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Saucer Near Landing In Iowa

Did a flying saucer hover over a bean field on the Warren Barr farm in Iowa? "Something" cleared an area 40 feet in diameter, leaving all of the leaves of each soybean plant in that perfect circle hanging wilted from the stalks as if they had been subjected to extensive heat. None of the stalks were broken off or bent over and there were no marks in the damp soil. Outside the circle plants were normal and healthy. "Something" apparently hovered just over the circle-area, and it probably was the object seen the night before by Patti Barr, 16, and her cousin, Kathy Mahr, 19.

Here is the story. The Barr farm home, 7½ miles from Garrison, is on one of the highest points in Benton County. Patti and Kathy were in a second story bedroom, Kathy asleep, when Patti heard something coming directly over the house from the southwest. Patti's first impression was that it was a low flying jet until she saw the object, now about 40 rods distant and across the road in front of the Barr home. The wood frames of the windows vibrated from the sound.

Patti awakened her cousin who, upon observing the object, was so frightened she immediately jumped back into her bed and pulled the covers over her head. Patti continued to watch the object proceed to the north and northwest until it disappeared from view.

The night was partly cloudy and rain fell later, but stars were visible in the northern sky when Patti first sighted the object at 11 o'clock. She described it as being the shape of a shallow inverted bowl with a curved bottom. It appeared to be a dull gray-black metal with a reddish-orange band of light around the entire circumference. No protrusions were visible and there were no other lights, but the orange band disclosed the outline of the craft which appeared to be spinning counter clockwise. Patti estimated its size to be three or four times the diameter of the moon. When first observed, it seemed to be "as large as an automobile."

The duration of the sighting, when first observed 40 rods north of the home until it changed to an orange glow, was two minutes. The orange glow remained for approximately three seconds. The object was never below the distant horizon, which is below the level of the farm home topography.

Mr. and Mrs. Barr were asleep on the first floor and did not hear or see the object. Mr. Barr wasn't inclined to believe the girls' story the next morning, but when he went out to the bean field to see if it had rained too much for cultivation and saw the 40-foot circle area which had not been there the evening before, he changed his attitude. "All I can say now is that something was there, and I know it wasn't chemicals or Army worms," he told a reporter later.

The circle was 30 rods southwest from the back door of the farm house, but not visible from the house due to a small barn and a clump of large shade trees. He had gone to the field Sunday evening to judge if the ground were too wet to cultivate Monday morning and after walking through the area along the north edge, decided it was not. Then, since a light rain fell sometime during the night and before 6:30 the next morning, he returned to the same area for a second soil check--and saw the ringed area.

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Fearing ridicule, the Barrs said nothing about the incident. However, word leaked out when Kathy's brother attended a class reunion in Minnesota and told a friend about it. The friend and Al Austin from WCCO-TV, Minneapolis-St. Paul, flew to Cedar Rapids (25 miles from Garrison) and drove a rented car to interview the Barrs and to take motion pictures. Other news media picked up the report and Mr. Barr estimated that a total of 200 people, including reporters and investigators, had contacted him since the report received nationwide TV coverage on CBS, Tuesday, Aug. 5th on the "Joseph Denti Show."

The investigation from which this report was written was made by Robert Smulling, APRO investigator and Chairman of the Tri-State UFO Study Group, of Hamilton, Ill., and Walter H. Andrus, Jr., Director of the Illinois Section APRO, of Quincy, Ill., on Sept. 7th.

As Mr. Barr had been asleep, he could not say if the farm animals were disturbed when the UFO moved over the barn lot directly adjacent to the soybean field, but the "Daily Times," Vinton, Ia., reported the neighbors of the Barrs said their dogs "had been barking and acting up that night."

Samples of both damaged and healthy plants and soil samples from the surface and two inches down were taken from within the 40-foot circle by Glenn McWane, APRO investigator, 526 S. Riverside Drive, Iowa City, and sent to APRO in Tucson for analysis. Mr. Andrus and Mr. Smulling did not duplicate this operation as their interview did not take place until Sept. 7th. They report the damaged plants within the circle had dried up, leaving brown stalks about 3 to 4 inches high. A few of the plants on the outside edge have sprouted out with new foliage from the top of the brown stalks. Most of the damaged stalks were pulled up and removed by the many curiosity seeking people and investigators.

Aerial photographs were arranged by Glenn McWane and forwarded to APRO and both Bob Smulling and Walt Andrus secured enlargements of these.

Bob and Walt were the only two UFO investigators to personally interview Patti Barr, since her father wouldn't allow the curiosity seekers and investigators to speak to his daughter. They were unable to question Kathy Mahr, since she was in Vinton, but they spent 2½ hours with Mr. Barr and Patti and observing the circle-area.

Editor's Note: Excellent reports like this is why SKYLOOK is making a name for itself. We feel perfectly free to "brag" as all credit goes to our fine staff. As we have said before, we firmly believe they are the best!

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A Look at the SKY.

Of the nine planets, three are readily visible during the month. The planet Mars, fading in magnitude, is visible in the southern sky for several hours after sunset. The planet Saturn is seen during the evening in the southern sky as a faint star-like object. Venus is visible in the morning sky as a very brilliant object in the eastern sky before sunrise.

The planets Jupiter and Mercury are not visible.

The Orionid meteor shower will peak on October 19. The meteors will seem to originate from the constellation Orion in the eastern sky during the early morning hours.

NEXT MONTH: A complete study of balloons. As these are frequently misidentified as UFOs, we felt that a complete study with descriptions of various types might be helpful in the identification of some UFO reports.

Strange Objects Seen in Iowa

Ed Olson, a reporter for the "Clayton County Register" (Ia.) wrote a feature article, August 27th, telling of his own and others' sighting a strange object which he can only call a UFO.

Olson and his next door neighbor were sitting on the front steps of the Olson home one evening in August when their attention was caught by an object hovering over the hill on the west side of Elkader. It was moving silently and slowly and appeared to have a reddish glow. Red and green lights were flashing on the rear or tail section. Olson remarked he had never seen a craft quite like it, then forgot about it until a week later when he heard a report that an object had been spotted at closer range in the Pony Hollow area in a field adjacent to the Elkader airport--the same evening he and his friend had seen their strange craft.

Olson checked with the residents of the area and obtained "a very sincere report" from members of two families who had observed the object. Seven members of the Arno and Don Wilke families were in their field about two miles east of Elkader, covering a hay stack, when they witnessed a frightening event.

About 9:30 p. m. (August 6th) an object appeared over the trees to the west of the field where they were working. It moved slowly, making no noise as it hovered above a timbered area which adjoins the rugged hills behind the Clayton county sand pit below the Elkader Recreation Park.

According to the accounts by members of the Wilke families, the object was round shaped and the center portion appeared to be illuminated with a reddish tint. As it lowered itself and disappeared in the wooded area, a string of six red and green lights appeared to be

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trailing behind. As the object disappeared below the tree level, the Wilkes began to see large white flashing lights in the woods directly in line with a fence in the area where they had been working. The lights were so bright, the trunks of the trees in the woods were easily seen for a great distance.

