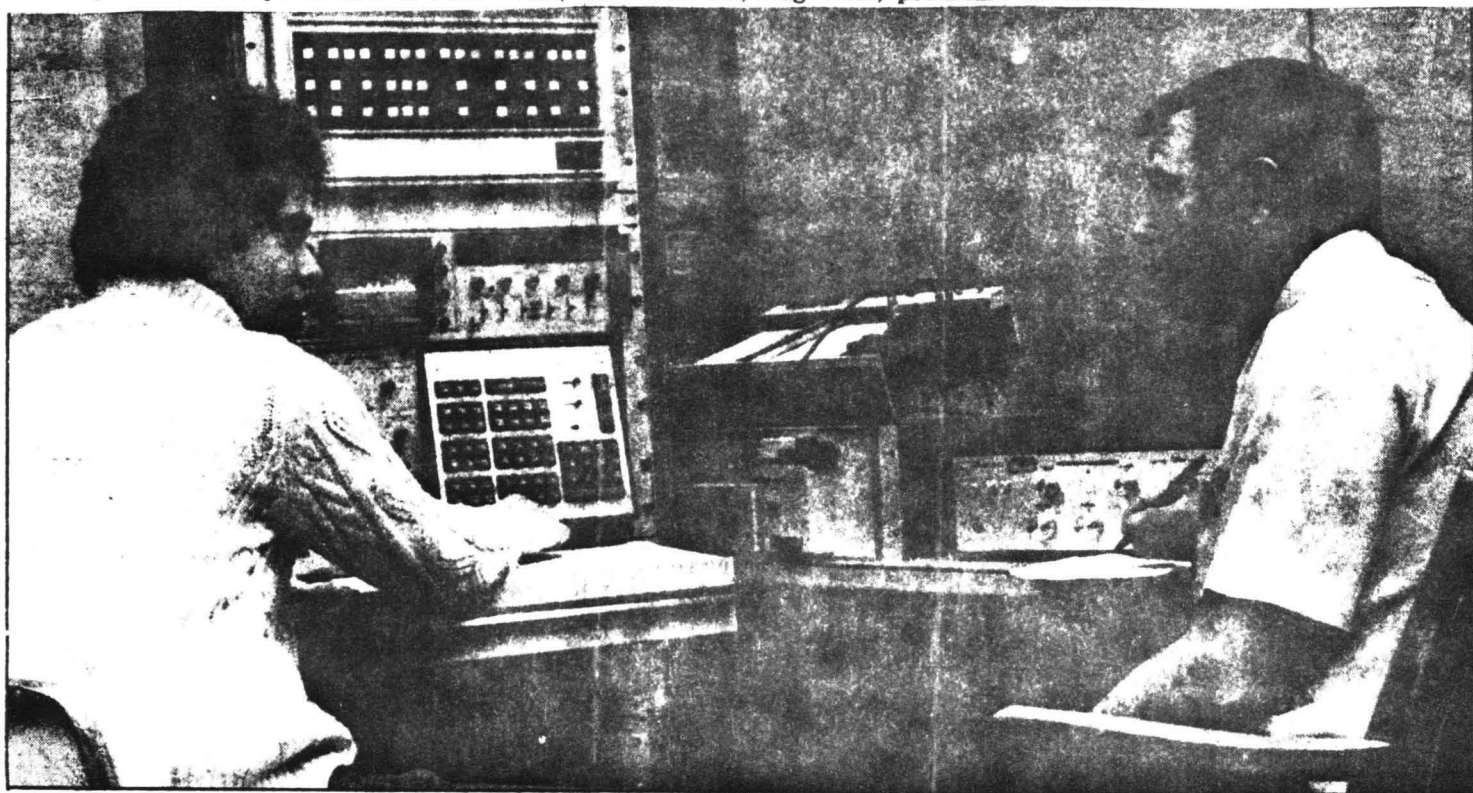
Kirlin and Hertel are not completely convinced Bigfoot exists but do not eliminate the possibility.

"There is no evidence the tapes are fake," Hertel said.

Hertel's master thesis is based on the Bigfoot tapes.

"We hope to come up with something conclusive, and our main purpose is to determine what kind of animal it is on the recordings," he said.

The research is expected to be finished this summer.



UTILIZING A FOURIER ANALYZER, graduate student Lasse Hertel (left) and Lynn Kirlin, associate professor of electrical engineering, investigate the recorded sounds of a voice believed to belong to the legendary Bigfoot. The recording, which was taped high in

California's Sierra Nevadas in 1971, is being analyzed to determine what animal voiced the sounds. However, the study is not designed to verify or disprove the existence of Bigfoot.

(BI staff photo by Marcia Zimmer)





Staff photo by Stanford Smith

*Byron Forty, left, and Terry Hayes display plaster cast of print*

## 'Bigfoot' tracks near Albany get residents wondering ...

By PEGGY McMULLEN  
Democrat-Herald Writer

Some muddy tracks near Freeway Lakes east of Albany have stirred up speculation that Bigfoot is visiting the area. But state police, who investigated the tracks, say they are a hoax.

Two Albany teen-agers discovered 17-inch by 5½-inch tracks while they were tramping around by one of the lakes Saturday afternoon. Today an investigator from the Bigfoot Information Center in Hood River will visit the site to try to determine whether or not the tracks are the real thing.