Frightened and somewhat awed by what they had seen the members of the family returned to their homes and related the story to the others there.

On August 22nd Olson, Robert Griffith of "The Register" staff and members of the Wilke family searched the wooded area for evidence of a landing but found nothing. Local law officials and others combed the same area the next day with the same results.

Olson writes: "No evidence has been found, but the sincere accounts and descriptions made by the members of the two families certainly have many persons convinced that something unusual did fly over and make an appearance at the farm field that night."

Credit: Ted Phillips, Jr.

Tracing UFO Reports is the Specialty of a Sedalian

The above headline spread clear across a page of the "Sedalia-Democrat" on Sunday, August 31st, and nearly a full page coverage was given to the investigative work of Ted Phillips, Jr., along with a photograph of Ted at work at his desk at 1113 Ware Ave. in Sedalia. A staff artist's conception of a "flying saucer" seen by a farmer in Miller County and reported to Phillips was also shown.

A full report of his investigation of the UFO seen over Osage Beach, Gravois Mills and Stover area on August 12 (see September issue of SKYLOOK) was given, along with the Miller sighting, (see April SKYLOOK 1968) and the Overstreet Case (SKYLOOK, April 1969).

Mention was made of Ted being a feature writer for SKYLOOK, published in Stover, Mo., and this resulted in Ye Ed receiving a telephone call from the editor of "The Morgan County Press" and a nice little write up in the Sept. 11th edition.

It is always gratifying when the press gives serious consideration to reports of unidentified flying objects, made by responsible citizens. Too often the kook report gains publicity with the result that Mr. John Q. Citizen, who spots a UFO, hesitates to report it to anyone in the fear of being ridiculed.

Attention--All Readers!

We received a long letter from an Alabama reader who took exception "with the view expressed relative to man's origin." Baffled at first, we finally decided he was referring to Lou Farish's review of "Mankind --Children of the Planets?" in Lou's "In Others' Words." Our readers should understand that articles and books mentioned do not automatically carry a SKYLOOK endorsement--not even Lou's (unless he states such). His excellent feature is offered as a reader service--so you may know what the newsstands are carrying and then decide if you want to spend your money on the magazine or book. We save a lot that way!!

More on "UFO Witness Gets the Point"

The May issue of SKYLOOK carried a report of S. S. Westfall, of Galesburg, Ill., who saw a UFO, Jan. 11, 1967, and upon investigating the apparent landing site THE NEXT DAY (remember this) was wounded by a "dart" which left him with ill effects. We suggested that further investigation was called for and in August we received a letter from Doris R. Fickelsher, Director of Allied Saucers Association, P. O. Box 35, Eden, N. Y. She was interested in the report and wrote to Mr. Westfall, sending him a copy of the SKYLOOK account.

She received this reply: "The information is correct except the dart was returned from Knox College to Sheriff's office and sent to Springfield, Ill., for analysis. I've seen the report but don't believe it was true. The Dept. Sheriff office put in Galesburg Register Mail that it (the dart) was bright yellow and made of wood. That was not the color of it, the color was more of a darker color."

Mrs. Fickelsher engaged in further correspondence with Mr. Westfall and wrote us again. He had sent her a sketch of the UFO which he said "rotated one revolution in 4 seconds flashing lights in center of each light at rim." His sketch indicated yellow, bluish green, red and white lights.

He wrote: "This is what I think about the craft and its occupants. I do not think they aimed to hurt me too much as they aimed at my wrist watch on my left arm and 1 dart bounced off of the face of the watch and buried in my right arm. 3 darts hit leather of band and only made 3 marks in left arm, just penetrating the skin."

In checking back to the original report made by Westfall, he said he and a friend went on "the following day" to the spot where they believed the object had made a landing. We quote: "It was while we were looking, that I heard a report like a stick snapping when you break it. And also I felt a burning in my arm."

We believe our readers will also "get the point" and we'll consider this case closed. Thanks to Mrs. Fickelsher.

Huge Ball of Fire Seen in South Carolina

The Greenville, S. C. "News" reported that several residents in the Berea area saw a mysterious ball of fire passing overhead the night of Friday, July 25th, between 11 p.m. and midnight.

Mrs. T. W. Burden of 122 Cherrylane Drive, Berea, was awakened by a noise "like a gun" to see "a great, big, huge ball of fire" lighting up the sky. Mr. Burden and their daughter, Patricia, 13 were awakened to see the sky still lit and watched the ball gradually grow smaller and disappear. It was in view for several minutes, Mrs. Burden said.

Mrs. Sarah Sammons, who lives near the Burdens at 406 Claxton Drive, reported seeing the fiery object from her bedroom window and thinking "this is the end." Both women said the ball of fire appeared to be coming toward their houses.

Other calls were made to the newspaper to report the object.

Two Boys Report Strange Lights

Robert Smulling, of Hamilton, Ill., and Chairman of the Tri-State UFO Study Group, received a telephone call from two excited boys about 8:30 PM, Friday, August 29th.

The boys, Ken Thomas, 13, and Eddie Dikus, 12, had just seen strange lights moving slowly north over a barn two blocks from the Dikus home. They could not determine the shape of the object which bore five blinking lights in red, orange, yellow and a silvery white. Four lights were in a row, but the white one was back of the line.

Ken was first to notice the lights and as Eddie spotted them, the object began to move much faster and was out of sight in probably three seconds. The boys rushed into the house to tell what they had seen and Eddie's sister, who was watching TV, said there was interference in the set just before the boys came in. The call was then made to Mr. Smulling.

UFO Scares Turkeys

Mr. and Mrs. Smith (real name in our files) were awakened about 1:30 the morning of August 31st by an alarm given by their flock of turkeys, and they rushed to the bedroom window to see if some predator was attacking the birds. To their surprise, they saw a round, orange-red object moving across the sky at two o'clock position, considering 12 o'clock to be directly overhead.

Mrs. Smith, who was interviewed by your editor, said the object was about the size of a volley ball, as compared to the size of the full moon, and it was almost flat across the bottom and rounded over the top. They could observe no other lights or distinguishing features and there was no smoke or vapor trail. The object remained in view for three or four minutes and it seemed to swing from side to side "like if you hit a ball hanging on a string" as it moved in a north-westerly course. There was no sound--however, the Smiths did not go outside and the clamor set up by the turkeys would have covered any lesser sound. The night was calm with stars shining.

The Smiths live about seven miles from Stover, Mo., off Highway 135. They are not certain the glowing object was the cause of the turkeys' fright, but there seemed to be nothing else in the vicinity to account for it.

It is known that dogs can hear high pitched sounds that human ears cannot, and we wonder if this is also true of fowls. It doesn't seem that a high, moving light would alarm the birds, but a sound could. Can any of our readers offer information on this score?

Donald A. Johnson's FLYING SAUCER OBSERVER is a non-scheduled bulletin, but worth waiting for, and you get every issue you pay for --5 issues for 75¢; 10 for \$1.50; single copy, 20¢. The emphasis is on UFO sightings in the New England states and southeastern N. Y. and there are reader service announcements and articles in the ufology field. The address is Donald A. Johnson, Sand Hill Rd., Portland, Conn., 06480.

UFO Blinks Off-On, As Car Lights Do

A hovering UFO that apparently responded to car lights that switched off and on is one of the more interesting reports to come in the past month, with credit given Art Epstein, member of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis and of APRO, who interviewed one of the observers.

Georgia Hill, of Mesilla, N. M., made the report August 14 at Herculaneum, Mo. The sighting took place on a misty, rainy evening in April, 1968, about 7 o'clock when Miss Hill and a friend were driving along a vast area of flat land used for cattle grazing at the base of the Big Florida Mountains near Deming, N. M.

Miss Hill had stopper her car at a cattle guard crossing when she saw the large object in the sky. It was "long" with "lights the full length of it and also around it." The lights were an orange-yellow and did not change color. The object hovered motionless during the sighting and there was no sound.

Miss Hill turned off the car lights to watch the object, and at once the lights on the object turned off. After waiting briefly, Miss Hill turned the lights on and at once the lights on the object appeared. Watching a few seconds, Miss Hill again turned off the car lights with the same reaction from the object. On turning on the lights this time, the object did not respond and no more was seen of it.

While distance is difficult to estimate, Miss Hill thought the object was probably eight miles distant, over land, and it "looked at least three feet long." She judged the object was not seen longer than 15 seconds in its "lights on" stage and it could not be seen at all with lights off.

There have been a number of sightings in which a UFO apparently switched lights off and on in response to ground signals, and this is another one for the records.

UFO Paces Car in Illinois

Charles Brandmeyer, 21, a Marine home on leave, was driving to Albers, Ill., from New Baden, a distance of approximately four miles, about 3:00 AM, one July morning, this year, and was paced by a UFO all the way. On arriving at his parents' home, he awakened his parents and brother, Mark, 17 to tell them, "There is a flying saucer out there." Laughing at first, then convinced of his sincerity, all went outside and saw the bright object hovering in the sky. It is reported others in the area also saw the UFO. We hope to get more on this.

Credit: Mrs. R. E. Holmes, Carlyle, Ill.

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Lasar Shoots Down Spooklight

Springfield, Mo. "Daily News," May 15, 1969.--Flying Saucers often may be invisible, but they aren't invulnerable.

To prove it, several science-minded Springfieldians recently armed themselves with a laser gun and shot down an armada of UFOs right over Spooksville Airport.

More factually, they blasted a myth which has puzzled, awed or entertained Ozarkers for half a century.

Long known as the haunt of the "spook light," a region between the Newton County Village of Hornet and the Oklahoma town of Quapaw was rechristened "Spooksville UFO Airport" some years back when flying saucers were in their heyday.

The area was popularized by saucer authors who insisted the wavering glowing orbs seen floating over the landscape were exploration ships from other planets seeking certain minerals in abandoned zinc and lead mines which dot the Missouri-Oklahoma borderland.

Earlier, many other explanations were advanced for the weird, hazy glow which can be seen dancing along every night from dusk to dawn. Those versions ranged from marsh gas to the ghosts of suicidal Indian lovers.

Then Army engineers tackled the mystery, using planes, colored lights and walkie talkies to deduce the glow came from refracted auto lights on U.S. 66, some 10 miles from a viewing point on a lonely Newton County road known as the Devil's Promenade.

Springfield astronomer Richard O'Neill, his wife, Paula; Robert Gibbons, Southwest Missouri State College physics instructor; Kenneth Salsman and Patrick Clayton, SMS students and members of Ozarks Amateur Astronomers Club, visited the "airport" area.

In addition to a telescope, they carried along a helium-neon gas laser owned by the college. This remarkable instrument is capable of shooting a powerful red beam of light from the earth which theoretically could be visible to anyone on the moon.

Arriving at their viewing point, near the state line about 8 pm, the group made telescopic observations and photos of the light, which appears and disappears frequently. Then they began laser tests.

The party divided, with Gibbons, Mrs. O'Neill and Clayton heading into Oklahoma while Salsman and O'Neill remained with the laser on the Missouri side. They were permitted to plug it into a power source provided by "Spooky" Meadows, a fellow who operates a small museum and sells saucer booklets at the ghost light observation location.

After driving 13 or 14 miles, the group on the Oklahoma side headed back toward Missouri on U.S. 66 while Salsman and O'Neill aimed the laser at them. Those in the car flashed their headlights on and off repeatedly.

Their flashes were seen on the Missouri side, and the brilliant

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laser pinpoint was observed by those in the auto, indicating that the viewing points--though far apart--were lined up with each other.

The car lights duplicated the glow which has been attributed to everything from the supernatural to the saucer for so many years. During the period of visibility, the car was moving downgrade. There is another road in the same area from which the light may be seen slightly differently. At this point, the glow is believed to originate from another road near Quapaw, and it appears to drift upward and to one side.

Rainy nights affect the light, causing reflections which expand and clarify the glow. Occasionally, it becomes so brilliant the viewers fear it is zooming toward them and duck their heads.

Reports that the light was seen before the auto era indicate that another source--possibly marsh gas--may also have provided an occasional jolt for viewers a half century or more ago.

But the latest test with the trusty laser has not only buried the spook theory but apparently has succeeded in shooting down those saucers.

Credit: April-May issue of Data-Net Control, 624 Farley St., Mountain View, California. 94040.

Editor's Note: We have read a copy of "Spooksville's Ghost Lights" by the late Bob Loftin. It is a little 28-page slick paper booklet priced at one dollar and has stories, news items etc concerning the ghost lights and smacks of commercialism. One article is devoted to "Spooky" Meadows, who gives a little "ghost-show" in a building near the "Viewing Platform" where one may use a telescope for viewing the ghost lights. The article concludes, "No other man has done so much with so little in bringing tourists to our area."

The booklet contains a map with detailed directions for finding Spooksville, and we may assume the article in the Springfield newspaper won little applause from residents of the area.

Has Your Subscription Expired?

It happens that quite a few subscriptions to SKYLOOK expire with this issue. This means YOU if there is a red X on your address label. Send in your renewal today for another year of honest reporting.

SKYLOOK policy is--and will continue to be--telling it as it is. If you are interested in tales of ghosts, poltergeists, "entities," contactees who tell of riding in flying saucers, so-called religious cults who bring messages from our Space Brothers, then we are frank to say you'll be happier with another UFO magazine.