Terry Hayes, 13, said he and Byron Forty, 14, were out shooting .22 rifles at birds and rabbits Saturday when they stumbled across the tracks.

"I didn't say anything or even think anything," said Forty. "I just couldn't even talk." The two said they followed the tracks around a two-acre field by the lake. "It looked like it was trying to find a way out," said Hayes. He said the field is surrounded by water. "Then it went across Oak Creek. We found some tracks on the other side."

They also found snapped off twigs and leaves up about five feet high on the other side of the creek. After the two examined the site, they went home to tell their brothers and friends. "They just laughed when they first heard it," said Hayes. But the two said people stopped laughing when

they saw the tracks.

The long tracks are flat, with a squared-off heel and five toes. "Sometimes the toes are dug in. It is walking and in some of them it's just standing with its feet together like you're standing," said Hayes.

Hayes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Hayes, 3260 Melbrook Place. Forty is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Forty of 3250 Melbrook Place.

Forty said his father was skeptical, too. But once he got out tramping in the field, Forty said he didn't know what to believe.

"He said some of the tracks are two or three weeks old and some of them are only a couple to three days old," said Hayes.

Forty's father also helped make plaster casts of the right and left footprints. The one-inch to two-inch deep casts were taken "very carefully," said Hayes.

While the two are looking forward to the arrival of Jeanne Roush, an investigator from the Bigfoot Information Center to help explain their find, they said another official "was not real cool on the tracks."

Trooper Greg Anderson of the Oregon State Police examined the tracks late Saturday afternoon. According to his report, the tracks are a hoax.

"He said they look like nice homemade tracks," said Trooper Dan Duncan of the Oregon State Police today. "He said the tracks are pretty flat with no arch. Somebody must have cut some wood out and stamped around in the mud."

"He said he thought somebody used a board or something to make the tracks," said Hayes. "He asked us if we did it. He didn't think it was Bigfoot."

Ms. Roush of the Bigfoot Center said flat feet run in Bigfoot tracks, however. "They are usually quite flat," she said, "from 14 inches to 24 inches long. Usually they don't resemble a human foot."

She said she would have to examine the tracks before she could tell anything about what made them. "There are characteristics to look for but, even then, it's hard to say."

She also said Albany is not the usual stopping place for Bigfoot.

"When they called Saturday, I had to say 'where is Albany?'" admitted Mrs. Roush.

According to Hayes and Forty, prints were discovered in Albany about four years ago by Conser Lake.

"Everybody is skeptical" about the authenticity of Bigfoot and his footprints, said Rosie Day, a neighbor of the boys. "I don't know if I believe it or not but the footprints were real. It was kind of freaky and kind of scary."

The tracks brought that reaction out in more than one of those who looked over the site this weekend. One teen-age friend of Hayes and Forty got one look at the tracks and took off running. "He ran right through a creek of water up to his waist," said Mrs. Day laughing. The boy didn't stop running until he hit the highway.



—Photos by Stewart Nelson

MEASURING the "big foot prints" near Cleveland are Sammy Gibby, above, and Dr. Norman Gray, below.



## 'Big Foot' Roams

Big Foot apparently is on the prowl again in Conway County. The huge footprints were first found in the Center Ridge area March 5 and later some were reported in the Jerusalem area.

Another set was found last Wednesday along a rural road north of Cleveland by Andy Tackett, who was out hunting for turkey signs three days before the beginning of the turkey season.

Tackett said he found the prints — measuring about 18 inches long compared to those of a large man which would measure about 12 inches — down the side of the road in two places.

To verify his find, Tackett asked a photographer for the Petit Jean Country Headlight, Dr. Norman Gray, a veterinarian, and Sammy Gibby to accompany him to the scene.

The investigation showed that Big Foot appeared to walk down one side of the road for about 30 yards and then return on the other side. In the second area, the footprints appeared to travel into underbrush and disappear.

Dr. Gray theorized that from the depth of the prints and the type of soil, the creature which made them, if walking normally, would weigh around 600 to 800 pounds. The stride appeared to be 30 to 40 inches, the approximate stride of a normal man.

Dr. Gray said the impressions could have been made by a large man, jumping along wearing some sort of footpads.

Dr. Gray took plaster casts of the prints which indicated that if a person were making them, it was a well done hoax.

So, there may be something else out there to hunt beside turkeys but, so far as it is known, there is no hunting season on Big Foot.

## 'Bigfoot' prints being mailed to anthropologist

OREGON STATESMAN, Salem, OR - March 14, 1978

ALBANY — Those 17½ footprints found near here Saturday — the ones linked by some to Bigfoot — will be sent to a North Carolina anthropologist for study.

At least that's the word from Mrs. Ken Forty whose husband Sunday reported that his sons found the prints in a ploughed, muddled field about two miles south of here.

Forty said an investigator from the Bigfoot Information Center in Hood River didn't exactly dismiss the possibility that Bigfoot had tromped through the field, but said it would be unusual for a Bigfoot to frequent such a populated area that also is near Interstate 5.

Although an Oregon State Police trooper told the Fortys that the tracks appeared to be fake — made by someone with a wooden device — the investigator said if the prints were faked the instrument was not made of wood.

In any event, the Fortys are footing the bill to sent the prints across the country.