SKYLOOK reports unidentified flying objects. When investigation results in identification, we carry a follow up report, and feel we are doing a service in taking one case off the "unknown" and listing it in the "known" records. When we publish a report which we later discover to be a hoax (or at least a borderline case), we'll tell you about it and let you draw your own conclusions. Okay? Okay.

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Canadian Sighting Investigated by Brian C. Cannon

Editor's Note: Brian C. Cannon, former Director of CAPRO, and now a contributing editor to the excellent CANADIAN UFO REPORT, has sent us his investigation of the sighting of unidentified lights in Canada and we present this not only because of its interest as a sighting, but as a model of thorough investigation.

Introduction: The case involves the sighting of unidentified lights by two witnesses in Victoria, B. C., Sept. 29, 1968. In addition to the sighting, both witnesses claim to have taken photographs, namely:

Mr. Hermanus Voorsluys - 3 exposures (numbered 1, 2 and 3)
Camera -- Minolta 35 m.m. Model AL
Film - Kodachrome ASA 25
Setting - Slide numbers 1 and 2 - f2, exposed for about 10 seconds.
Slide number 3 - setting f2, exposed for 20 seconds.
Film was processed at Kodak Laboratories, Vancouver, B. C.

Mr. Reginald F. Neal - 1 exposure (numbered 4)
Camera - Exakta SLR, 135 m.m. lens
Film - Dynachrome, ASA 25
Setting - f3, exposed for 11 seconds
Processing data unknown at date of this report.

Time and Duration of Sighting: Mr. R. F. Neal - 8:30 p.m. Mountain DST.
Duration - 25 minutes. Mr. H. Voorsluys - between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. Mountain DST. Duration - 15 minutes.

Weather Data :

Time	Visibility	Wind	Barometer	Rel. Humidity	Cloud	% Coverage
7:00 pm	3 miles	calm	29.97 in.	96%	Cirrus	20
8:00pm	3 miles	WNW 3	29.99 in.	98%	Cirrus	10
9:00 pm	4 miles	calm	29.99 in.	98%	Cirrus	10

Temperature: 7:00 pm - 50 degrees; 8:00 pm - 48 degrees; 9:00 pm -47°

Balloon Data: A lighted balloon was released from the Sydney (Victoria) weather office only at 9:15 p.m. Sept. 29, 1968. Because of reduced visibility due to smoke, the balloon only reached altitude of 6,000 feet before disappearing. Wind at the 6,000 ft. level was light and variable. However, witnesses estimate of sighting time would tend to eliminate this balloon as a probable explanation of the sighting.

Accurate information on balloons could not be obtained from the United States Coast Guard base at Port Angeles, Washington, immediately south of Victoria across the Strait of Juan de Fuca. We have information that this facility does not keep time and date records of flares launched from Pt. Angeles. The red or green signal flares reach a height of a few hundred feet (depending on the angle of launch) and burn for less than one minute. With ideal visibility, the Coast Guard claim the signal flare can be seen up to 15 miles.

In addition to the signal flare, the Coast Guard and the U.S. Navy also use illumination flares in this vicinity for the purpose of lighting targets or areas. This flare is parachute-suspended and weighs about 20 lbs. according to the U. S. Coast Guard, the illumination flare burns

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with a very bright white light, up to 1,200,000 candle power. Quoting from a letter from the U. S. Coast Guard base at Pt. Angeles, "Normally illumination flares are dropped from aircraft around 3,000 feet in altitude and can be seen as far away as 50 miles on a clear, dark night. These flares burn for three minutes while falling at 500 feet per minute. On occasion both the Coast Guard and Navy make practice drops in the R-6713 restricted area."

Restricted area R-6713 is located immediately south of San Juan Island and Lopez Island. It is bounded on the east by Whidbey Island and on the west by Vancouver Island.

Request for information from Canadian Forces Base at Esquimalt, B.C. has been referred to Canadian Forces Headquarters in Ottawa. I have acknowledgement of my query and advice that it has been sent to the National Research Council for reply.

Character Assessment: Dr. P. M. U. Edwards has talked with Mr. Voorsluys and is reasonably sure that Voorsluys is relating a real incident (whether or not it was a UFO).

Mr. C. L. R. Unwin of the Defence Research Naval Laboratory in Victoria (who interviewed both Neal and Voorsluys on a voluntary basis) stated both men impressed him as "being well above average in being objective, patient, and well-intentioned." Mr. Unwin did not analyze the photos in Victoria but merely mailed them to the NRC in Ottawa.

Evaluation of Photographs: There is considerable doubt that the four photos in question have ever received detailed analysis. According to Unwin, the photos were mailed to Ottawa (NRC) however, Mr. Voorsluys supplies the following information: "I was interviewed by Mr. Unwin 3 times. Mr. Neal was interviewed twice. The first two interviews were mostly on filling out a report and explanation verbally of what we saw and to discuss the telephoto picture Mr. Neal took. At that time, my three slides were not developed. Mr. Unwin told us that he would take the telephoto shot to Ottawa the next day. He phoned Mr. Neal telling him it was the best UFO shot they have had. Later on after my slides were developed, I brought duplicates to Unwin's house. Later on --several weeks--in January, I phoned Dr. Millman for the second time. I asked him what he thought of the report and the slides that Mr. Unwin had released to him. (On my first call to Dr. Millman, having returned from test firings at Churchill, he said he knew an Unwin and remembered our report and telephoto shot.) He told me he only received a Xerox copy of a print, and he knew no Mr. Unwin."

On Jan. 29th, Dr. Millman wrote Mr. Voorsluys stating that the photos had been received by the Defence Dept. in Ottawa and filed in error. Dr. Millman then acknowledged having seen the photos and offered the following comments: "The inclusion of the picture of the moon was a big help as it confirmed very definitely the scale of your photographs. Unfortunately I am unable to come to a definite conclusion on the basis of what evidence appears on your photos. One thing I am fairly certain of, however, the detail shown in the object is probably due to slight motion of the camera, and not to true detail in the object observed. The other images, which may be stars or lights on the horizon, show

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evidence of the same structure. I would think that what you photographed was a point source of light which confirms your visual observations. Its intensity relative to the stars would suggest that it was either a flare, an experimental balloon with light, or possibly an experimental aircraft."

The "ifs, mayes, eithers and ors" indicate little, if any, follow-up was done on the case by the DND or the NRC. I wrote Dr. Millman on March 5th concerning this case and while he has been most helpful with information in the past, I have yet to hear from him regarding the Victoria case.

Individual Report of the Sighting: Mr. R. Neal - Both Mr. Neal and Mr. Voorsluys estimate that a light (breeze - Neal) or (wind - Voorsluys) was blowing at the time of the sighting, indicating that Mr. Neal's estimate of time (8:30 p.m.) is the more accurate based on wind velocity of WNW 3 at 8:00 p.m. as supplied by the Victoria (Sydney) Weather Office. (See Weather Data on preceding pages)

Mr. Neal first observed what appeared to be "solid, light sources" move toward him from the southern horizon and stop, about 15-20° above the horizon. Only one light was seen and Neal estimates it was three times as bright as Venus, also visible at the time. When first seen, the object was "blue-white, then changed to dull-orange."

The large object, after stopping, expelled five bright green objects which apparently disappeared after they fell away from the main object. The smaller lights were dropped every 15 or 20 seconds and were visible for approximately one minute each. The larger object dulled and disappeared after a period of about 25 minutes. Neal stated that the main object passed in front of the moon during its journey across the sky.

Mr. Neal was debriefed by C.L.R. Unwin and he (Neal) offered the following interpretation in the Canadian Forces debriefing form: "It certainly was not a heavenly body as it changed course, moved at various speeds, changed colour from a blue white to deep orange and once turned deep red, and generally came to rest for periods of time from a few seconds to several minutes. The distance was too great to make any estimation of shape also it was generally too bright for such an estimation to be made."

Mr. H. Voorsluys: Mr. Voorsluys described the colour of the main object as ranging from "bright orange, sometimes white or slightly green." He observed the object through 7 x 50 binoculars and stated this object was round and sharply outlined, the apparent size of x2 of the head of a pencil.

"Object appeared approximately 15 to 20 degrees above the horizon with an (sic) dull orange glow--and turning then to a fiery reddish-orange--then emitting 4 or 5 other smaller objects floating down towards the ground. Immediately after the expulsion of these smaller objects, its glow went down and maneuvered around this smaller cluster of objects. Then staying luminescent for some time. This object was seen several times that evening (Sept. 29th)."

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Canadian Sighting--(Continued)

Mr. Voorsluys recounted that the object moved from the south toward Neal and himself and hovered just prior to the dropping of the smaller objects. Voorsluys claimed that it then became very dull and "went out, like turning off a bulb." He felt the object was "seven miles away" by estimation and about "70,000 feet in altitude." Voorsluys could not substantiate these figures, stressing it was very hard to estimate these factors.

Description of Slides: No. 1 - Depicts house to the left - pole and street light to the right - house lights across gorge in lower center and "unknown" object (dull orange) in centre. No. 2 - Depicts red lights from Volkswagen car at lower left - pole and street light extreme right - object top centre left and discharges from object immediately below. Lights in centre of slide are street lights. No. 3 - Depicts moon to the left, TV antenna and "unknown" immediately to the right of antenna. Horizon, trees and houses are immediately below. No. 4 - Unknown is light source to the right and was seen visually. Both Neal and Voorsluys stated, regarding this slide, that the trailing objects were not sighted when the photograph was taken although the "streak" seen below (also discharged from the lead object) was observed at the time of exposure.

Added information on developing process. Neal's film was developed at 3M in Toronto, Ont.

Remarks: Based on available information, it is difficult to explain this sighting away as a result of mis-identification of a balloon or flare. It is apparent that there were no balloons in the vicinity. There would appear to be a definite difference of opinion between the two witnesses as regarding the speed of the main object. Voorsluys felt that it was moving at least as fast as "a jet interceptor." Neal, who did not compare its speed with a conventional object, stated it moved from a point 5 degrees above horizon to 10-15 degrees above horizon in three to five minutes.

The duration of the sighting, as described by both witnesses, would seem to rule out the flare possibility. Both men are fairly conversant with various types of aircraft and felt that this hypothesis was also not applicable to the sighting.

Report and slides to: APRO, Tucson, Arizona

Compiled by B. C. Cannon, Independent Research Centre, Winnipeg, Canada

DATA-NET CONTROL, 624 Farley St., Mountain View, Calif. 94040, puts out the "Data-Net Report" as its official newsletter, and this monthly UFO bulletin edited by Michel M. Jaffe is highly recommended by your SKYLOOK editor. Walt Andrus met Mr. Jaffe during his recent trip to the west coast and mentioned SKYLOOK. Mike sent us a couple copies of the Report and suggested a swap of bulletins. We are happy to oblige and grateful to Walt for getting us acquainted. Mike's no-nonsense approach to ufology wins our applause. Membership in Data-Net Control is \$4.00 per year.

Unexplained Lights Dubbed "Cosmic Phenomena"

Unexplained green and white lights were reported over the Atlantic Ocean from Port Canaveral to West Palm Beach the night of June 25th. Coast Guard utility boats had sped to the rescue from Fort Pierce and Port Canaveral at the first report of a "distress flare" received from sheriff's deputies and a civilian. The flare was estimated to be about eight miles at sea.

The next morning Coast Guard spokesmen reported the rescue search was discontinued and the flare and others like it were ascribed to "cosmic phenomena." Some lights were seen inland, reportedly near Jacksonville.

The lights were "green or white," depending from which angle you saw them, and resembled somewhat a meteorite the Coast Guard reported.

A Coast Guard spokesman said the cause of the flashes would be in the weatherman's province, not theirs. Patrick Air Force Base weathermen stated they had no knowledge of lights and doubted if weather conditions could cause them.

Dr. David D. Woodbridge, professor of physics and space technology at Florida Institute of Technology, said one possible explanation of the lights would be "an electric glow from charges in the air."

Woodbridge could think of "no meteorological cause," considering Wednesday night's weather which was clear.

Source and Credit: John Schuessler's UFO POTPOURRI

Another Airship Report--Back in 1909

Many of our readers make a collection of those old "airship" reports and here's one which Brent Raynes, of Perkins Lane, Hallowell, Me., found while searching through the files of the "Bangor Daily News."

New Haven, Dec. 27 (1909)--An airship is supposed to have passed over this city Saturday at 11:40 a.m. The airship was seen by Capt. George S. Barrows of Fire Engine Company 12 and several of his men. It was going northeast. It was about 1,000 feet high, it seemed, and was under perfect control apparently.

The Fire Captain, when he first saw the queer object, questioned his eye sight for he had just returned from his Christmas dinner. Then he called his men and a half dozen of them ran into the street to take a look at the airship. At the time it was over the western part of the city.

Captain Barrows declared that he could see the planes and the rudder and could also see what to him appeared to be the exhaust from a motor. It was too high up to see the occupants. Capt. Barrows called a number of citizens besides the firemen to watch the air machine and all kept it in view for 8 to 10 minutes, when it passed out of sight. During that time the distance covered was estimated from 8 to 10 miles. About an hour later a snowstorm struck the city.

Flying Object Not Pegasus C

A bright unidentified flying object seen from Virginia to Indiana before dawn yesterday probably was a meteor, says the Center for Short-lived Phenomena. A center spokesman said about 50 persons reported seeing the fireball traveling east to west.

It is doubtful the bright light was the Pegasus C satellite because it was traveling west to east, the spokesman said.

Source: KANSAS CITY TIMES, Aug. 6, 1969

UFO In Maine

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Vickery were picnicking at Rum Brook in the Baxter State Park, Maine, July 6, when they spotted what they termed a UFO. Mrs. Vickery said she watched the object for more than a half hour with binoculars, and she said it was silver in color and round.

A check with the Federal Aviation Agency at the Millinocket Municipal Airport on July 8th revealed there had been no other reported sightings; however, the ranger station received one report of a similar sighting.
Credit: Lou Farish

Mystery in California Sky

A large, bright object described to be the size of a large car or small bus was observed hovering over a field near the Woodson Bridge, near Vina, California, May 24th.

Tom Kitchen a ranch hand, reported that while he was working in a field on a tractor shortly after 4.a.m., the large, unidentified object appeared behind him at tree-top level. He notified his foreman, John Sharp, who observed the object and notified the sheriff's department, highway patrol and the Corning Police Department.

Undersheriff Bill Gonzales told a Red Bluff newspaper the object was visible when officers arrived at the scene and through high powered binoculars the object appeared to be square and "much, much larger than a large star." Gonzales said observers watched the bright object ascend into the sky and it appeared to blink, and turn from a bright light to a dull gray and back again to bright.

It is reported the object followed a passing train for some distance. In the same general area approximately six years ago, a similar object was seen by two highway patrolmen.

Credit: UFO POTPOURRI--John F. Schuessler's exchange newsletter.

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NORTH, SOUTH, EAST and WEST of the U. S. A.

Did UFO Cut Fodder?

An England UFO magazine UFOLOG (see address on The Reader Writes page) has an interesting report from the Canberra, Australia "Sun" of April 24, 1969, and the gist of it follows:-- Mr. Ian Robertson, a Federal M. P. has asked the R.A.A.F. to investigate whether a flying saucer landed on his property on the north coast of N.S.W. His property at Bungawalbyn on the Richmond River is farmed by a share farmer and on April 20th the shaken farmer asked Mr. Robinson to have a look at some strange damage to parts of a two-acre crop of saccaline (a type of fodder cane with a grain head, grows to about nine feet).

"What I saw has me completely perplexed," Robinson said. "I just can't find any explanation short of a visit by some strange craft." An area of the crop measuring about 60 feet by 25 feet had been flattened. All the stalks of the saccaline were lying from north to south and were broken off at ground level. An area along one side had marks on the ground which appeared to be made by an object moving along. Some yards further on, a smaller area had been flattened and had some indentations on the ground which indicated that something had landed in a big patch and travelled along the ground for some distance, then taken off. Then it landed a few yards away, travelled along the ground for a shorter distance, and taken off again.

Robinson said he submitted photographs to the R.A.A.F. to help them in their investigation.

Editor's Note: This reminds us of our report in last month's SKYLOK --where "something" cut a path through an Iowa cornfield. Looks like "something" is picking up a little fodder for the winter.

Strange Lights Seen in 1910

You never know where you're going to find a UFO report. Mrs. A. W. Hunt was taking up some linoleum from the floor and found an old copy of the "West Australian" (Perth, W. A.) with the following account:

Mysterious Lights at Sea. Adelaide, Aug. 3, 1910: Captain Nelsson of the coastal steamer Wookata, Second Engineer S. Arnold and Helmsman G. Rudd are at a complete loss to explain the meaning of curious lights which they witnessed when the vessel was passing Althorp Island on her way to Port Adelaide early the other morning. Bright lights "as distinct as the masthead lights of a steamer but high up in the air," were observed by the trio, and the strange thing was that they circled around the Wookata in a tantalising way.

The helmsman said he saw the lights on the port bow, then right ahead, and then on the starboard side. He stepped inside the wheelhouse and on coming out again saw two lights just over the starboard bow, high up. "They seemed to pass us," he said. "They were as bright as our masthead lights, and as far as I could judge were from 200 to 300 yards distant. They were not a steamer's light. The lights appeared to be 10 yards apart, one a little above the other. I could not make it out." He said it was something he had never observed before in his 45 years on the sea. (Credit: "Australian U.F.O. Bulletin, Victoria, Australia")

The special UFO magazine from the publishers of SAGA, mentioned in an earlier column, is now on sale at most newsstands. SAGA'S SPECIAL UFO REPORT is numbered "Vol. 1, No. 1," so perhaps the publishers intend to issue other such magazines on a fairly regular basis. Practically all the material in this issue is reprinted from back issues of SAGA. The exceptions are a short "Saucer Bookshelf" feature, a "run of the news" type of column and an article on "physical evidence" by Otto O. Binder and Joan Whritenour. For those who may have missed various issues of SAGA in the past, this is a good compilation of those UFO articles which have appeared in that magazine over the last two years or so.

The October issue of MALE has an article by John Keel which deals with the possible connection between UFO reports and sightings of "Abominable Snowmen." Keel cites some interesting material involving electro-magnetic effects when "Snowmen" have been seen, even if no UFO was visible at the time. Although many researchers may consider this a rather "far-out" subject, there does appear to be a correlation between UFO and "Snowmen" sightings in some cases. As if the UFO subject weren't complicated enough already!

Excerpts from Long John Nebel's latest book, THE PSYCHIC WORLD AROUND US, are presented in the No. 7 issue of MALE ANNUAL, now on sale. Long John reviews the past history of the UFO subject since 1947, commenting on the various stories which have intrigued him during that time. As most readers will know, Long John has a nightly radio talk show in New York City and has devoted many hours to UFO discussions over the years. During this time, he has met many of the better-known UFO researchers and has become quite well informed on the subject. Therefore, his opinions are quite interesting.

TIME magazine for September 5th presents an article on UFOs and religion in their "Religion" section. The forthcoming book on the historical/archaeological aspects of ufology, CHARIOTS OF THE GODS?, is discussed. The book's author, Erich von Daniken, suggests that space visitors were responsible for ancient legends of god-like beings descending from the skies. The same theme runs through the writings of French, Thomas and other authors who have speculated on UFOs in history. TIME also mentions the theories of the Soviet philologist Zaitsey who has proposed that many Biblical events are misinterpretations of UFO activity. Some very intriguing comments on religious themes in science-fiction are also included. All in all, a very thought-provoking article.

The September 28th issue of NATIONAL ENQUIRER contains an interview with Dr. Roger W. Wescott, chairman of the anthropology department at Drew University in Madison, N. J. Dr. Wescott believes that space beings landed on Earth some 10,000 years ago, intending to teach humans a better way of life. After becoming disgusted with man's war-like ways, they settled on the ocean floors, where they still reside. His comments are certainly worthy of note.

Editor's Note: Opinions expressed are those of the writer.

MIDWEST ORGANIZATION REPORTS

Peoria Club Meets - Reports Recent Sighting

The Aerial Phenomena Club of Central Illinois held its regular monthly meeting, Sept. 8, at the Northminster Presbyterian Church in Peoria.

The Midwest Convention planned for the week-end of June 13, 1970, was discussed. Outstanding speakers in the ufology field are listed on the program taking shape, and names will be announced at a later date.

A most interesting feature of the meeting was a report given by Ray Watts who investigated a sighting at Farmington, Ill., the night of Sunday, August 10th.

It was about 9:15 PM when a "whitish-orange and very luminous object" was seen south of the city by Mrs. John Belagna and Mrs. Ruby Jolet, who were on their way home from church and were within the city limits at the time of the sighting. The object was about 30 degrees above the horizon and seemed to hang motionless in the sky as they watched it for about 10 to 15 minutes. They reported it was an almost perfect square and that sparks flew from it when it disappeared.

Three boys--Lex Walker, 11, Mike Franks, 11, and Mark Richards, 13, also reported seeing the object and watched it until it erupted into sparks and disappeared. They also described it as being square in shape.

It was a warm night and there was no moon, haze or clouds to interfere with the sighting.

Mr. Watts is continuing his investigation of this case, as he has learned of other observers and will interview them. A follow-up report will be given at the next meeting to be held at 7:30 PM Sat. 13th, at the same church, located at 7030 N. Rt. 88. "Airplanes and Their Relationship with UFO's" will be the topic for discussion.

In closing, we would like to invite anyone in the Peoria area to attend our meetings.

Reporter: Michael Morey

Editor's Note: SKYLOOK extends a welcome to Michael as the new reporter for this group and congratulates him on a task well done. These young people are a working organization who get things done. Save your copies of SKYLOOK for a permanent record of your meetings and of UFO sightings in the Midwest. You'll refer often to those back numbers.

Walt Andrus Meets UFO Investigators on Vacation Trip

Walt Andrus, Quality Control Manager for the Motorola Plant in Quincy, APRO and Midwest UFO Network director for Illinois, and SKYLOOK staff member, has returned with his wife from a vacation trip west and reports enjoyable visits with a number of UFO investigators as well as visits with relatives and sight seeing trips to points of interest.

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Walt Andrus Meets UFO Investigators----(Continued)

He spent some time with Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle at the University of Wyoming in Laramie where Dr. Sprinkle heads the Testing Department. He is also Consultant to APRO in Psychology and has written a chapter in a book APRO will publish this fall. John Schuessler and Dr. Allen R. Utke are also contributing writers.

Walt also visited Alvin E. Brown, an electronics engineer at Lockheed Missiles at Mountain View, Calif., and Consultant to APRO in Electronics-medical. Mr. Brown is also contributing a chapter to the APRO book. While in Mountain View, Walt spent some time with Mike Jaffee, a radio amateur who heads up Data-Net. UFO reports are forwarded to APRO in Tucson via Louis Daugherty, a member of the Board of Directors of APRO.

In Tucson, Ariz., Walt visited Jim and Coral Lorenzen. Jim is International Director of APRO and Coral is secretary and editor of the APRO BULLETIN. The Lorenzens have written four books on the subject of UFO's, the latest being "UFO's, The Whole Story." Walt also talked to Richard Greenwell, Assistant Director of APRO in their new office.

Walt and his wife stopped overnight at Socorra, New Mexico, and interviewed Lonnie Zamora, who made one of the most famous UFO sightings in the United States in 1964. Walt writes, "Lonnie is a little reluctant to discuss the sighting since he has been asked so many times, however, he was very cooperative in answering all questions. He made a rough drawing of the landed object and another drawing of the landing site."

To top it off, Walt was the guest speaker at the Oklahoma section of APRO at the Gilcrease Museum Auditorium in Tulsa, Okla., Friday night, July 25th. His subject was "UFOs, Fact or Fantasy?" and his talk was well received and followed by a question and answer session. While in Tulsa, he appeared on the "Betty Boyd Show" on Channel 8, KTUL, along with Dwight Dauben, Director of the Oklahoma Section APRO.

Astronomer Addresses Group

Louis Desjardins, local astronomer, addressed the Oklahoma Section of APRO at 7:30 Monday evening, Sept. 8, in the Lecture Room of the Central Library. He presented pictures of Mars and discussed possibilities of life on the planet. (Credit--Tulsa Daily World)

PERSONAL--To Former UFOJC JOURNAL Readers

Since Rod Dyke suspended publication of the UFOJC JOURNAL and this magazine "inherited" his readers, we feel you have been reading SKY-LOOK long enough now to decide if you like us or not. We certainly hope you do! As a number of your subscriptions expire with this issue of SKYLOOK, we'll get an indication of your regard in your renewing your subscription--or by your failure to do so. We'd like to hear from every one of you--and some of you have been kind enough to write the editor. We welcome constructive criticism--and send in your UFO reports and/or newspaper clippings of sightings in your area.

MIDWEST ORGANIZATION REPORTS

John Schuessler Addresses Tri-State UFO Study Group

John F. Schuessler, Senior Design Engineer for the McDonnell Douglas Astronautics Company, in St. Louis, spoke on "UFO's--Defiance to Science" at the Sept. 14th meeting of the Tri-State UFO Study Group held at 3 p.m. at the First United Presbyterian Church in Quincy, Ill. Mr. Schuessler is assigned to the NASA Orbital Workshop Program as Environmental Control Systems Engineer, responsible for specification of sub-contracted life support equipment. The first Orbital Workshop will be launched in 1972; thus providing the United States with its first manned space station. The initial manned visitation to the workshop is planned to be limited to 28 days for the three man Apollo crew.

In the UFO field of study, John is the Astronautics Advisor to Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) of Tucson; Director of the Missouri Section of APRO; and Director of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis. As an author of UFO material, he publishes a non-scheduled newsletter titled UFO POTPOURRI. (Editor's note-- Also, we add with pride, he is on the SKYLOOK staff and has been since the first issue.) He has written a section "UFO's and the Aerospace Engineer" for a book to be published this fall by APRO and an article "Missing UFO Evidence and How to Find It" for a UFO manual presently being published by Anthony Pace of Newchapel Observatory in England.

Mr. Schuessler had some drawings on a flip chart to help illustrate his lecture which "was without a doubt the finest, educated presentation that our group has had the privilege of hearing," writes Walt Andrus, Director of the Illinois Section of APRO, and he adds: "John's vocational background and position in the space program at McDonnell Douglas Astronautics provides creditability that few people can equal."

In answer to the question: where do UFO's come from, now that we know life does not exist on the moon or Mars?, Mr. Schuessler replies: "No responsible UFO investigator has even hinted that UFO's come from the moon or Mars, even though some individuals like to say they have been to UFO bases on those foreign bodies. Of course, one cannot rule out a stopover on any body in space. The U. S. will one day stop over at most of our planets and potentially on other planets that have not yet been discovered, around some distant star.

"When evaluating the 'facts' in a positive manner, it is easy to formulate the extra-terrestrial hypothesis. The accepted scientific point that life "out there" exists but it can't get here from there, is nonsense. Ptolmey in the second century A.D. postulated that the earth was the center of the universe. Centuries later Galileo made his crude telescope and found that the earth was just a tiny orb floating along in a massive universe. Even then, he was branded a heretic for saying such things. He was forced to recant and beg forgiveness. The point is that for centuries, narrow minds could not accept a new theory, let alone try to prove or disprove the theory. Space travel today seems to be suffering from the same kind of thinking.

"Recently, President Nixon stated that men from earth would encounter life in the universe within 30 years. This appears to be a safe guess. Many believe it has already happened. On the other hand, one often wonders if there is intelligent life on earth."

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John Schuessler Addresses Tri-State Group --- (Continued)

The October meeting of the Tri-State UFO Study Group will be held Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Presbyterian Church in Quincy. The speaker will be Walt Andrus, who has selected as his topic "The Personalities Behind the UFO Study." He will give personal insights into many of the noted and famous people who have contributed their knowledge and effort to solving the mystery of the UFO phenomena. The talk will be illustrated with colored slides made of the people Walt has personally met this past summer during his travels to both coasts. A few of the personalities he will discuss are: UFO writers--Jim and Coral Lorenzen of APRO, and John Keel; APRO Consultants--Allen R. Utke, R. Leo Sprinkle, Alvin E. Brown, John Schuessler, Richard Greenwell; brilliant young researcher, Ted Phillips; famous observer, Lonnie Zamora, of Soccora, N. M., and others.

It Was a Hoax!

The report on a landing case with witnesses and photographs which we hoped to give you this month fell on its face. When Ted Phillips investigated, a red-faced "observer" admitted the whole story was a hoax. There was a flying object with lights flashing and witnesses and photographs, but it was all a trick to provide entertainment for a youth group. And we tell it as it is.

Report Light in Sky Was Soviet Rocket

Lights that appeared over a wide area of western skies Aug. 26 were from a burning Soviet rocket body, the North American Air Defense command said. A command spokesman said the rocket was used to launch Cosmos 294 on Aug. 19.

The Air Force facility in Colorado Springs tracks all objects in space. A spokesman said that observers predicted the rocket disintegration. The burning rocket was seen over California, Nevada and Arizona. Some observers said the glowing red lights appeared to be a shower of meteors.

Source: St. Louis POST-DISPATCH; Credit: All Staff members sent this.

More on Above!

It is interesting to note the AP which carried the above in many newspapers across the nation also carried a story out of Los Angeles where the lights were called "a swarm of meteors glowing cherry red as they burned up in the atmosphere." This report adds: "The skies also were laced with the luminescent vapor trail of a Minuteman II ICBM missile launched earlier down the Western Test Range in the Pacific from Vandenberg Air Force Base in central California." It was said the remnants of the Minuteman vapor trail mingled with the "meteors."

No doubt the two events triggered a lot of reports of unidentified flying objects in the western states, so bear the date in mind--Aug. 26--when reading of such.

Source: "Northwest Arkansas Times": Credit: Lou Parish.

THE READER WRITES

Mark R. Herbstritt, St. Mary's, Pa., writes: "I read the article in the September issue of SKYLOOK--"Strange Objects in Pennsylvania Sky" and found it very interesting--especially the UFO's seen in Delaware County on June 28, the day I had a UFO sighting.

Here are the details as published in Ramona Clark's C.A.P.E.R. NEWSLETTER, July issue: On June 28, 1969, I was observing the moon through my 12½ Reflector at 125 power. At 21:05 EST I saw a white object of about 2nd magnitude near the star Arcturus. It moved north toward Ursa Minor constellation in about 1½ minutes. It held a steady course and seemed to stay at a constant height all during the observation. * * * St. Mary's is probably 300 miles from Chester. Since I am an amateur astronomer and have seen many meteors and several bright fireballs, I also noted the position of the planets, Mars and Jupiter, on that evening. I have also seen many artificial satellites and this object was moving much faster than an artificial satellite. There were no aircraft in the vicinity at the time, and I think it's safe to say that I saw an object that couldn't be explained as any of these." Comment: Thanks, Mark, we are glad to get this. And to our readers-- the newsletter mentioned is a quarterly, \$1.00 per year, and the address is 313 Ingram St., Norfolk, Va. 23505. (Ramona, we ARE going to answer your nice letter.)

Brent Raynes, Hallowell, Me. sends in a report (see it elsewhere) and writes: "I'll be looking forward to the next issue of your magazine, which in my opinion is TOPS * * * the June issue of FLYING SAUCER OBSERVER is now out and its editor, Mr. Johnson, has done it again. Has presented another sound, sincere, and totally honest bulletin. Don't you agree?" Comment: Yes, Brent, we DO agree. We have plugged the OBSERVER right along because it's the kind of UFOzine we can honestly recommend to our readers.

Kathleen Smith, Editor of UFOLOG (England): "Thank you for sending the May edition of SKYLOOK. I found it a very good magazine and would like to exchange it each month with UFOLOG. I am sending you our current issue and a few back numbers. You sound "down to earth" and, like myself, shy away from "messages from space," and "men in black" claims. UFOLOG consists of sighting reports only, from all over the world. We collect these from other groups mostly, and are always looking for new contacts. So would be very happy to add you to our list." Comment: Most happy to meet another who "tells it as it is" and to exchange publications. I find yours most interesting and recommend it to our readers who may want to subscribe to an England magazine. In my opinion, it is far superior to the well-known FLYING SAUCER REVIEW which is really going "way out in the Never-Never Land. To our readers: You may write Kathleen Smith at "Ringlemere" Colwell Road, Colwell Bay, Isle of Wight, England. Her publication comes out monthly--we don't have the subscription price to the States. It's worth writing to find out.

WANTED: Missouri UFO sightings--old and new. Send to Ted Phillips, 1113 Ware Ave., Sedalia, Mo., 65301.

Illinois Pre-law Student Sees UFO

Randy Hutchin, 690 23rd St., Carlyle, Ill., a pre-law student at Murray State University, was driving east about three miles north of Boulder about 7:30 o'clock one evening in January, 1967, when he saw an object in the sky which he will never forget.

He was on a little-travelled country road, riding with the windows up and in no particular hurry when he just happened to glance to his left, then slowed his car to watch the approach of a strange object. He estimated that it was large as a small four-room house, at two telephone poles-height from the ground, and flashing red, white and blue lights. It had the shape of "two saucers, placed one inverted over the other."

When it was within "half a field-distance" from him, he became apprehensive, altho not as much scared as awed, he related, and he left the area fast, driving a mile and a half to the home of a friend as he wanted another witness to what he had seen.

His friend, Dale Quick, who had just removed his shoes, didn't take time to put them back on, but accompanied Randy to the scene of the sighting and was able to see the object before it had disappeared in the distance.

Mrs. R. E. Holmes, of Carlyle, Ill., who interviewed the student writes, "Randy gave a very good taped interview of the sighting, and there is no doubt of his sincerity." She added that startled as he was at the time, he remembers thinking the red, white and blue lights are our country's colors.

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